



James S Hampton

June 11, 1941 - October 20, 2013

James S. Hampton, age 72, of Merrillville, formerly of Lansing, IL, passed away on Sunday, October 20, 2013.

He was a veteran of the United States Marines Corp, a member of Cherry Hills Club (Par Pushers), an avid Black Hawks fan and an on/off Cubs fan. James was preceded in death by his parents, Harry & Elizabeth Hampton, sister Geri Jacobs and brother Harry Hampton Jr.

He is survived by his son, Brian Hampton; brothers, Thomas and Brian Hampton; sister, Phyllis O'Shaughnessy and a loving grandson, Kyle Hampton (Grampa's Little Buddie).

Friends may visit with James's family on Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway Crown Point, IN. Funeral service will be held Thursday, 7:00 pm with Rev. John Starr officiating. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to American Heart Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My name is Karen Saylor and James Hampton was my God Father. I will miss his positive outlook and laughter. I know he is with my mom now laughing and looking on the bright side. God bless you Jimmy, may you be happy eternally.*

karen saylor - October 26, 2013 at 04:29 AM

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Thanks for sharing Karen ...

Tom Hampton - October 26, 2013 at 11:03 AM

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“ Jim Hampton 1941-2013

My name is Tom Hampton. I was Jimmy's brother and for twenty some years I also acted as Jimmy's 2nd wife. I used to tell him that one day he's gonna walk in and I am going to be on the phone with Peggy and we're gonna be talking about YOU. And I'll be saying OH I know OH I know.

I was also Jimmy's sounding board for his philosophies and his view of the world. You know Jimmy was rather opinionated. If you didn't know. He offered his opinions on a lot of things and we didn't agree on a whole lot. But we absolutely positively agreed on two things. One that the Blackhawks were the greatest thing to happen to Chicago sports in years and two that for all of the years that we have pulled for them the Cubs still stink.

He was also a great film critic. The Jimmy Film review we would call it. He had his own rating system... He would come into the room and start telling me about some great movie and explaining the plot and I couldn't follow where he was going and then he'd say Yeah it had a great cast, Randolph Scott and Martha Hyer and you know that guy that was in the movie with what's his name. It was like talking to Casey Stengel. You couldn't figure out what he was talking about.

But we laughed more than any two human beings should be allowed to laugh. We would just riff off of one another whether it was tearing up some dumb TV show or changing the dialogue on some old terrible movie but we would get to the point where we had to say stop because we couldn't take it anymore.

Jimmy was a lot of things but most of all he was a devoted father and grandfather. He was so proud of his son Brian and his grandson Kyle his little buddy. And he was a proud Marine. He devoted four years of service in the Marine Corps. He was a joker on the outside but on the inside he was tough as nails.

So when you stand up and talk about a loved one on their final day of rest you try to capture what they were all about. Well Brian's daughter Carly who is serving in Morocco in the Peace Corps and could not be here posted something on Jimmy's wall on the website

that I think captured him pretty well and I just wanted to read it to you.

Uncle Jimmy was always so fun to be around. He was always cracking jokes and making everybody around him smile. You could always count on him to fall asleep on the couch in the middle of the day, show up with a box full of fireworks on the fourth of July, chow down on some Twin Anchors Ribs, Enrico's beef sandwiches or Damiani's Pizza, or ask you for the 17th time "Have you seen Seabiscuit yet??" I will miss his hugs, his chuckle, and his stories. I love you Uncle Jimmy and since I can't be there in person I will be sure to spend my Thursday watching Seabiscuit for the first time.

- Your Niece, Carly

That pretty much captures Jimmy.

And I thought, you know Jimmy was like a box of fireworks. He was loud and he made you smile.

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Tom Hampton - October 25, 2013 at 08:31 AM

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Tommy, you are wonderful and you know Jimmy wants you to be happy. It will be hard to find a roommate as grand as Jimmy. I just wanted to remind you he loves you more than you will ever know. God Bless You. Love Karen Saylor

karen saylor - October 26, 2013 at 04:51 AM

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*“ I was so sorry to hear about Jimmy, but I'm sure Geri & the rest of the souls in heaven are Whooping it up today. I am thinking Heaven is a happier place now that Jimmy is there. Jimmy brought Joy and Laughter where ever he went in life, and I sure he will continue that in Heaven. I didn't get to enjoy the Hampton humor as much as I would have liked, but the times I did will always be great memories that I'll never forget. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Hamptons, the O'shaugnessy's, and of course the Jacobs family. Love to all,
Bill Carlascio*

William Carlascio - October 23, 2013 at 01:15 PM

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Thanks for the post Bill !!!

Tom Hampton - October 23, 2013 at 07:15 PM

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Thank you Bill

karel jacobs - October 25, 2013 at 07:17 AM

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“ *It's amazing that we all have the same distinct memory of Uncle Jimmy! I remember being so proud to be his goddaughter because he was so funny. I was always excited to know he was coming to Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter or Fourth of July because the holiday was always that much more fun when he was around. I love the picture of Aunt Geri and Uncle Jimmy together. I realize it's the smile too – it's the Hampton smile. I'm sure all the Hampton's in heaven are laughing and smiling together. Cheers to you Uncle Jimmy!*

Love to you all, Tris

Tris O'Shaughnessy - October 23, 2013 at 11:29 AM

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Thanks Tris ...we are all smiling too...

Tom Hampton - October 23, 2013 at 07:17 PM



“ You could say that Uncle Jimmy taught me and my sisters and brother how to laugh like Hamptons. When I think of Uncle Jimmy, I think of him laughing. I can recall memories of him laughing with Grandpa, Grandma, Aunt Geri and Aunt Phyllis, but I mostly remember him laughing with his brothers, my Dad and Uncle Tommy. When the three of them got together and started telling stories, you couldn't get them to stop laughing (assuming they stayed away from politics and religion). Usually they would work themselves up so much that you eventually couldn't tell what was part of the story and what was just them giggling. They all had the same laugh, too. We called it the Hampton Laugh. For better or worse, my siblings and I all inherited the Hampton Laugh. Whenever we get together we laugh hysterically at ourselves, just like Uncle Jimmy did with his brothers. I know that whenever we have one of our giggle fits in the future, he'll be there with us in spirit.

Jenny Hampton - October 22, 2013 at 07:22 PM

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That's what we'll miss the most Jenny the laugh..

Tom Hampton - October 23, 2013 at 06:52 AM

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Tom Hampton - October 22, 2013 at 12:03 PM

KJ

Those Hampton legs- :) men and women alike: U will dearly miss Jimmy's playfulness - he really knew how to relate to kids - and so thankful that he shared his humor and love with us all. Its comforting ti know he felt blessed and got so much joy from his one and only Brian- and one and only little buddy, Kyle.

karel jacobs - October 23, 2013 at 09:39 PM

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*- Your Niece,
Carly*

Carly Hampton - October 22, 2013 at 09:01 AM

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You sure nailed it Carly. That was Uncle Jimmy !!!

Tom Hampton - October 22, 2013 at 11:06 AM