



James "Jim" Hammond

September 27, 1950 - October 21, 2018

James L. Hammond, 68
Litchfield, NE

James L. "Jim" Hammond, 68, of Litchfield died Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the Kearney Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Friday, October 26th at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Ravenna. Father Richard Piontkowski will be officiating. Interment will follow at Hazard Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Thursday with a vigil starting at 7:00 pm at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the Litchfield Fire & Rescue. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

James LeRoy Hammond was born September 27, 1950 in Broken Bow, Nebraska to Robert and LaRue (Hauck) Hammond. He received his education from Litchfield High School. Jim attended Kearney State College for two years.

Jim was united in marriage to Judy Tesmer on December 5, 1970 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pleasanton, NE. To this union four children were blessed: Sonya, Jeffrey, Brian and Rachel.

Jim and Judy settled in Litchfield where Sonya, Jeffrey and Brian were born while enjoying life on the farm raising hogs. In 1981 the family moved to Mirabile, Missouri to manage Gentry Duroc Farms and welcome Rachel to the family. In 1988 the family moved back to Litchfield and Jim took over the Pioneer Seed Business his father had built. James worked as a Pioneer seed dealer for 30 plus years. For the past seven years, James designed, manufactured and sold the "Flipper" through J Hammond Enterprises. He was a hard worker his whole life and a dedicated man to his job. James had a friendly personality and never knew a stranger.

Jim and Judy belonged to St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Hazard, NE.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Judy Hammond of Litchfield; his children, Sonya Griffith and her husband, Mark of Kearney, Jeffrey Hammond and his wife, Samantha of Broken Bow, Nebraska and Rachel Chestnut of Naples, Florida; grandchildren, Mindy and Falcia Shepardson and Alexander Brian Chestnut and step-grandson Damien Chestnut; brother, Edward Hammond and his wife, Debra of Riverdale, Nebraska; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

James was preceded in death by his son, Brian Hammond; his parents, Robert and LaRue Hammond; brother, Steven Hammond and sister, Trudy M. Day.

Cemetery Details

Hazard Cemtery

Hazard, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
Ravenna, NE

Vigil / Prayer Service

OCT **25**. 7:00 PM.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
Ravenna, NE

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **26**. 10:30 AM.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
Ravenna, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Hammond*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Jim and his family arrived in 1981 to manage our purebred Duroc hog operation. He was a hard working, dedicated, conscientious young man who put in a lot of hours, including weekends. I truly enjoyed working with Jim who was an easy person to get to know and admire. I could see why he would be successful in every endeavour he chose. It was a pleasure just being around him. I never saw him lose his temper or say a harsh word. Jim was also a great family man who thought a lot of his wife Judy and their children Sonya, Jeffrey, Brian, and Rachel who was born during his years in Mirabile. It was disappointing when Jim decided to move back to his roots, but he was doing what was best for his family. He left the Gentry Bros. hog operation in great shape. Jim will be missed by all who had the good fortune to meet and get to know him. May all the special memories you shared comfort you and stay with each of you for ever. God Bless Judy and the rest of this wonderful family. Allen Gentry*

Allen Gentry - October 26, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ *I met Jim when he came to Kearney Regional for cardiac rehab. I am so sorry for your loss. Enjoyed the few times I visited with him.*

Patty Henry - October 25, 2018 at 09:58 PM

KK

“ We were the Southern cousins who visited NE every summer. Uncle Bob's farm and Jim's pig farm were the highlights. Jim was always entertaining, happy and kind to us. When we were thrilled to hold a piglet he said, "It doesn't take much to entertain you city folk! We all laughed! Thanks for the great memories!

Kim (Hammond) Kennedy

Kim Kennedy - October 25, 2018 at 09:52 AM

SF

“ i grew up with Judy in Hazard, and then we both attended Litchfield High School together I was 2 years older and was best of friends with Jimmy's sister Trudy through high school. I was friends with both of their families and they always treated me like part of their family.i am grieving Jim's loss as much as i grieved his sister Trudy. Both families are strong believers of their faith. I know God is wrapping his arms around each of them at this time giving them strength and peace during this time. God Bless you all.And peace be with you

Sherry Engleman Fitzgerald

Sherry Fitzgerald - October 23, 2018 at 11:52 PM

SZ

“ Judy and family. Wayne and I are so sorry for your loss. Jim was a great person and had great times to remember throughout high school. And Judy you will always be a great friend. I wish I could take some of your sorrow and hurt for you! Let your family know we love you all and saying lots of prayers for you. Love. Shirley

Shirley Zwiener - October 23, 2018 at 05:10 PM

JD

“ We are remembering your family in our thoughts and prayers. Our hearts are grieving for your loss.
Joe and Lucretia Daily

Joe and Lucretia Daily - October 23, 2018 at 12:24 PM

CZ

“ Mr. Jim, we never met but I wish we would - heard only great things about you. I guess meeting have to wait when I get there ! You may know this world is losing great people too soon - RIP - “Czech”

czech - October 23, 2018 at 10:49 AM

BT

“ Never a harsh word was spoken from this man. Corrections yes, like a coach of a team. Everyone can improve as human being. He was a leader paving a path for others at cost only to himself. He always put his family and other's first. I knew him since the age of nine. James married my sister and will truly missed on this messed up, wonderful blue ball . Rest in peace knowing YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE rather just getting by to the next day. A man without compromise. James Hammond stands out. I will remember you always James!

Brad Tesmer - October 22, 2018 at 08:27 PM

KH

“ I remember him from selling Pioneer seed corn. He was a good man. K Horsley

Kathleen Horsley - October 22, 2018 at 07:01 PM

JB

“ I never got to meet Jim, spoke on the phone a couple times. I enjoyed working with him on some marketing efforts for his flipper. I have known Mark and Sonya for quite some time and want to send our family's prayers.

John Bell - October 22, 2018 at 04:13 PM