



James (Jimmy) Richard Humpage

October 26, 2015

Humpage, James Richard

Jim, Jimmy or "Hump" as he was known to his many friends, 72, passed away at home in Tequesta, FL on October 26, 2015 after a valiant battle with cancer. A long-term resident of Tequesta, Jim was born August 24, 1943, in Hartford, CT, to parents Harold A. Humpage and Margaret "Peg" M. McLarney Humpage. He is survived by his loving wife Bethany, his three sons, Matthew Humpage (Aline) of Salses, France, Christopher Hessberger (Tara) of Coconut Creek, FL, Todd Hessberger of Red Lion, PA, his eight grandchildren, Morgane, Arthur and Achilles Humpage, Xander and Cole Hessberger, Emily Cohron, and Aliah and Mason Hessberger. He is also survived by his dear cousins in CT, Bob (Joan) and Ken Leech, his cousin Jimmy Leech of Sarasota, FL, his loving mother and father-in-law, Anne and Ward Bertholf, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dave and Sue Bertholf, four nieces and a nephew, and four grand-nieces and two grand-nephews. Jim graduated from Bristol High School, Hartford, CT, in 1962. He then enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving in large part in Europe until getting an honorable discharge almost five years later. Returning to CT, in 1967 he enrolled in a five-year technical school with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Following school, he worked as an electrician in CT until moving to the Tequesta area in late 1975. In 1976 he changed direction and was selected for the Palm Beach County Police Academy where he met his future wife Bethany who was also attending the Academy. Following graduation,

they both, for a time, served as police officers for the Village of Tequesta. Reversing direction, Jimmy returned to the electrical business and then in 1991 established his own electrical contracting company in Tequesta, running it, with Bethany, successfully until selling it just months ago. During that time he became interested in Tequesta governance and politics, serving on a number of boards and committees. He ultimately served on the Tequesta Village Council for eight years (March 2004 - April 2012) including as Mayor from March 2005 to March 2008. In 2007 Jim was instrumental in getting the American Legion Post 271 Headquarters building annexed into the Village of Tequesta. And in November 2014 he was elected as Commander of Post 271, resigning in September 2015 due to poor health. "Hump" was an only child because that particular mold was shattered following his arrival. He was most proud and grateful for being the driving force behind the vision, design, creation and establishment of Tequesta's Friends of Public Safety 9/11 Monument standing on the Village Green in tribute to the victims and heroes of 9/11, and subsequently dedicated to Jim for being a selfless leader in civic service and an ardent supporter of the men and women of law enforcement, fire-rescue and our armed forces. There will be a memorial gathering on Friday, November 6 from 4 – 6 P.M., with the memorial service at 6 P.M., at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center St, Jupiter, FL. There will then be a Celebration of Life on Sunday, November 8 from 3 – 6 P.M. at the American Legion Post 271 Hall, 775 U.S. Hwy 1, Tequesta, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to Friends of Public Safety, P.O. Box 4442, Tequesta, FL 33469; American Legion Post 271, 775 U.S. Hwy 1, Tequesta, FL, 33469; Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave, West Palm Beach, FL 33409.

Tribute Wall



“ James (Jimmy) Richard Humpage

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ I happened to come upon Jim:s page while searching for some other info. What an incredible tribute this him. He was a Jewel, and a class actSkip Gladwin

Skip Gladwin - jupiter, FL - Friend - July 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to learn of Hump's passing. I was stationed with him in the 2874th GEEIA Squadron at Ramstein Air Base. We had some great times and I always remembered his great sense of humor and wit. I re-connected with him a few years ago. So glad I did.

Eric Pellegrino - Canton, NY - Served in the Military together - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM



My goodness I was searching Hump on google and came across this “obit” , sad sad to hear especially this late in time , I Too was stationed with him and Eric at Ramstein , had a few phone calls with him back in the late 60's and 70's went to see him in 86 , after that lost contact , Bethany if you see this I'm just sorry for his passing so soon ,!we would be 80 by now , Eric I still remember you and I believe your cousin down in Baton Rouge whom I went to high school with , almost hard to fathom 60 years have gone by 🙏🙏🙏

james n helmke - December 21, 2022 at 06:19 PM



Yes, thank you Jim Helmke. Judy and Debby Royer.

Eric Pellegrino - December 26, 2025 at 05:31 AM

CB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He was truly a wonderful person to everyone he met. He used to make me laugh and tried his best to help me with my own problems when Sean passed in Oct 2013 (A Barefoot Plumber). I thought of him often. I am so mad at myself for not keeping in touch. May he rest in peace. He will be missed by many.

Carol Schwartz - Loxahatchee, FL - Friend / Business - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Jim, you will be missed. I'm glad to have known you both as a friend and colleague. Bethany our deepest sympathies to you and the boys. Butch and Marie Schneider

Butch Schneider - Hobe Sound, FL - November 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Fina Johnson - North Palm Beach, FL - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Bethany, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. He will be missed by many, and he is in a blessed place now.

Helen Taylor - Jupiter, FL - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ R.I.P. Jimmy, remembering the good times at TPD. Carl Roderick

A friend - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *R.I.P. Jimmy, remembering all the good times at the TPD.*

Carl Roderick - Rocky Face, GA - Friend - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dear Bethany Sorry for your loss, Jim was quite the guy. May he rest in Peace. Your friend Marlene*

Marlene Dunick - Tequesta, FL - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Bethany
I so very sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. What a great guy, so funny and caring. You both made a wonderful team. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers
Robin*

Robin Schmidt - Boynton Beach, FL - Friend - November 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM