

James Michael Hartman

April 5, 1953 - August 28, 2019

James “Mike” Hartman, 66, of Hampshire passed away suddenly in his home on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019.

Mike was born on April 5, 1953, in Elgin the son of Leonard and Jean (Helfvogt) Hartman. Mike married Janet L. Geltner on October 27, 1973, in Elgin. They moved to the country in 1979 and built their family home in Hampshire, IL.

Mike worked for the municipality of Elgin for 37 ½ years as a chief operator of the Fox River Water Reclamation District. He loved to be outdoors whenever he could – he enjoyed riding his Harley, boating, fishing, planting trees, and taking his grandkids for club cart rides. He treasured his family traditions such as his annual vacation to Wisconsin and Christmas trips to the zoo. Mike had a very patriotic soul, he was a proud gun enthusiast and loved his country. He was a long time active member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Gilberts, IL.

Mike was most proud of his family and is survived by his wife of 45 years, Janet; three daughters, Brook (John) Orlando of Stillman Valley, Christa (Eric) Poss of St. Charles, Lea (Shea) Bierman of Byron; 9 grandchildren, Jack, Aidan, Julia, Michael, Alec, Ava, Abigail, Gwentyth, and August; a sister, Kathleen Meier; brother, Bruce (Barbara) Hartman; sister-in-law, Pamela Hartman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mike had a strong Christian faith and has left a legacy to his family and an example to all who knew him. He is dearly missed by his loved ones, who celebrate the fact that he is at peace now with his creator.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Leonard Hartman.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, Sept. 4, at Fredrick Funeral Home, 284 Park Street in Hampshire. Following cremation, private burial will be in the Hampshire Center Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Sept. 3, from 3 to 8 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be directed to the Lupus Society of Illinois at <https://www.lupusil.org/donate/>.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fredrick Funeral Home
284 Park St.
Hampshire, IL 60140
(847) 683-2711
<https://www.fredrickfuneralhome.com/>

Service

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Uncle Mike was one of my favorites. Most down to earth man you would ever meet. Always smiling, kind and funny. He never seemed to take life too seriously, instead enjoyed every moment he could. He will be greatly missed by any and all who knew him. Auntie Jan, Brooke, christa and lea our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rest in paradise uncke mike, I'm sure you are still driving a Harley up there.* ”



Lorna FitzHenry - September 04, 2019 at 02:56 PM



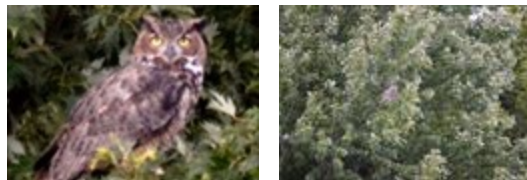
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Michael Hartman.* ”



September 03, 2019 at 10:07 PM

GB

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Gerardine Baugh - September 03, 2019 at 06:59 PM

DM

“ Uncle Mike (as we fondly called him) was a calm and steady force. He loved and was so proud of his family. We love you all...💔💔💔

Dawn Sweeney Munson - September 03, 2019 at 05:13 PM

KB

“ Mike was such a fun and happy guy. We were so blessed to have known him.

Janet, we are sending prayers for peace and comfort for you and the family.

Much Love, Kathi and Rob Burhite

Kathi and Rob Burhite - September 03, 2019 at 04:28 PM

GB

“ Our prayers sent out to the Hartman family. Mike was an amazing person, always there to offer help. He had so much love for his family. He was proud of his girls, his grandchildren and his wonderful wife, Jan. I will miss seeing him moving around his property.



Mike had told me about an owl that would watch him while he was out walking. The day after Mike passed, that Great horned owl, flew through the yard and sat up in a tree for the longest time, watching.

I am grateful to having known Mike Hartman.

Gail Baugh - September 03, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Michael Hartman.



September 03, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James Michael Hartman.



September 03, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James Michael Hartman.



September 03, 2019 at 07:42 AM



“ *Andy Dacka* purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of James Michael Hartman.



Andy Dacka - September 02, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Michael Hartman.



September 02, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of James Michael Hartman.



September 02, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James Michael Hartman.



September 01, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Michael Hartman.



September 01, 2019 at 12:07 PM

KH

“ So sorry for your loss, sending all my love and remembering all the great times at Pat's Landing!!

Kathy Hurley - September 01, 2019 at 11:50 AM



So sorry. Dave had dinner with him and Jan about a week ago. Memorial donation will be sent to the lupus foundation. Take care, Sandy & Dave.

Sandy Kaptain - September 01, 2019 at 12:48 PM

RW

“ Rose & Wes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Michael Hartman.



Rose & Wes - August 31, 2019 at 01:23 PM



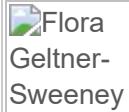
“ So sorry to all of you. I was a classmate of Mike. Thoughts and prayers are are with all of you

Sandra Chandler - August 31, 2019 at 11:39 AM

Flora
Geltner-
Sweeney

“ One of the kindest men I have ever known. He made you smile every time you saw him. He loved his family more than himself. Rest in peace Mike! You are loved!

Flora Geltner-Sweeney - August 30, 2019 at 08:28 PM



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Flora Geltner-Sweeney - August 30, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Michael Hartman.



August 30, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ Janet, I'm so very sorry for your loss.

monica thibodeaux - August 30, 2019 at 02:42 PM



“ Fox River Water Reclamation Dist. Friends & Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Michael Hartman.



Fox River Water Reclamation Dist. Friends & Staff - August 30, 2019 at 11:55 AM

PS

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Mike. Anyone could see Mike loved his family, friends and America. He truly was a gentle man. I am honored to have known him. --Paulette Shannon

Paulette Shannon - August 30, 2019 at 11:12 AM

TP

“ A beautiful soul is now wrapped in God's arms. What a blessing he was to all who had the opportunity to know him. We will miss him, but will always remember his humor and heart.



Terri & Adrian Pasternik - August 30, 2019 at 11:08 AM

SB

“ What a testament to men. Kind, caring, loving, doting, smiling through it all. If only all men could be like him. What great world this would be.



Sandra bongiorno121 - August 30, 2019 at 10:43 AM

LE

Amen

Lea - September 02, 2019 at 10:03 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Michael Hartman.



August 30, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Michael Hartman.* ”



August 30, 2019 at 09:44 AM