



Jay W Rasmussen

August 9, 1963 - January 14, 2026

Jay W. Rasmussen, 62, of Hampshire, passed away Wednesday, January 14th, 2026, at Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin.

Jay was a beloved member of the community serving 25 years as a Lieutenant for Hampshire Fire Department and 27 years as a groundskeeper for Hampshire High School. In his free time he could be seen shirtless, smoking a cigarette, cracking a joke and trying to catch a good tan. He also enjoyed spending time on the golf course with his closest friends.

He was born August 9th, 1963, in Belvidere, Illinois, the son of James and Carol (Eckhardt) Rasmussen.

Jay is survived by his children, Ryan Rasmussen, and McKenzie (Jacob) Rasmussen; former wife and friend Kimberly Johnson; his siblings, Joy McKee, Jim Rasmussen, Jack Rasmussen, and Julie (Barry) Wambold; as well as many friends and family.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Jeff Rasmussen.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 17th at First United Methodist, 207 E Grove, Hampshire, IL 60140 in Hampshire from 9:00 am until the time of service at 11:00 am. A private burial will follow in Burlington Township

Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jay's name may be directed to the family.

Cemetery Details

Burlington Twp. Union Cemetery

McGough and Peplow rd
Burlington, IL 60109

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
207 E. Grove Ave.
Hampshire, IL 60140

Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *My condolences to Ryan and the Rasmussen family. R.I.P.*

Darrel Johnson - January 17 at 01:21 PM

LT

“ *Love, EKHS Math, SPED, and Study Table purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jay W Rasmussen.*



Love, EKHS Math, SPED, and Study Table - January 16 at 09:41 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jay W Rasmussen.*



January 15 at 09:48 PM

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“ *The Glaspie's purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jay W Rasmussen.*



The Glaspie's - January 15 at 04:22 PM

AM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



April Martin - January 15 at 04:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jay W Rasmussen.



January 15 at 12:33 PM

BD

“ Burlington Fire Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jay W Rasmussen.

Burlington Fire Department - January 15 at 12:33 PM