



James Michael Hance

April 16, 2014

Hance, James Michael 75, was in a fatal car accident and passed away April 16, 2014. He is survived by wife Mary; children Jeff (Danielle), Pete (Paula), Julie, Robert (Melissa), Angie, Angela, and Arnie; grandchildren Alex, Clara, Theo, Oliver, Emma, Kirsten, Liliana, Noah, and 9th grandchild on the way; siblings Dee (Dick), Lee (Pat), Joan (Bill), Craig (Karen), Robyn (Nick), Scott (Cathy), Nancy (Dave), Samra, and Ricky; former wife Pat; and preceeded in death by his brothers Ed and Tom (Margie). Jim was born in Dorothy, MN, and was a resident of Brooklyn Park. A graduate of St. Thomas and a member of the U.S. Army, Jim was also active in the Hopkins Rotary for 50 years with perfect attendance and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed his backyard pond and landscaping, his pool, cabin and pontoon, and had the brightest Christmas light display on the cul de sac. Tuesday night was set aside for the bowling league and one long weekend a year was reserved for a fishing trip in Canada with relatives. Most people dread work, but Jim loved his Hance Ace Hardware store in Hopkins. He was a 3rd generation hardware store owner. Visitation Saturday, April 19, 4-8 PM, with a prayer service at 8 PM all at Washburn-McReavy Hopkins Chapel. Interment Monday, April 21, 12:30 PM, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Mpls, Lane #TBD, followed by a luncheon at 2 PM at Tuttle's in Hopkins. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: Tuttle's, c/o The James M. Hance Scholarship Fund, 107 Shady Oak Road, Hopkins, MN 55343. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson Chapel 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins 952 938-9020

Tribute Wall

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“ I have lived in Hopkins since 1976. A grade school boy, I would find myself on weekends at the store looking at all the great gadgets. Eating candy and asking questions, Jim always treated my curiosity with gentle respect and encouragement. As a man I have always had the utmost respect for him and his giving heart. My heart go out to all of his loved ones. Rest easy Jim, you've done well.

Carl Nenadich - April 21, 2014 at 07:56 PM

JM

“ I will always remember Uncle Jim for the smile he would bring to my sister each Christmas as Jolly Old Saint Nick. The 5 minutes he'd spend handing out gifts made her entire night. Our deepest condolences on your tragic loss, Jeremy, Karen and Natasha Mashek

Jeremy Mashek - April 21, 2014 at 08:49 AM

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“ Jim should also be remembered for the many, many years he spent as chairman of the City Planning Commission, volunteering his time for the good of the community. He once told me that he had never had a person say that they shopped at his store because of this service, but that many people said they would not shop there because they didn't like a vote he had cast on the Commission. He was a good friend and a good man, and he left the city a better place. Bill Craig

Bill Craig - April 19, 2014 at 01:46 PM

DV

“ Since the age of 5 years old my dad took me to Hance Hardware to get whatever he needed and to talk to his best friend Jim. Sometimes we literally stayed for hours sometimes and visited with Jim. There wasn't anything he couldn't fix! He became part of my parents card party group and when it was held at our house, I couldn't wait for Jim and other guests to arrive. We laughed together for hours. But what stood out to me was Jim's one of a kind laugh. I now smile thinking about it. I lost my dad February 17th.,2013 and my dad's best friend, Jim was there. They were true blue friends for life. The city of Hopkins owes Jim a debt or gratitude for his civic and personal contributions to this wonderful city I grew up in. I know now that he is with my father in heaven, where great friends should be! Jim, may you rest in peace and thank you for all the memories that we will never forget! The Entire Velner Family



David Velner - April 18, 2014 at 09:43 PM

MM

“ I remember our Sunday dinners in Dorothy and spending time in the store full of treasures and enjoying our favorite cousins. My sympathy and love
Monica Paquin morrison

monica morrison - April 18, 2014 at 04:05 PM



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



April 18, 2014 at 10:46 AM