



## Gerald R. Hackett

May 29, 1936 - February 9, 2020

Hampton – Gerald R. Hackett 83, better known as Jerry will be remembered for his lifelong love of aviation and his dry wit. He passed away on February 9, 2020 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born May 29, 1936 in Akron, OH the son of the late Paul and Cecelia (Griffin) Hackett.

Jerry attended Harvey High School in Painesville, OH. He also graduated from Bowling Green State University in western Ohio where he was active with the ROTC and lettered in swimming. He was a veteran serving with the US Army where he entered flight school and received his commission. After leaving the military, he flew for American Airlines. Jerry was recognized as a consummate professional who was admired by his peers. After wrapping up his career with American in his beloved Caribbean, he retired in 1996 with more than thirty years of service.

Other passions included time with his family and friends, sailing, cheering on the Boston Patriots and Red Sox and enjoying fine food and drink. Always a tennis enthusiast, Jerry focused on the game in retirement playing this sport well into his seventies, when illness slowed him down.

Once retired, Jerry's also enjoyed the winters in Naples, Florida where he and his wife own a second home. He shared 61 years of marriage with his wife, Joan (Marshall) Hackett.

In addition to his wife, family members include two daughters, Amy Hackett of Knoxville, TN, Anne Murray and her husband David of Hampton, two grandchildren Tyler and Connor Murray and his sister Polly Hackett Morey of Akron, OH.

Visiting hours will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Friday, February 21, 2020 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Services will be at 10:00 am Saturday, February 22, 2020 in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of traditional remembrances, donations may be made to



# Events

---

**FEB**   **Visitation**            05:00PM - 07:00PM

**21**

---

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·, Hampton, NH, US, 03842

**FEB**   **Service**                    10:00AM

**22**

---

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·, Hampton, NH, US, 03842

# Comments

---



“ Gerry worked with me as copilot in the early years while I was in Boston. Always pleasant and fun to be with. He shared a lighting strike with me that we always joked about. He also was a class mate with my wife in college. Small world we shared.  
Harlan Cutshall

**Harlan Cutshall** - February 20, 2020 at 09:22 PM

---



“ So sad to hear of Gerry's passing. I flew with Gerry a lot and there is not a finer person to be found. I especially enjoyed our Caribbean trips, especially to Santo Domingo, where we always played tennis and enjoyed the great steaks at the "La Misteka" restaurant. Always upbeat, a positive attitude, and a smile on his face. Rest in peace Gerry, and when the time comes, we'll resume our fun times flying and tennis.

Chet Kania

**Chet Kania** - February 19, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ Chet, thanks much for sharing with us--he absolutely loved his trips to the Caribbean. We are thrilled to learn that you were one of his tennis partners and shared in his delight in the islands.

**Amy Hackett** - February 19, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ Jerry was always ready to help me with Travel arrangements earlier in my career or any problems with the digital age. He and Joan were always more than ready to help in any way they could. He will always be remembered by us as a very, very generous person and an avid tennis player. Dietrich / Marie.

**Dietrich Frank** - February 21, 2020 at 11:58 AM

---



“ I met Jerry and Joan 25 years ago when I was a a rookie at Smith Barney, Milwaukee. I liked them both, and thought philosophically it was a good match. I was glad they agreed. We forged a business relationship quickly as he was retiring in a few months. What started as a respected client relationship developed to a friendship over time. As I got to know Jerry better, I came to realize what a great man he was. Jerry had such a wit and wisdom behind his stoic facade. When he was fighting battles with cancer over the last few years, his sense of humor was always present. I'll miss his friendship, his insight, his stories, his kindness, and the times we spent together in NH and FL. I am so sorry for the loss to Joan, Amy, Anne, and his Family, Friends, AAL and Army buddies.  
I guess I'll have to get those tennis lessons in the next life when I see him again. JJ

**Janet J** - February 19, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ Janet, thank you so much for the kind words and thoughts. We so appreciate all that you do for us.

**Amy Hackett** - February 19, 2020 at 01:34 PM

---



“ 180 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - February 18, 2020 at 09:31 AM

---



“ "Gerry" or Mr. Hackett as I knew him. Helped to fill my life with two important principles, generosity and kindness. The entire Hackett family have been a blessing to so many.

They selflessly shared their lives with friends, family, and neighbors. Four of my fondest memories of Gerry, and there are a trove of them, were the most amazing Christmas eve's ever, The Model T, the bicycle flag, indicating open swim for the neighborhood, and truly countless hours bouncing basketballs of the house till dusk, nightly for years.

I had the opportunity to share with Gerry later in life, my pursuit of my pilots license, and his love for aviation. Gerry, Thank you for helping shape my life, and sharing principles I live by today, and your selfless kindness. Joan, Amy, Anne and family my prayers are with all of you. I am truly sorry for your loss. There is a special seat, in the front row of the greatest kingdom of all for Gerry.

**Chris Tisher** - February 15, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“ Hi Chris - thank you for sharing your Memories- makes us all smile!

**Anne Murray** - February 15, 2020 at 01:32 PM

---



“ A great guy!! He was my neighbor in Naples, FL where we were officers on our condo Board and were perceived as the maintenance guys for all that we did! More importantly we played lots of tennis and were 2 of 4 captains for 7 years in a very competitive group of players. Being unable to play last year for health reasons, he identified himself as 'the non-playing captain by exception'. He usually was smiling and ready with some sort of witty comment and of course 'quite' opinionated!! My wife Mary and I will miss him.

**Bill Sanchez**

**Bill Sanchez** - February 14, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ Hi Bill - thank you for the memories. Anne

**Anne Murray** - February 15, 2020 at 01:35 PM

---



“ There are so many good memories of Gerry, I don't even know where to start. As couples, we all went to St. Croix, Barbados, Ocho Rios, and on and on. It was a honor to know Gerry. He was a consummate gentleman with a keen sense of humor. I do know he touched many people. He was a good husband, father, and a friend. There is a special place for him now in heaven and he deserves it. So many prayers for his family. May they hold dear those memories. He is there in their hearts.

**Judi Cody** - February 14, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ Hi Judi - thank you so much for sharing! Anne

**Anne Murray** - February 15, 2020 at 01:34 PM

---



“ My early memories of Jerry are when I was a new hire pilot at American airlines working as part of his flying crew. I can clearly recall his wit and the respect he showed towards me and fellow crew members. It was an honor to have known Jerry throughout his professional career.  
Gary Ekdahl

**Gary Ekdahl** - February 14, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ Thank you for the kind words and memories Gary!

**Anne Murray** - February 14, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ I frequently flew with Jerry as his First Officer on the Airbus for several years. As a Human being and Aviator, he was unquestionably the Very Best and it was most certainly a Great Honor and Privilege to have known and worked with him. -----Godspeed Jerry !!-----  
Gene Lyle

**Gene Lyle** - February 19, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ Gerry and I both went to Bowling Green and graduated in the same year, 1958. So what a surprise to have him turn up in New Hampshire and to fly for American Airlines with my husband Harlan. Through the years we would share college memories and tales of his Sigma Chi buddies when we met on the tennis courts or in the grocer stores. He shall be missed! Pat Cutshall

**Pat Cutshall** - February 20, 2020 at 09:24 PM