



James J. Djerf

February 1, 1931 - March 20, 2025

Hampton – James J. Djerf, 94, of Hampton, passed away with his family by his side on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at the Edgewood Nursing Home in Portsmouth, NH.

He was born February 1, 1931 in Amesbury, MA the son of the late Jacob and Bertha (Makela) Djerf, who were immigrants from Finland. Raised in Amesbury, he graduated from Amesbury High School with the Class of 1949 (the “49ers”). He went on to proudly serve 4 years in the United States Air Force as an aircraft mechanic.

After his time in the service, James returned home and started his career as a civil service aircraft mechanic at the former Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth until his retirement in 1985.

A longtime Hampton Falls First Baptist Church member he was also a member of the Hamptons American Legion Post 35 and Saint James Lodge #102 F. & A.M. He enjoyed woodworking and was a jack of all trades and who could fix anything. A snowbird for 14 years, he enjoyed wintering in Kissimmee, FL with his late wife Laura (Rose) Djerf who predeceased him in 2006.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his daughter Cindy Jones of Hampton and sister Evelyn Nelson of Belfast, ME.

Surviving family members include his daughters and son in laws, Steph Harmon and her husband Bob of Beaumont, CA, Pam Provencher and her husband Gary of Hampton and Pat Wakeman and her husband Ken of Barrington, NH and Alan Jones of Hampton. Grandchildren include Melissa, Brent (Stacey), David (Jackie), Jack, Josie (Tom), Jim (Colleen), Bethany (Lucas), Andrea (Rob), Julia (Nick), Ben, Nick, and 15 great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 am on Friday, March 28, 2025 at Hampton Falls First Baptist Church, 3 Lincoln Ave Hampton Falls, NH 03844. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wycliffe Bible Translators by clicking here (https://wycliffe.org/monthly?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhYS_BhD2ARIsAJTMMQYP-wMTgOFeFxpULPaHA9zbdlfr4asyQqkxG_A0zQBF5m7x8-a7rmlaArbUEALw_wcB) or by mail to PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862 or Samaritan's Purse by clicking here (<https://samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/memorial-giving/>) or by mail to PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Hampton Falls
3 Lincoln Avenue
Hampton Falls, NH 03844
(603) 926-3724

Tribute Wall

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“ & love from Cecilia, Eliza, and Dorothy purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of James J. Djerf.



& love from Cecilia, Eliza, and Dorothy - March 27, 2025 at 02:03 PM

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“ & love from Cecilia, Eliza, and Dorothy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James J. Djerf.

& love from Cecilia, Eliza, and Dorothy - March 27, 2025 at 02:03 PM

LA

“ I was sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. My mother and dad were great friends of your grandparents Bertha and Jaakko! My grandmother as well, Virginia. " the Finns that all became very good friends In Amesbury. I remember Jimmy and Laura well when I was a child. Very nice memories. Listening to them all speaking Finnish was fun. Again, my condolences to your family. Best, Laurie Suorsa Andrews

Laurie Suorsa Andrews - March 26, 2025 at 01:35 PM

TK

“ Tony, Diana and Kim purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James J. Djerf.



Tony, Diana and Kim - March 25, 2025 at 06:17 PM

TJ

“ Some great stories of uncle Jim with dad and Dave down and uncle Dave going to Flea markets and up to the camp across from province lake in Wakefield. I will miss him a lot .
I'm glad I told him last year.
how much I admired him and respected him. And that I wouldn't hold against him the fact that he served in the air force instead of the navy. God bless you, uncle jim.

Tony Papoulias Jr. - March 25, 2025 at 06:10 PM

BB

“ Jim was the Past Commander of American Legion Post 35 from 1984-1986.
He will be remembered for his warmth, his sense of humor, and his can-do spirit! On behalf of our 250 members, I offer his family our sincere condolences.

*Berk Bennett
Commander
American Legion Post 35*

Berk Bennett - March 25, 2025 at 01:30 PM

HC

“ Sorry to learn of Jim's passing. A good man, who raised a fine family with his late wife Laura. Jim was a contemporary of mine. Jim grew up in Amesbury and we would share Amesbury and Hampton stories over the years of growing up, high school memories, etc. May he rest in peace.

Al Casassa

H Alfred Casassa - March 25, 2025 at 01:22 PM

TP

“ I've missed you Jim so much and will always cherish our talks. You were an amazing man! Love you always, Paul & Terri 🥺❤️



Terri Provencher - March 25, 2025 at 10:41 AM

PP

Jim we had so much fun bowling in Amesbury hiding our beers on the window sill outside... We will miss you my friend 💙

Paul Provencher - March 25, 2025 at 11:49 AM

RW

I thought , as a teenager, that I was dating twins(Jimmy and John). James Djerf and John Wing were always together- with me between them.Things changed when Jimmy went into the service. Jimmy was part of our wedding and John was there to stand up with Jim and Laura.Years and miles separated us but luckily Jimmy found us in Alabama and we three had a chance to be a trio again.I'm sure this dynamic duo is now together again.We loved you,Jimmy.--- Roma Wing

Roma Wing - March 27, 2025 at 08:56 AM