



James Thomas "Jim" McClure

July 3, 1942 - May 27, 2016

Kensington, NH- James Thomas "Jim" McClure Jr., 73, of Kensington formerly of Coram, NY, and Bangor, ME passed away on May 27, 2016 at home.

Jim was born on July 3, 1942 in Bangor, ME a son of Clarissa (Pullen) and the late James T. McClure Sr.

With his father being in the Army Air Corps (later the US Air Force), Jim spent his young life in different locations including Washington, D. C., Nebraska, Texas, Maine and Harmon Air Force Base in Newfoundland, where he graduated high school in 1960.

After high school he settled first in Maryland, where he attended engineering school in D. C., and then for many years on Long Island, becoming a Volunteer Fire Fighter with the Coram Fire Department. Jim was a long-time member of the Coram Department and one of the longest serving and most respected Fire Chiefs in the history of the Department.

He later moved to New Hampshire, married his best friend, Julee, and set off on one adventure after another as a trailing spouse of an expat in Europe. While there, he continued exploring his career options, working first as a Digital Imaging Engineer in Zurich, Switzerland and then as a High School Computer Science teacher at the Luxembourg International School. Finally, he

returned to New Hampshire, where he set down roots for his family.

Jim had a passion for his family and friends, and always, always, always wanted to be sure that those around him were having a good time. No matter what time zone, state or country he was in, he never ceased to make many friends, touch so many lives and make everyone smile with his contagious laughter and silly jokes. He also saddled all of his family with an unhealthy enthusiasm for ice hockey and food, which to this day compels them to spend far too much time bemoaning the plight of the New York Rangers while consuming vast amounts of pork chops, American chop suey and chocolate ice cream and washing it down with unsweetened iced tea with lemon.

In addition to his mother, he leaves behind many survivors of his blended families which include: wife Julee; daughters, Skylar and Tara; sons, Shane, Kerry, and Jeff; daughters-in-law, Michel and Erin and son-in-law Bill; brother John; sisters, Bernita and Judi; grandchildren, Dylan, Calder, Molly and Ryan; former wife Vana; numerous nieces, nephews and an extended world-wide friends and family.

Jim fought a courageous and lengthy battle against cancer. He apparently finally decided that he had enough of kicking cancer's butt and outliving the expectations of all medical personnel. In doing so, he reminded us that the true measure of a person's life is the number of people that they have touched in the world. By all accounts, his impact on those around him was inestimable.

Visiting hours will be held from 5 to 7 PM on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A service will held on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 10 AM in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. A private burial will be held in Kenduskeag, ME. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to the young family of recently fallen Hampton fire fighter, Kyle Jameson.

Although, Jim and Kyle didn't know each other, as a fellow firefighter, Kyle's own valiant fight against cancer made them brothers of another cause, jointly fighting cancer's wrath. Checks for Kyle's family should be mailed to the Hampton Firefighters Charitable Organization c/o Kyle Jameson family, 140 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, N.H., 03842.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
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Service

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Thomas "Jim" McClure*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Betty (Lillywhite) Canfield lit a candle in memory of James Thomas "Jim" McClure*



Betty (Lillywhite) Canfield - June 03, 2016 at 08:41 AM



“ *Jim was and will always be a beloved and admired friend of the The Williams family. Our days in Luxembourg together with Jim, Julee, Skylar and Shane are some of the happiest we remember. Jim and Lonnie were comrades in arms, helping keep two career-oriented women on an even keel and four rambunctious kids entertained and happy. True to his calling as a renowned and respected Firefighter, there was never a need that Jim did not extend himself to help with --- whether helping pick up our kids, whipping up a great meal for us all to share, or just "being there," reliable, calm and ever-present at the ISL. He was like a second dad to Lara and Alexander when Lonnie was away, and they remember him fondly. Godspeed Jim! Memories of you make us smile. You will be cherished forever.*



The Williams Family is making a donation to the Kyle Jameson Family in honor or Jim.

Linda Lloyd da Silva - June 02, 2016 at 02:00 AM

MO

“ Dear Julee, Skylar and Shane,

We are so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of being a room parent with Jim.

He was always relaxed kind and helpful.

We are keeping you all in our prayers and extend our condolences to all the members of the family.

Hoping you can find strength in each other during this difficult time.

“In one of those stars I shall be living. In one of them I shall be laughing. And so it will be as if all the stars were laughing, when you look at the sky at night. And when your sorrow is comforted (time soothes all sorrows) you will be content that you have known me. You will always be my friend...I shall not leave you.”

— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince

With deepest sympathy

the O'Sullivan family from Lux: Marie-Claire & Adrian with Connor & Cara



Marie-Claire O'Sullivan-Dahm - June 01, 2016 at 04:02 PM

YF

“ Your Swedish Family! purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James Thomas "Jim" McClure.



Your Swedish Family! - June 01, 2016 at 03:07 PM

BV

“ I did not have the privilege of meeting Jim and only learned of what appears to be his honorable and joyous life from reading the poignant and touching obituary that appeared in Newsday today. In truth, the recipient of such an eloquent and beautifully written tribute must have touched many lives, and left the world a better place from his presence in it. I can only hope that I can earn an obituary from those that I leave behind that is close in scope to the one honoring Jim's. My condolences to all who loved him on your loss.

Ben Velella

Ben Velella - June 01, 2016 at 01:47 PM

KS

“ How sad to hear of the passing of one of the larger than life "characters" and a good friend. Jim was the type of person that would be there in an instant if there was a need either personally or professionally. I had the pleasure of working with Jim, and counting him as one of my dear friends for many years. He will truly be missed.....Rest in Peace my friend.

Kenneth Sole, Bayport NY

Kenneth Sole - June 01, 2016 at 10:07 AM

GS

“ Glenn, Amy and Abby Suchocki purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Thomas "Jim" McClure.



Glenn, Amy and Abby Suchocki - May 31, 2016 at 04:54 PM

FT

“ From your State Street GMT Service Delivery Team. purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of James Thomas "Jim" McClure.



From your State Street GMT Service Delivery Team. - May 31, 2016 at 03:20 PM

EC

“ Erin, John, Maura and Megan Crowley purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Thomas "Jim" McClure.



Erin, John, Maura and Megan Crowley - May 31, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Thomas "Jim" McClure.



May 31, 2016 at 12:48 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Thomas "Jim" McClure.



May 31, 2016 at 10:06 AM

AK

“ Julee, Shane and Skylar, our heartfelt sympathy on Jim’s passing. To say that Jim was a special person is an understatement. He was a fighter but more importantly he was someone who demonstrated a joy of life that was infectious. He was just fun to be around and would always bring a smile to everyone he interacted with. The Christmas eve get-togethers were special and the times at the lake house on Lake Winnisquam with the McClure/Sanderson/Fitzpatrick/Kerner “extended family” were filled with good times, great food and fond memories.

He will be missed.

You and Jim's extended family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Al & Denise

Allan Kerner - May 31, 2016 at 08:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Thomas "Jim" McClure.



May 30, 2016 at 08:47 PM

DK

“ For Jim. So many happy memories from the lake house. It was always great spending time with you and our extended family. You always made sure we had plenty of fresh fruit and other goodies. Christmas Eve dinners were another fun time for us to be together. We will miss you and think of you often. We love you and your family. Denise and Al

Denise Kerner - May 30, 2016 at 07:59 PM

PS

“ Pat (Lillywhite) Schoeman lit a candle in memory of James Thomas "Jim" McClure



Pat (Lillywhite) Schoeman - May 30, 2016 at 07:57 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of James Thomas "Jim" McClure.



May 30, 2016 at 05:33 PM

JA

“ I will miss you, dear fellow Harmonite. You kept us together for 56 years. My heart hurts. My prayers ae with your family. JoAnn

JoAnn Angevine - May 30, 2016 at 03:14 PM

DC

“ Darlene, Kerry, Francine, Kevin, Jeff & Charlene purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Thomas "Jim" McClure.



Darlene, Kerry, Francine, Kevin, Jeff & Charlene - May 30, 2016 at 01:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Thomas "Jim" McClure.



May 29, 2016 at 09:04 PM