



James F. McCoolle Jr.

November 30, 1935 - May 17, 2026

Hampton- James Francis McCoolle Jr., lovingly known as “Jim,” passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, May 17, surrounded by the family he cherished so deeply, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Dover, New Hampshire, on November 30, 1935, Jim lived a life defined by devotion—to his country, his work, his friends, and above all, his family. He shared 66 beautiful years of marriage and partnership with the love of his life, Therese McCoolle(Gosselin), an Amesbury native. Together they created a family rooted in laughter, loyalty, kindness, and unconditional love.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife Therese; his children James McCoolle III and his wife Jean, Kelley McCoolle Adams and her husband Chris, and Daniel McCoolle and his wife Lisa. He was predeceased by his son Brian McCoolle, whom he loved dearly.

He also leaves behind his treasured grandchildren: Katelyn McCoolle, Megan McCoolle, Hunter McCoolle, Brian McCoolle Adams, and Morgan McCoolle, all of whom brought immense pride and joy to his life.

Jim proudly served in the United States Navy as a Sonar Technician Third Class (SO3) aboard the USS Newman K. Perry. Following his military service, he worked as a pipe fitter with Local Union 131 while working at the

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery and later at Seabrook Power Plant. He also owned and operated a plumbing business alongside his longtime partner and friend, Joe Mattingly.

While Jim worked hard throughout his life, his greatest passion was always his family. He was a constant source of warmth, encouragement, wisdom, and humor. He never missed an opportunity to cheer on his children and grandchildren—whether at family gatherings, at kids and grandkids events, or quiet moments together sharing meals, stories and laughter.

Jim had a deep love of reading, music, and adventure. He played the piano beautifully, loved telling stories from his Navy days and travels, and embraced life with energy and curiosity well into his later years. Family members fondly remember Jim being there and present in his family's lives sharing his quick wit and sparkling smile with everyone around him.

To know Jim was to feel cared for. He had a rare gift for making people feel seen, supported, and loved. His blue eyes, gentle strength, sharp humor, and unwavering kindness will be remembered always.

One family member wrote to him before his passing:

“You are everything a family could hope for—warm, loving, strong, witty, gentle, encouraging, and always so supportive. You have this way of making everyone feel seen, cared for, and deeply loved.”

His family finds comfort in knowing that the love he gave so freely will continue to live on through the family he built and the countless lives he touched.

He will be profoundly missed and forever loved.

The family will be having calling hours at Remick's and Gendron Funeral home in Hampton on Friday, May 22nd from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. A ceremony will be held at Hampton High Street Cemetery on Saturday, May 23rd at 11:00 followed by a luncheon honoring Jim at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Hampton at 12:00.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the NHVA by clicking here (<https://nhva.site/fundraising-campaign/>) or to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of James F McCoolle to support cancer research and patient care at:
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
P.O. Box 849168
Boston, MA 02284
or via dana-farber.org/gift

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Graveside Service

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

High Street Cemetery
140 High St
Hampton, NH 03842

Tribute Wall

JP

“ I remember Jim’s overwhelming kindness. When I decided to run away in eighth grade, Jim and Kelley took me in, fed me, and gave me a safe place to sleep. That generosity and compassion stayed with me forever. He was simply one of the kindest people I’ve ever known.

Jillian Payne - May 22 at 04:44 PM

AK

“ Ann Jo-Ann Kenneth purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James F. McCool Jr..



Ann Jo-Ann Kenneth - May 22 at 01:12 PM

AK

“ Ann Jo-Ann Kenneth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James F. McCool Jr..

Ann Jo-Ann Kenneth - May 22 at 01:12 PM

TF

“ The Daigneault Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James F. McCool Jr..



The Daigneault Family - May 22 at 12:35 PM

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CH

“ Cousin Jane Hanson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James F. McCoolle Jr..

Cousin Jane Hanson - May 22 at 11:09 AM

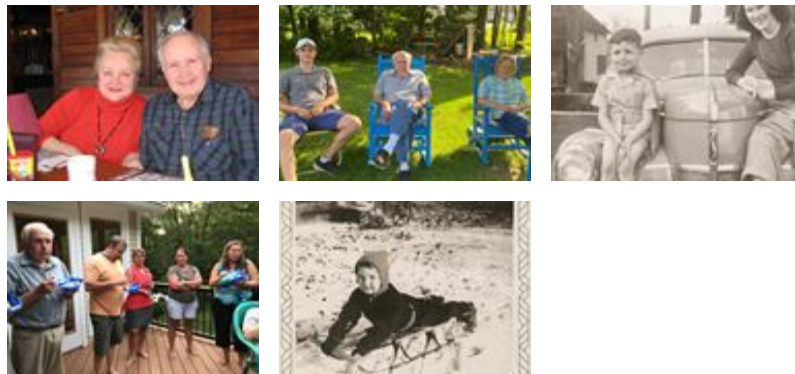
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Cousin Jane Hanson - May 22 at 11:09 AM



“ 172 files added to the album LifeTributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - May 22 at 09:03 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James F. McCoolle Jr..*



May 21 at 02:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James F. McCoolle Jr..*



May 21 at 11:54 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James F. McCoolle Jr..*

May 21 at 11:54 AM



“ *Scott Barker purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of James F. McCoolle Jr..*



Scott Barker - May 21 at 09:54 AM



“ *I'm glad I got to hunt with your dad, Jamie and Dan. A real gentleman.*

Peter Tilton Jr. - May 20 at 04:09 PM

TF

“ Tommy, Dana and Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of James F. McCoolle Jr..



Tommy, Dana and Family - May 20 at 09:01 AM

KH

“ Karen and Harry Hubbard purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James F. McCoolle Jr..



Karen and Harry Hubbard - May 20 at 06:39 AM

SA

“ Jamie, Kel and Danny - I'm am so very sorry for the loss of your amazing, gentle, funny and handsome dad. The love he had for all of you radiated through his beautiful eyes and smile. he will be greatly missed. i hope that you can find peace and comfort knowing you have another angel to watch over the family.

All my love during this heart break. Love you Susie Forsberg - Anderson

Susie Forsberg - Anderson - May 19 at 08:18 PM

PE

“ Wonderful memories of him at Jim & Jeans home! So sorry for your lost ❤️

Phyllis Ender - May 19 at 06:15 PM

LT

Mr. Jim will forever be in my heart as the sweetest soul on this earth, with a great knack for humor. His love filled a room and his compassion embraced everyone in it. Heartfelt condolences to my extended family, and loving smiles for a life well lived 🌿

Laura J Tourtellot - May 20 at 06:54 PM

PB

Fair Winds and Following Seas Sailor. Patriot, Parent, Family Patriarch, Cornerstone of Virtue and Dreams Come True is your living legacy. Bravo Zulu Juliet Foxtrot Motel. Mission Accomplished. Love, Respect, Admiration, Sympathies, The Bean Family of Hampton.

Philip Bean - May 20 at 10:00 PM

JD

I have 3 words (Big Blue Suburban) That was the first time i meet Mr. McCoolle and his family back in the early 70's when are families drove together for a Hamton youth hockey game at like 5am in the morning. Even though i moved half way across the country, kelly and i kept in touch and would give updates and send pics of our families. Thank you Mr. McCoolle and Mrs. McCoolle for raising 3 great sons and a beautiful daughter. i could not imagine my childhood without my great friend Brian, Danny, Jamie and Kelly keeping all the great memories alive. Thank you Mrs. McCoolle for keeping my Grandmothers hair looking great. love you guys (3645) forever

Jeff Daigneault - May 21 at 10:42 PM