



Dr. James Alan Hammelman

March 22, 1939 - August 19, 2024

JAMES ALAN HAMMELMAN
POSEYVILLE, INDIANA

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Lt. Col. James Alan Hammelman, D.D.S., a native of Poseyville, Indiana passed away on Monday, August 19th, at the age of 85. The son of the late Dr. A.W. and Esther (Bobe) Hammelman, he was born in Evansville, Indiana on March 22, 1939.

Dr. Jim was very active in school enjoying sports and all school activities such as becoming Captain of his high school basketball team. He thoroughly enjoyed Boy Scouts, earning the rank of Eagle Scout and order of the Arrow. He also enjoyed building model trains and ships and always had a knack for ingenuity and resourcefulness. He graduated from Poseyville High School in 1957.

Inspired to study dentistry by his father who established the Hammelman Dental Office in 1927, Dr. Jim received his B.S. and D.D.S. degrees from the University of Evansville and Indiana University, respectively. He married Suzanne (Beshear) on August 4, 1963 and was a devoted husband for 56 years of marriage.

Immediately following graduation from dental school, he was commissioned

as an officer in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps and reported for active duty during the Vietnam War. He earned 2 Bronze stars (Bravery and Merit) among many other awards. His 20 year Air Force career took Dr. Jim and his family to postings in Nebraska, Germany, Texas and California. He was honored to serve in the U.S Embassy in Moscow during the cold war. In 1975, he transferred from active to reserve duty to move back to Poseyville to take over his father's dental practice along with his brother, Dr. Bob Hammelman. They built a highly regarded practice, serving the people of the community for over 40 years. Dr. Jim was a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, served on the Poseyville Chamber of Commerce and participated in the Masonic Lodge, Shrine and many other community activities. He enjoyed golfing, traveling, going to all the children's and grandchildren's sporting events, and especially camping and skiing with his family while traveling out west.

Jim and Sue later moved to The Villages, FL to be part of the beautiful golf course community and to be near some of their family living there. They became members of The Village of Faith Baptist Church.

While the loves of his life were God and his family, closely following were his patients; always striving to take care of generations of patients like his own family. His patients remember him as an accessible, kind and caring dentist. His family remembers him as a dedicated and loving family man who lived life to the fullest with his many interests and hobbies.

Dr. Jim is survived by two children, Mark Hammelman (Marisue) and Beth Webb (Rob), 6 grandchildren Kathleen Marvel (Jon), Neil Hammelman (Lauren), Kayla Robinson (Jeremiah), Evan Webb (Savannah), Leah Hammelman (Eric Graber), and Julia Webb. He was also blessed with 10 great-grandchildren and his beloved dog Rascal.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m., Friday, September 13, 2024 at the Werry Funeral Home in Poseyville, Indiana with Masonic services to begin at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, September 14, 2024 at St. Paul's Global Methodist Church in Poseyville, Indiana with family and friends able to visit from 9 a.m. until service time. Burial with full Military Honors to

follow in the Poseyville Cemetery in Poseyville, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Dementia & Alzheimer's Help at <https://www.alz.org> .

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family online at: www.werryfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Poseyville Cemetery

1 Lockwood Street
Poseyville, IN 47633

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (Poseyville)
16 E Fletchall Avenue
Poseyville, IN 47633
(812) 874-2418
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Masonic Service

SEP 13. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

SEP **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Global Methodist Church
46 S. Cale Street
Poseyville, IN 47633

Tribute Wall



“ Werry Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. James Alan Hammelman



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Very good friends ☐

James R Erbacher - September 08, 2024 at 02:03 PM

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My mom & I met Dr. Jim when we moved here from the Louisville area in 1970. We had gone to other dentist in the Evansville area but none to my liking, however, after meeting Dr. Jim, he was my go to dentist. ALL other dentist I have been to after his retiring have been held against his reputation & none have come close. He knew I was scared of dentist in genral because of past experiences. He would sing to me the little ditty songs he knew, humm the time he was working on my teeth, or tell me stories of when he did dental work overseas. He knew how to keep me calm & distracted f4om what he was doing. The day he discovered I needed a wisdom tooth pulled, he didn't say "ok let's make an appointment toget that taken care". No, he said "we'll take care of that right now"> He pulled my tooth during his lunch time so I would not have to stress. I threatened to have all my teeth pulled when he told me he was retiring but he talked out of that plan. Every student dentist I see at the Louisville School hears about Dr. Jim & is told they need to learn to sing! I miss him.

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. James Alan Hammelman.



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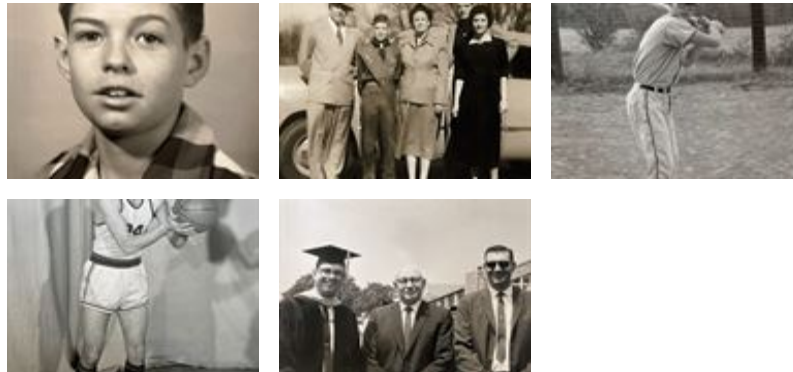


“ I had the pleasure of working for Dr Jim a number of years he was kind, friendly and caring. He served his country and this community well, and loved his Lord and family very much. He will be missed so very much. We tried to find him in the Villages last year and found out that he had moved, we had so much looked forward to seeing him. Prayers for comfort and peace to his family.

Diane & Don Newcomb - September 08, 2024 at 05:22 PM



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