

James "Jimmy" M. Hammond

February 18, 1940 - February 15, 2023

James M. "Jimmy" Hammond, 82, of Falmouth, KY, passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at the VA Hospital in Cincinnati, OH. Born on February 18, 1940, in Portsmouth, OH, he was a son of the late Claude Hammond and Carrie Wood Hansen. A gifted athlete from a young age, Jimmy Hammond played basketball for the Falmouth High School Red Devils from 1956-1960, scoring 2132 points and 1380 rebounds, currently ranking 13th all-time in state history. When #12 took the court, he made the most of every minute, under the leadership of mentor FHS Coach Cecil Hellard. As a high school student, Jimmy washed cars at Pinky Frazier's used car lot on Saturdays, and during the summer, he worked on a Pepsi truck delivering product to support himself. On January 25, 1964, he married the love of his life, Juanita June Miracle Hammond, and his dear wife and most loyal cheerleader of 51 years preceded him in death on July 27, 2015. Together, they raised their daughter Jaime, made priceless memories with family and friends, and faithfully followed the UK Wildcats.

In 1968, he joined the Falmouth Police Department as a patrolman. On March 24, 1970, Jimmy transferred to the Covington Police Department, working in Kenton County and earning the distinction of detective in 1979 while volunteering with the Covington Fire Department, until his retirement in December 1989. Late in 1989, he returned to Falmouth to serve as police chief, at the request of Falmouth City Council, until 1992, when Jimmy accepted the newly created position of Pendleton County Community

Corrections Officer. In 1997, he ran for mayor, replacing Max Goldberg and for two years, he proudly led the community dear to him, filled with the people who had influenced his life in so many ways. From 2002-2008, Jimmy served as a Pendleton County Sheriff's Deputy and a bailiff. In recognition of his athletic accomplishments, he was inducted into the Northern Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame, the 10th Region Basketball Hall of Fame and the Pendleton County Athletic Hall of Fame. Dear family friend Bob Byrd captures the triumph of his life story in his book, *The Jimmy Hammond Story*. Jimmy faithfully served in the U.S. Army/ Merchant Marine and belonged to the Hardin-Browning Post #109 and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Always optimistic and finding a reason to smile, Jimmy Hammond will be remembered for what he meant to Falmouth, KY, on and off the court, and what Falmouth, KY, meant to him.

Surviving to cherish his memory are his daughter and caregiver, Jaime Hammond (Brent Dunaway) of Berry, KY; 3 granddaughters: Brooke Dunaway, Whitney Dunaway, and Taylor Dunaway; two sisters: Hazel Askin of Brooksville, KY and Brenda Eckler of Cynthiana, KY; and host of extended family and friends.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by 4 sisters: Mary Ann Hammond, Carrie Mae Scott, Bessie Devenny, and Maude McDowell; and 3 brothers: Charles King, William King, and Ray Hammond. Funeral services will be held at 2 pm on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth, with Kevin Barnard officiating, and special remembrances by Jaime Hammond and Bob Byrd. The visitation will be from 11-2 pm preceding the service at the funeral home. Interment with full military honors by the Hardin-Browning Post #109 will take place in the Riverside Cemetery, Falmouth. Memorials are suggested to the Hardin-Browning Post #109: 111 Montjoy Street, Falmouth, KY 41040.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

409 Ridgeway Avenue
Falmouth, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Woodhead Funeral Homes, Memorials & Cremation Service - Falmouth
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Funeral Service

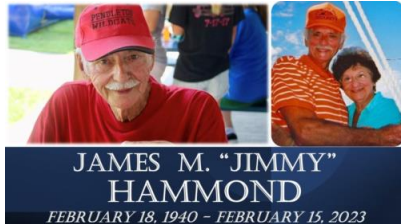
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Tribute Wall



“ Woodhead Funeral Homes, Memorials, & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jimmy" M. Hammond



Woodhead Funeral Home - February 22, 2023 at 08:15 PM



“ Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" M. Hammond.



February 21, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ My Uncle Jim was truly a great guy. When he visited us out in California, he took us everywhere. Dodger games, the beach, the mountains. As great as he was in basketball, I really think that he might've been better at baseball. He had an amazing arm and in his youth looked like Sandy Koufax. He was my first hero and always will be. Love you forever. Next time I see you we'll have a catch.

Paul Parker - February 20, 2023 at 06:51 PM

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“ Jim was one of the nicest people I have ever known. He was always a pleasure to be around. Falmouth has truly lost one of the good ones and will be missed by many.

David Butcher - February 17, 2023 at 02:26 PM

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“ I haven't seen Jim in years. He was a great guy and a great Wildcat fan. Rest in peace, old buddy

Keith Swayne - February 16, 2023 at 03:44 PM

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Jaime, so sorry about your Dad. He was a dear friend and I enjoyed working with him. Prayers for you during this difficult time. Be thankful for all your memories.
Faye J. Chinn

Faye J Chinn - February 22, 2023 at 11:26 AM