



James Hoke

December 21, 1924 - June 6, 2009

Memorial visitation for James E. "Jim" Hoke, 84, of Kankakee, will be from 9 a.m. Monday until the 10 a.m. celebration of the memorial Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church, where he was a member. The Rev. Donald Wehnert will officiate. Cremation rites have been accorded by the Clancy-Gernon- Hertz Crematory, west Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Thresholds. He died Saturday (June 6, 2009) at his home. Mr. Hoke was a repairman for Illinois Bell, retiring in 1984, after 29 years of service. He then became owner of J&H Communications. He was born Dec. 21, 1924, in Wing, the son of William and Ann Coleman Hoke. His wife, the former Helen D. Tucker, whom he married in 1948, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee, died Nov. 7, 2008. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in the South Pacific during World War II and a member of the Kankakee VFW Post 2857 and a past member of the Kankakee American Legion Post 85. He was a member of the Illinois Bell Pioneers and a former member of the Kankakee Jaycee's. He enjoyed traveling overseas and visiting 49 of the 50 states. He also enjoyed sports, especially the Chicago Bears and Cubs. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kyle and Gail Hoke of Tuscola, Nyle and Janet Hoke of Cheshire, Conn.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Lynda and Rich Ryan of Dallas, Texas, Kymberley A. Hoke of Bourbonnais; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and one sister, Aggie Valoris of California. Deceased are one sister and nine brothers.

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“ Our sincere condolences to all of Jim's family. We were so sorry to hear of his passing so soon after his wife. GOD be with you.##imported-begin##Clem & Joan Barry##imported-end##

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“ MR. HOKE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. I MET HIS ACQUAINTANCE BY WAY OF HIS EXPERTISE IN THE PHONE SERVICE. ÿ½MY CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY.##imported-begin##ZINIA BURRELL##imported-end##

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“ The last time we saw your dad was at our dad Ray's funeral. ÿ½I'm sure dad and Jim are up there singing and making wine. ÿ½They had plenty of good times together and now they'll have plenty more.##imported-begin##Jan Kregor McAuley##imported-end##

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“ We've known Jim and Mike Butler for the past 5-6 years that they have been coming to Milford to work on our phone and wiring systems for computers. It has been a pleasure knowing Jim and will miss him as will many people. He always brightened up the day when he showed up to help us out. We will miss his stories, singing, entertainment, and knowledge of our system. Our prayers are with Jim's family and friends.
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“ Sorry for your loss. I worked with Kim at Thresholds in Kankakee. I was one of the supervisors.##imported-begin##Cheryl Clement##imported-end##

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“ I can remember growing up, when Mr.Hoke would stop and see dad, they had a relationship that went back many years, when touch tone phones first came out, it was Jim who installed them at Dad's house.

I can remember many stories of how Jim enjoyed life and always had fun on the Job at Illinois Bell.

sometimes Jim would stop and see dad, always leaving a roll or two of black electrical tape, for an emergency...

Our thoughts are with the Hoke family.##imported-begin##doug Schnell##imported-end##

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“ Jim, was always a friend to my dad, Earl Hatley, and also to my mother Ruth Hatley I am sending this as he was always a good friend to our whole family, I am Earl Hatley's daughter Ruth Ann Puffer. Jim also worked with my brother, Edward "Skip" Hatley. Jim will truly be missed. My husband Mick also knew Jim. We built our own home and Jim and my brother Skip did all the electrical work in our home. Jim was a good man.##imported-begin##Mick and Ruth Puffer##imported-end##

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“ If love and laughter were the cure, you would have lived forever.

If strength and courage were the medicine, that could heal all things, you would have lived forever.

Because of you beloved friend, we have loved more deeply, laughed more often, found our own strength and courage, and the world has been changed forever.

(Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jimmy's family. We will miss seeing you in church, grocery store and stopping by our office to just say hello or repair our phone system. We love you Jimmy.)##imported-begin##Tom & Laura Blanchette##imported-end##

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