



Jay Carl Hooker

May 21, 1951 - February 16, 2016

Jay “JB” Carl Hooker, 64, of Anna, formerly of Goreville, died at 12:08 am Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was born May 21, 1951 in Rosiclaire, IL the son of William and Velma (Brown) Hooker. He married Cherry Gambrell on June 14, 1983. She preceded him in death on September 28, 2014.

Jay owned and operated A-1 Mechanical (HVAC) in Goreville. He was a volunteer with the City of Goreville working to make the 4th of July and Christmas seasons a special time for his town. Jay loved being on a boat, motorcycles, cars and pretty much anything with wheels and loved to attend auctions. He was a member of the Shriner’s in Marion.

Survivors include his sister, Linda (George) Stearns of Anna; brothers, Bill (Linda) Hooker of Herrin and Don (Becky) Hooker of Carbondale; nephews, Randy (Erica) Stearns of Anna, Seth Stearns of Groton, MA, Adam (Candace) Stearns of Makanda, Jonathan (Amber) Hooker of O’Fallon, Abram Hooker of Elgin, and Nathan Hooker of Elgin; nieces, Elizabeth (Troy) Hooker of Herrin, Ashley (Jeff) Hooker of Cartersville, and Rachel Hooker of Herrin; many great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Cherry Hooker, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

As per Jay's wishes, he was cremated.

Graveside Memorial services will be at a later date at IOOF Cemetery in Golconda.

Memorials may be made to Shriners (ShrinersHospitals.org/Donate) and will be accepted at Crain Funeral Home, 135 W. Vienna Street, Anna, IL 62906.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jay Carl Hooker*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Marie Kerr Emery lit a candle in memory of Jay Carl Hooker*



marie kerr emery - February 21, 2016 at 04:38 PM



“ *Bettina Bowles lit a candle in memory of Jay Carl Hooker*



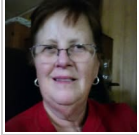
Bettina Bowles - February 21, 2016 at 07:06 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Jay's passing. I have such fond childhood memories of spending time in the Hooker home & was always treated like one of the family. You all are in my thoughts & prayers. RIP, Jay.*



Kathy Black Holt - February 20, 2016 at 06:41 AM



“ *Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Jay Carl Hooker*



Paula Sullivan - February 18, 2016 at 07:08 PM

DE

“ *Jay always had a smile on his face he had a twinkle in his eyes and he a good guy I will cherish my memories of him.*

Debbie - February 18, 2016 at 01:54 PM

SH

“ *To my dear friend ,we had many great times , you she'll be missed by many ! Rest in peace my friend*



Scott Hunsaker - February 18, 2016 at 11:36 AM

TC

“ *GOOD RIDE BROTHER*

Tim Carter

Tim Carter - February 18, 2016 at 10:59 AM

CY

“ You will be missed old friend...Glad I got to see you again at our memorial for Brad...Will never forget that wild ride you gave my kids on your boat that day.....



Cheryl Ytzen - February 18, 2016 at 10:19 AM

RH

“ I am glad I got to meet Jay Hooker, he was a great friend to our Uncle Robbie Hancock, those two together made you smile. RIP Jay and Prayers to your family and friends.

Robin Harper-Whitehead - February 18, 2016 at 09:40 AM

RB

“ Roger Brumley lit a candle in memory of Jay Carl Hooker



Roger Brumley - February 18, 2016 at 09:08 AM

BK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bryan King - February 18, 2016 at 08:20 AM

FS

“ Rest in peace JB.....im living in Florida now, but always enjoyed talking old Harley's with youhave a great ride on the High way in the Sky.....



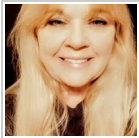
frederick suits - February 18, 2016 at 06:41 AM

MH

“ Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Jay Carl Hooker



Mary Lou Hynes - February 18, 2016 at 05:43 AM



“ Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jay Carl Hooker



Teresa Anderson - February 18, 2016 at 01:43 AM

PS

“ Jay was a good friend of mine for several years, we still have the picture of him as "Santa" at the Shrine Club in Marion, he was holding both our granddaughters on his lap and they were 6 and 7 months old. He was a good friend and a good Shriner! he will be missed Pat and Bev Samples

Pat Samples - February 17, 2016 at 08:18 PM



“ Not often in life do we have a friend that we would trust our life to. When we know that person they become a (Lifer) That was My Friend Jay. I will miss Him and Never forget all the times we Had. We laughed together cried together and occasionally argued and then laughed again. We worked together for a long time and He was amazing with his abilities. He could wire a house after he built it plumb it or whatever from the ground up. just to mention a few. God spoke of friendship in the book of John; and Jesus said: Greater love has no one than this, to Lay down one's life for one's friends.
That was the type of friend Jay was. Our Hearts are Broken. R.I.P
Brother
RH

Robbie Hancock - February 17, 2016 at 07:02 PM