



Oliver James Hart, Jr.

April 3, 2009

Pawleys Island Oliver James Hart, Jr., 57, husband of Nancy Reese Hart, of Pawleys Island, South Carolina died suddenly April 3rd 2009. He was born in Columbia SC May 13, 1951 to the late Oliver James Hart and Edith Jane Going. Having attended public schools in Columbia, SC he was in the class of 1969 at Dreher High and attended the University of South Carolina where he was a member of the sigma alpha epsilon fraternity. Jim's love of sports, games, and hanging out with his many and diverse friends led him to amass, one of the country's largest collections of vintage beer and sports neon signage. In the truest sense, Jim never met a stranger. His rare wit and humor was a magnet for the many friends who will now truly miss this man of great generosity and endearing nature. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, daughters Claire Hyson Hart and Meredith Grace Hart both of Charleston, brother Ree Bettie Hart, aunt Georgia Herbert Hart, cousins Dr. O Frank Hart, George Childs Hart, Dr. Henry Asbill, Becky Hart Smith, and Nancy Asbill Falls, nephews Bo Hart, Cam Hart, Robert Bryan, Joseph Bryan and niece Elizabeth Bryan. A celebration of his life will be held at 5:00 P.M. Sunday, April 19, 2009 at Litchfield by the Sea Community Beach House. In the spirit of the life of Jim Hart, the family asks that in lieu of flowers that donations and acts of goodwill be made to less fortunate citizens in ones community.

Tribute Wall



“ Nancy, We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Jim will be remembered as a wonderful friend and neighbor to us. With our deepest sympathy, Marty & Gloria Adams Boyd, Alice Lee & Lee Adams##imported-begin##Marvin & Gloria Adams##imported-end##

April 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy, Words cannot express the sadness I feel over the loss of Jim. I felt the same way when Frank died so suddenly in 1998. I had not seen Jim in years but would know him by that fabulous smile in the picture. Since Mama died in 2006 I have not kept up, only seeing Ree and Bettie on infrequent trips to Columbia. Our families were so close with Jane, my godmother, and Mama, Ree's godmother. We went on vacations together. Frank and Jim were great friends and of course we all went to Mrs. McCreight's together. I had hoped to make it to Litchfield for the celebration but couldn't. Maybe I can visit you this summer when I am down at Litchfield. Our sympathies to all of you. God Bless.##imported-begin##Becky Turner Riggs##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy, David and I were so sad to receive the news concerning Jim's unexpected passing. David absolutely loves the neon motorcycle sign, Jim recently gave him. He was such a dear friend, and we want you to know that you and the girls have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Debbie Kinder##imported-end##

April 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Nancy, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's untimely passing. He was a great husband and dad and a real friend to all. His sense of humor had no equal. I'm so sorry for your loss. Jim will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Janet Nelson##imported-end##

April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy, Claire and Meredith, you all have my deepest sympathy for it's never easy to lose someone you love so dearly. My thoughts, prayers and heart are with you all and the rest of your family.##imported-begin##William Taylor##imported-end##

April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim was an old friend and classmate starting with Mrs. McCreight's kindergarten in the 50's and he will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.##imported-begin##Allen and Cheryl Fisher##imported-end##

April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy, our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jack Fuller and Mary V.##imported-end##

April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Nancy, I was so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. I think back to the day's at Morningside when you and I would see each other as we visited our moms. You were so good to mother - you were like a second daughter to her. I adored your mom and I learned that she had passed a little earlier. I met Jim at her 85th birthday and knew immediately that he loved life and he enjoyed every minute of it. Know that you and your girls are in my thoughts and prayers. If you are ever in Columbia, let me know. With sympathy and love, Pam Knudsen###imported-begin##Pam Knudsen###imported-end##

April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy....you and Jim became very dear to us and we are very sorry for the loss of him...we also feel the loss. The up side is he was not subjected to sickness and suffering. We're thinking of you and the girls.....let us take some of your hurt. Thank you for being our friend.....###imported-begin##Theresa & Sonny George###imported-end##

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim had a true and kind spirit. I send my love and condolences to Nancy and to all the friends and family of this wonderful man who will be deeply missed.###imported-begin##Pamela Deakins Noga###imported-end##

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ jim was a great friend who would always lend a helping hand. His unique sense of humor and love of people was his trademark.###imported-begin##jeff dayton###imported-end##

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ NULL##imported-begin##nancy benko##imported-end##

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy, So sorry to hear of Jims passing away. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Didn't know you had moved. Bill##imported-begin##Bill Weathersbee##imported-end##

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To all our dear friends: Celebration party for Jim will be a 5 PM at the "Beach House" inside Litchfield By The Sea aka Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort. Intersection of Hwy 17Ocean Hwy. and Willbrook Blvd. Turn east toward the ocean, Enter the main gate and ask directions to the Beach House. Jim says leave your funeral clothes at home!##imported-begin##Nancy Hart##imported-end##

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy, we are so sorry for your loss. We will be thinking of you and your family in both thoughts and prayers. We have missed you both since your moving to the beach, but know that's where you both wanted to be.##imported-begin##Sam & Sue Turner##imported-end##

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy, Meredith & Claire, I am so sorry about your loss. Jim was a great father and husband. You have all been such a great 2nd family to me growing up and you will all be in our thoughts and prayers. We love you.##imported-begin##Lindsey Mitchell##imported-end##

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim and I grew up together. My mother always told me that she and Jane Hart were practically roommates in the hospital when Jim and I were born. He was 3 days younger. We attended both school and Church together while growing up in Columbia. I have vivid memories of trips to play basketball in the Episcopal tournament and specifically of one occasion when the game was stopped while Jim lay on the floor with his kneecap dislocated. Jim Hart was always a thoughtful and kind person who never met a stranger. I am sad that I had not seen more of Jim as we grew older and send my thoughts and prayers to Nancy, Ree and the girls.##imported-begin##Alvin Strasburger Jr##imported-end##

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Nancy and Girls: We were so sorry to hear of your loss of OJ. It has been so many years since we have seen you guys but memories sure flooded back when we saw his picture. Please know we are praying for you during this difficult time. Love, Beth and Frank##imported-begin##Beth and Frank Lengel##imported-end##

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I grew up in Columbia with Jim and went to Schneider, Hand Jr. High, and Dreher High school with him. We played little league baseball together and he was one of my best childhood friends as well as an adult friend until 1969 where he graduated at Dreher High School with me. I did not see Jim much after graduation because I went off to Newberry College and then got married and moved to Charleston S.C. to work. I will miss him very much and my prayers go out to his family. Jim will be missed as he new no stranger and he touched so many people and he was a joy to know.##imported-begin##Gene DeLoach##imported-end##

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy, It was much sadness that I read Jim's obituary in the paper on Sunday. I have many fond memories of "OJ" or "Oliver J" in the days when we worked at VC Summer Station. I have thought about you all several times and wondered where you were and how you were doing. My deepest sympathies to you and your family. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days. Shelton Lattimore##imported-begin##Shelton Lattimore##imported-end##

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To Nancy Claire & Merideth, Angela and I became friends with Jim and you all on the cruise 2 years ago and I feel that I was the Lucky One to have known him. Jim enjoyed life and people. I wish I could have known him better and longer. I will miss my friend. Nancy, Merideth and Claire you are in our hearts and our prayers and we are here for you all. Love - Ray & Angela##imported-begin##Ray & Angela Jansson##imported-end##

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