



# James E. Van Hook

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**J**ames E. Van Hook “Hooky” James E. Van Hook, age 76, passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at his home in Leesburg, Florida. Jim was born in Montezuma, Indiana and was a long time resident of Lebanon. He moved to Lebanon after meeting, Rosalie Valerine, who he married in 1957. Jim worked for 2 years at Commercial Filters. He was then employed by Allison Division of General Motors as a Technical Publications Writer for 31 years. During his tenure as Publications Writer, he helped design aircraft engines. Jim served in the United States Army from 1957-1959 and was again called to duty as an Army Engineer Advisor from 1961-1962. Jim served his community well. He was fondly known throughout town as “Hooky.” He enjoyed fishing and boating with close friends and family with many excursions to lakes in Indiana, Michigan, and Canada. Jim was a woodworker and affectionately known as “the go to guy” of the neighborhood. He was always willing to take on a project or lend a helping hand to others with theirs. Jim was active in the American Legion and was member of the Lebanon Elks Lodge #635 for 48 years. He served as Exalted Ruler from ..... Jim was a member of the Ulen Country Club where he was an avid golfer always ready for 9 or 18 holes whenever anyone called. He continued his love of the sport when he moved to Florida in 1999. Rosalie and Jim lived in Orlando before moving to the Plantations in Leesburg in 2004. Jim immediately organized a men’s golf league as well as a couples group fondly known as “Nine and Dine.” Jim was preceded in death by his son Michael Edward, parents Harry and Maude Van Hook, and sister Phyllis Uhler. He is survived by Rosalie his loving wife of 54 years. Also surviving are brother and sisters: Norman Van Hook, Leesburg, Florida; Judy Massey, River Falls, Wisconsin; Kay Stewart, Port Charlotte, Florida; Mary Jackson and Nadine Halstead both of Lebanon, Indiana; Sue Randle, Cloverdale, Indiana; and many nieces and nephews. Friends and family may share their thoughts and memories in the guestbook at



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[www.pagetheusfuneralhome.com](http://www.pagetheusfuneralhome.com)Celebration of Life Memorials will later be held in Leesburg and Lebanon with burial at Lincoln Memory Gardens Boone County Indiana. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778 or the National Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 7669, Atlanta, GA 30357-0669



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Hey can any individual help me? I need a zero cost MMORPG which has a massive amount of players and in addition they (properly many) can talk English. It is critical that the actual servers have a very many players. I'm trying to find something such as Diablo or World of Warcraft. I am as well not willing to spend any cash as I just have a little extra time to kill at this moment. It really is alright if the game is free with premium content. I have looked a lot with regard to MMORPGs but probably none from the sites basically say the amount of players are usually on-line. thanks a bunch##imported-begin##best free mmorpg##imported-end##

February 23 at 4:06 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

God saw he was tired and a cure was not within reach, so He embraced him and whispered in his ear "come home with me". Our hearts were deeply touched as we saw him whittle away, and yet, even though we loved him so much, it was impossible not to let him go. A heart of gold stopped beating, his hard working hands are resting. Now he is in his Heavenly home enjoying eternal happiness, because God only takes the very best.##imported-begin##Dora & Michael Cudemo##imported-end##

February 21 at 8:41 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We all knew that Jim was very sick, but when the life of a loved one ends, even knowing how very sick they were, it still leaves us in shock. Joe and I don't have the words to express how sad we are for your loss. We loved Jim too. Everything he did was done right and there was no one who could do anything any better than Jim. Whether he was cleaning the car, working on the house or building something, it was done with perfection. Joe still talks about the boat that he and Norman re-did. Joe said it is a "typical Van Hook Job". Rosalie, we know you miss him, but remember Jim knew that he had the best, most self-less and loving wife anyone could ask for and you took good care of him. We are here for you anytime you need something. We pray for you each day. Love, Joe and Anita##imported-begin##Joe and Anita Snodgrass##imported-end##

January 28 at 3:55 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

i really am not thinking after i read the first email i thought that didn't come out right! sorry about your luck , i meant you're stuck with us for life! we're your family now! weather you like it or not, we're your kids! you don't even have a say in the matter! you need anything and we'll be there...ron has spoken! and we don't challenge the men... love you rosie###imported-begin###ron & bj titus###imported-end###

January 28 at 3:23 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

rosie, i hope this is the real website that will get this message to you i think i got tricked by the lebanon reporter obit website to get that message delivered to you so check it. if you do get it i don't have to repeat anything here if not i have a lot to say memories, memories, memories.....one thing i will repeat is that you have never been far from our thoughts or our hearts i'm not sure either of you were aware of this but ron was a "jim's boy" he clung to whatever jim said like it was the gospel.....please keep in touch we love you so much and you are family###imported-begin###ron & bj titus###imported-end###

January 28 at 2:24 AM



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January 28 at 2:17 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

"Indiana Jim", It's 5 o'clock and we're having a glass of wine in your honor. Spending time in our second home across the street from you and Rosie will not be the same without you. You were a wonderful friend and mentor to us "kids" for the five years we have known you. Thank you for being so kind and generous with your time, your tools, your vast technical expertise, and your many years of experience in building and fixing things. And, thank you for helping us with "our truck" and for taking us for a ride in "our boat". Most of all, thank you for being a giant man with a big heart and warm smile and for genuinely caring about us and others. We love you and we will miss you. Rosie, please know that our thoughts are with you. Larry and Sharon McCourry, Clifton, Virginia##imported-begin##Larry and Sharon McCourry##imported-end##

January 27 at 6:59 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rosalie, I was so sorry to hear about Jim. I'm sure that you knew that I lost John on May 3, 2009 and it has really been a rough road. My thoughts and prayers are with you and I hope to be able to see you when you are here for his memorial in Lebanon. Stay strong and never loose your faith. I'm thinking and praying for you. Mrs. (John) Karen Adams Lasley##imported-begin##Karen Adams Lasley##imported-end##

January 27 at 4:32 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

When we moved to the Plantation five years ago, Jim immediately took us under his wing, providing assistance with everything from finding a golf league to the best Italian restaurant in town. Jim was always there to provide woodworking assistance, and we valued our times with he and Rosalie. His kindness, compassion, and down to earth common sense will surely be missed by us all. Smooth sailing, my friend.##imported-begin##Jim Packett & Betty Webster##imported-end##

January 26 at 11:30 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

It is a real tragedy for us, his neighbors at The Plantation to have lost our good friend, Jim. He was one of the warmest persons we knew, always there with a joke or kind word to cheer us up. He innumerable times helped us with the technical skills we lacked, fixing a piece of furniture, building a drawer and a number of other things. He was an inspiration to all whom he touched. We shall miss him greatly. Our deepest sympathy goes to Rosalie, Norm, Judy and the rest of his family.##imported-begin##Bill and Birgitta Namad##imported-end##

January 25 at 4:40 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jim will be missed by all who had the privilage of knowing him, especially by his friend who he affectionately called "Fred". As for Mary, she no longer has someone to tease her and make her feel good as a friend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rosalie. She was a true and faithful wife 'til the end.##imported-begin##Eugene and Mary Leyba##imported-end##

January 25 at 3:31 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am so sorry for your lost of your beloved Jim, Roslie, but know there are so many warm, happy memories of yesterday's:) I am happy to have shared just a small portion of my life with y ou guys:).##imported-begin##Shirley A. Dye##imported-end##

January 24 at 6:34 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jim was my brother; not my brother-in-law. He was the first to accept me into the Van Hook "In-laws" when others were more hesitant. I remember our times working on projects, making wine, playing bridge, and gettng into the tropical fish hobby together. Lots of good memories. I love and miss you, Jim. I will never forget you.##imported-begin##Wayne Massey##imported-end##

January 24 at 4:52 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

You will always be my hooky-bear and greatly missed my friend. Truly never forgotten.....##imported-begin##Chris Hemmer##imported-end##

January 24 at 4:18 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

It's hard to know what to say... Uncle Jim was a "BIG" man in my eyes. One of those people in your life that you look up to and want approval from. I'm sure many of his nieces and nephews have the same memory I have... Stealing Uncle Jim's toupee off the top of his head whenever you got to sit in his lap. He never got mad, just smiled that big smile and gave that deep laugh. I will greatly miss my Uncle Jim... I console myself in the knowledge that he surrendered his life to the belief that Jesus was and is the savior of the world and that through Him we can be joined to God for eternity. For my dear Aunt Rosie, I love you so much and miss you. I wish I could come and give you a BIG, BIG hug and just hold you for a bit. I know this time is so very hard, we are praying for you that God will give you extra strength and a foundation of peace to build on. Brad, Miriam and Family

January 24 at 3:54 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jim was a big part of starting up our new community when we all started moving into Chanticleer Village, 2005, he organized & helped most of the projects we continue today, such as the new Flag pole, managing the flying, lighting & replacement of worn American Flag for our community. He was instrumental in the design & construction of the Xmas entrance decoration & many more. He was a master craftsman in wood working. He will leave a big vacancy in our lives.

January 24 at 3:40 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

"Uncle Jim," as I called him, was not really an uncle but more like a second father to me. He loved to call me "Nellie Bell." I can't remember a time in my life that he wasn't around--birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversary, birth of our children. I always knew I had a second home with Uncle Jim and Aunt Rosie. I love you both very much. I am so thankful I was able to visit Florida again in November and for the many happy memories and laughs we shared over the years. You will always be in my heart. I know you have a special place in heaven.

January 24 at 12:53 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My Peeper,I am going to miss you so much. You were an amazing person and the memories I have of you I will cherish forever. You may be gone but you will never be forgotten. My brother, sister and I will never forget the times we spent with you. I know your looking down on us and We will continue to look up to you like we always have. I will tell Lily all about you someday. I love you very much peeper.Heaven is lucky to have you :)love,"your little sweetie" Casey###imported-begin##Casey Quebe###imported-end##

January 24 at 10:43 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We will keep our memories close to our heart. Love you.###imported-begin##John & Carolyn Dulin###imported-end##

January 23 at 2:07 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Please join me in remembering my brother and best friend. I am so thankful that I was able to spend a great deal of time with Jim during the last four months of his life. We were able to spend a great deal of time talking and laughing with each other as we remembered many happy memories. I will miss him deeply and regret that I will be unable to see him again. I know that he will always be looking over me and making sure that I will always be safe and happy as he did during our life together.I looking forward to reading the memories that share with us on this website.Thank you,Judy MasseyN8530 1205th St.River Falls, WI 54022###imported-begin##Judy Massey###imported-end##

January 23 at 11:56 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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