



Samuel "Jim" Starns

May 23, 2017

Jim, age 73, went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. He was a native of Hammond and a resident of Loranger. Jim was a sweet and honest soul, who was well liked by everyone, and was an all around great person. He retired from the Postal Service after 30 plus years of service, where he met many people through the years who fell in love with his stories of the good old days, playfulness and his massive stature. Jim enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, teaching them to fish and hunt, refereeing, umpiring and cheering them on for their ball games, and showing them up on crossword puzzles. He enjoyed card games with his buddies.

Jim leaves behind his loving wife of 44 years, Linda Starns; daughter, Lori Starns Reid and husband Jeffrey; son, Jeffrey Starns and wife Dawn; grandchildren, Tanner Reid, Hunter Reid, Tori Reid, and Jolie Lepere; as well as his sister, Deborah Starns; and his brother, Robert Starns.

Preceded in death were his parents, Joseph and Virdie Lee Starns; sisters, Doris Pigott and Betty Lemons.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond, on Friday, May 26, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. until a small Memorial Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family requests monetary donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA
12012 Highway 190 W
Hammond, LA 70401
(225) 567-1884

Memorial Service

MAY **26.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Melissa Gatlin lit a candle in memory of Samuel "Jim" Starns*



Melissa Gatlin - June 13, 2017 at 08:44 AM

MG

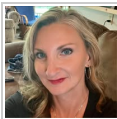
Bless Mr. Jim and his beautiful family and legacy he gives. His daughter is such a sweet giving blessing to so many which I know was inherited through Mr. Jim. It is also shining through his grandson Tanner, whom I had the pleasure to teach this past school year. I foresee Tanner living out Mr. Jim's seeds that he planted so deeply here. I can't wait to witness the fruits of it all. God hold this family close and may peace fill their souls. Amen

Melissa Gatlin - June 13, 2017 at 08:49 AM

JS

“ *So many fond memories of Jim and his family. His dad always had a smile and a hearty "Hello". Jim and I shared many an hour squirrel hunting and fishing on our local waters as well as playing high school basketball together. He was a gentle soul and lots of fun. We will all miss him. God bless his family. We share your sense of loss.*
Jeff Schneider

Jeff Schneider - May 29, 2017 at 04:44 PM



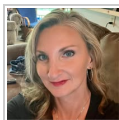
Thank you. This is his daughter Lori. I was looking through his yearbook while he was in the hospital and saw his basketball, volleyball and I think baseball. We appreciate you taking the time to remember Dad.

Lori Reid - June 12, 2017 at 10:52 AM

LY

“ I have so many great memories with the Starns family from my youth. I spent all of my teenage years back and forth from my family's home to the Starns' home via sleepovers, campouts, Fishing and just goofing around with Jeff. Once Mr Jim took Jeff and I fishing at Miller's pond and we were enjoying some fishing and some chewing tobacco that we snuck in our boots. We stopped on a little island in the middle and found a "honey hole" amidst the excitement of catching so many fish so easily we realized that our boat had been blown almost clear to the other side of the lake. We hollered for Mr Jim and he came and rescued us. As we paddled to our boat we realized the chewing tobacco was on the boat seat. Mr Jim asked us where it came from and we both nervously said "that was in the boat already" I thought for certain that we would both be in big trouble. Mr Jim just calmly looked at us both and said, "you boys ought not be doing that". I will always remember that day and how that situation would be with someone else. That was the day I realized Mr Jim was "cool". He is greatly missed. Thanks for everything "Big Jim"!

Lance Younger - May 26, 2017 at 05:42 PM



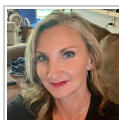
You know we love you like family Lance. I have just now been able to begin to read these but we to have been talking about "Lance" stories lately.

Lori Reid - June 12, 2017 at 10:56 AM

MR

“ My condolences on your loss. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Mittie Rohner - May 25, 2017 at 10:04 PM



Thank you so much for your caring thoughts.

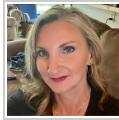
Lori Reid - June 12, 2017 at 10:56 AM

SD

“ I graduated from high school with Jim, he was one of the finest people I have ever know. May he rest in peace in the loving arms of the Lord.

Sam Dileo

Sam Dileo - May 25, 2017 at 10:19 AM



I truly agree. Life hasn't been the same without him. He was one of a kind. Thank you.

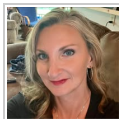
Lori Reid - June 12, 2017 at 10:57 AM

JM

“ Linda, Lori, Jeff and family we are heartbroken for all of you in the loss of Jim. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God Bless and Comfort you with his Peace and Love at this most difficult time. Sending our Love, Jo & Tommy Marten



Jo & Tommy Marten - May 25, 2017 at 09:50 AM



Thank you I know that you know how big of a loss this is for our family. I remember so many great times with our families. We wish you well.

Lori Reid - June 12, 2017 at 11:00 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Samuel "Jim" Starns.

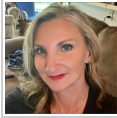


May 25, 2017 at 01:53 AM

GD

“ *Mr Starns always seem to be a good mood. Officiated many Football games with him. We be calling games on the the big football field in heaven.*

Greg Domiano - May 24, 2017 at 08:17 PM



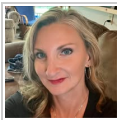
I'm sure he will and making corrections when others make mistakes on calls. Thank you for your kind words.

Lori Reid - June 12, 2017 at 11:02 AM

TD

“ *Linda, Jeff and Laurie. So very sorry to learn of Jim's passing. He was truly, truly a very good person. I loved hearing his corny little jokes and his laughter which was so contagious. When he was on break, he loved playing dominoes with the guys and was great with cross word puzzles.. I had the honor of working around Jim for 29 years at the Hammond Post office. I just can not say enough good things about him. Jim was very, very proud of you Linda, Jeff and Laurie. God truly gained an angel when he got Jim.*

Tilly DiiMaggio - May 24, 2017 at 06:44 PM



Thank you so much Mrs. Tilly. Daddy always thought fondly of your family as well. I think one of the things that I miss most are the corny jokes.

Lori Reid - June 12, 2017 at 11:04 AM

GA

“ *So sorry for your loss and the loss of another long time dear friend. Our prayers are with you.*

Gordon Anderson - May 24, 2017 at 05:26 PM

GB

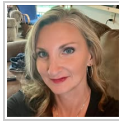
Linda, I am so very sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. GayLynne Boutte'

GayLynne Boutte - May 26, 2017 at 01:59 PM

ER

Jimmy's grandmother and my mother were sisters. Many years ago all us cousins spent some great times together. Even then Jimmy was a special person. Later we only saw each other occasionally but I will always remember Jimmy. Heaven has truly gained another saint. My condolences to his family. Elaine Crockett Rainey

Elaine C Rainey - May 26, 2017 at 05:02 PM



Thank you Mr. Anderson. We appreciate your kind words.

Lori Reid - June 12, 2017 at 11:05 AM