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James Hackett, James J. Lt. Col. Age 84, April 3, 2016, baptized into the hope of Christ’s Resurrection. Dearest husband of 58 years of Loretta M. Hackett (nee Janisch); loving father of Michael J. Hackett (Beth), Carrie Hackett Woolsey (Ross), Elizabeth Walsh (Michael) and Catherine Montgomery (Eric); dearest grandfather of Abby, Charles, Bridget, James, Michael, Molly, John, Danny, Patrick and Henry; dear brother of the late Mary Bruenning; and our dear brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle, cousin and friend. Jim was the son of Irish immigrants and a St. Louis native, and grew up in St. Teresa’s Parish near the old Sportsman’s Park. There he held his first jobs with both the Cardinals and the Browns, and learned many lessons which would serve him well later in life. Jim, a 1949 graduate of Chaminade College Preparatory School was a gifted athlete and in 2012 was proud to become a member of the first class of initiates into the Chaminade Athletic Hall of Fame. In 1952 Jim joined the United States Coast Guard and served three years. He graduated from the FBI academy in Quantico, VA and served as the General Chairman for the 1988 National Academy Associated Executive Board. He entered the St. Louis Police Academy in 1955, spending more than two-thirds of his career as a detective and eventually rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and Chief of Detectives. After retiring from the Police Department, he joined his son Michael at Hackett Security, a
locally based national security alarm firm. Services: Mass will be celebrated 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church, 401 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131. In lieu of flowers, donations to James J. Hackett '49 Memorial Scholarship for Chaminade College Preparatory School, 425 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131. Interment Calvary Cemetery. The family is being served by O'SULLIVAN-MUCKLE MORTUARY.

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always in our prayers, what a great person he was, always kept contact with us

**jerry o sullivan**
Friend
April 1, 2019

...to all the Hackett family, we are very sorry for your great loss, over the years we have looked forward to his visits here in Ireland and had some great times together, our only regret was that we did not get a chance to visit in St Louis, he always wanted us to we will miss the telephone calls and jerry and jim going over the family histories, in honor of his memory we will keep in touch with you always, and please when in Ireland give us a call, lots of love and heartfelt
sorrow for you at this time
jerry and marie o sullivan

April 11, 2016

Sorry to hear of the passing of LTC James J. Hackett, a fine commander and true law enforcement professional. I served under him in the 4th District, BFO Staff Office, and the Bureau of Investigation.

Gary Poelling

April 9, 2016

I am among those deeply grateful to Col. Hackett for his successful campaign to find the killer of my dear friend Sr. Patricia Ann Kelley. I am also grateful to him for his confident assurances regarding a daughter’s safety amid his efforts to locate her when she temporarily went missing following her graduation from Visitation Academy. Finally, I learned a few years ago from Col. Hackett himself that he had been a crony of my dad’s, especially when the good old boys gathered at Kreis’s restaurant in Frontenac. On behalf of Sr Pat, my daughter, my dad, my husband and myself, I wish a warm welcome at the Pearly Gates to a model of an honorable police officer and a fine human being who represents the best of our home town -- a "sort of a saint," as the Post-Dispatch once wrote in an editorial about Sr. Pat.

Pamela Nakis Schaeffer

April 9, 2016

There was no greater honor than having the privilege of meeting up with COL. Hackett at the gym. My experience with the COL is priceless. James Hackett mentored me and guided with his words of wisdom. I looked forward everyday seeing him. His nickname for me - “SONNY JIM”. His love and devotion to his family & the community of St.Louis is his legacy. A lot of our conversations were about his children and his wife, oh and golf (LOL) Carrie thank you so much for introducing me to the COL. His class, dedication and professionalism stand out.
I love that guy, they don't make Men like him anymore.

Family: To Mrs. Loretta Hackett, Michael, Carrie, Elizabeth, Catherine (Kate), the grandchildren. I can’t express how much he loved you. I feel like I know each and every one of you just on the countless hours of conversations that we had. From an outsiders perspective, he is one of a kind and his time on this earth was fulfilled with all of you in it. You were his world.

His Influence: Servant and Protector
After 911, I had a big huge decision to make. The COL wrote a Letter of Recommendation for me to be an officer in the U.S. Military. After his encouragement I was off and running to the 82nd AIRBORNE to serve my country. I fully understand what it means to Serve after our pep talks.

My toast in the Ole Irish way, "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; Love leaves a memory no one can steal."

~Sonny Wolfe~ SGT. 82nd AIRBORNE
INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

Sonny Wolfe April 8, 2016

I am sad to hear about the passing of this great man, but also grateful for having gotten to know him and other members of the family. What a vibrant, interesting man, and generous, to give me such insights into his friend Stan Musial, and the era when both were giants in St. Louis. I still remember how Jim made a detour to his beloved Chaminade, and how he introduced himself to Bradley Beal, who courteously removed his headset and gave him full respect. What a meeting of champs, and eras. Please know I am thinking of Jim Hackett and his wonderful family. With my prayers, George Vecsey

George Vecsey April 8, 2016
I played handball with then Lt. Hackett during lunch time at the Police Academy in 1974 when I was a Police Cadet in the SLMPD. He was a nice man and made a positive impression on me. My prayers and sympathy are with his family.

**Michael Panneri**  
April 8, 2016

Sorry for you loss. He was a nice man.  
I worked with him at the 8th District as a Teleprocessing Clerk, 1968.  
Colleen Grady Los Angeles, CA

**April 8, 2016**

RIP, Jim. I'll miss seeing you at The Muny on Monday nights. You were a true professional and a consummate gentleman. We all are better for all your contributions. God Bless, Col.

**Harry Hamm**  
April 7, 2016

To Stubb and your Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss of your Father, Lucky

**April 7, 2016**

GREAT MAN!!!! Sorry for your loss. Sure did help me in my career on the PD.

**Sheila Simmons**  
April 7, 2016
Carrie and Mike, and the entire Hackett family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Chuck Kaiser
April 6, 2016

IIZ & cARRIE, Sorry about the loss of the beloved Hackett patriarch. My condolences & prayers from the boondocks. Deni O’Rourke Eureka Springs, Ark.

April 6, 2016

Col.Hackett(Mr. Hackett to the kids on Sonora) and has family always made me laugh and I have happy memories of that time of childhood. Thank you for moving to our side of Brentwood. Moira Pons Byrd Nast

Moira Pons Nast
April 6, 2016

Jim was the best and not like any other. The McDonnells and the Hacketts were distant cousins, originally from County Kerry, Ireland. As a former St. Louis Police Officer and new lawyer 38 years ago I always sought Jim's advice on any subject whether it was law cases, politics, horseracing, sports, fact checking, who's who and just about everything else. He always had the right answer along with new information.

When he became the Chief of Detectives he looked like he came straight from central casting in Hollywood. He immediately selected highly capable detectives and cleaned up several open homicides within a few months. He was always positive, energetic, constructive and helpful to everyone around him.

To Loretta, Mike, Kerry, Cate and Liz be assured Jim is in good hands now.

He will always be a part of us.
Bernie McDonnell

April 6, 2016

To the Hackett Family,
I am so very sorry for your loss.
I have very fond memories of Colonel Hackett, Dad said that I was to address him as Colonel. He was always so kind to me and I will always remember him. A great man.
Prayers to you all from Louisville, KY.

I met Col. Hackett when he was Lt. in Dist.#8 and I was in Dist.#7 in 1968. We found out very quickly that we had similar back ground in that my parents were also from Ireland, his family and mine were from the same county. Just about 2 years ago I spent hours with Col. Hackett at his sons security office in Ladue. I was just 2 years ago I was going to be in Ireland that fall. He insisted that I meet with his family members. I met with his 1st cousin in Tralee, Co. Kerry and had a great time. From a personal perspective Col. Hackett often talked about his connection between he and my father, they were both were great handball players. I greatly admired him, he was great, I spent hours with him, I thought he would live to be a hundred, thin, slim, athletic. I will miss him, It will be an honor for me to part of the police delegation at Mass this weekend. My condolences to his family. I will certainly include Col. HAckett and his family in my prayers.
Thomas Patrick O'Connor

April 6, 2016

I was in the Class 1949 with Jim and followed his career. I joined the Marianist in '49. I have fond memories of those days and lots of memories. I'll have one of
priest offer Mass for Jim and our Bros will pray for him.

**Gerard Sullivan, SM**

April 6, 2016

It is an honor to have known the Colonel. May the Hackett family find comfort in knowing how well loved and respected Jim was. Peace be with you and all who knew him.

**Jennie Shane**

April 6, 2016

Jim and I met at Chaminade in the 40’s. We enjoyed each other’s friends, families and careers as our lives changed over the years. I will greatly miss our long chats, camaraderie, golf stories and luncheon conversations most recently here in Arizona. Everyone always felt comfortable in his presence. He leaves a remarkable and giving wife Loretta and exceptional children and grandchildren. RIP

**tom hullverson**

April 6, 2016

To the Hackett:
Our thought are with you at this difficult time. Each time I ran into "Colonel" he would always tell me a new story about my dad Bob Fuchs and Sportsmans Park and there were generally some kind of shenanigans involved. Please know that we are thinking of you and your family.

**Dianne and Bob Scheetz**

April 6, 2016
Jim, or Col. Hackett as my father-in-law always called him, was a great guy and despite of our age difference (27 years), I felt he treated me as a friend. He will be missed.

David Edmonds

April 6, 2016
The Stages of Grief

You may have heard that there are five stages of grief. This is one approach to thinking about grief that many people have found helpful.