



James "Jim" Hull

February 18, 1956 - February 6, 2026

James Vernon Hull, 69, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away on Friday, February 6, 2026. He was born on February 18, 1956, in Defiance, Ohio, to the late Ross and Bertia (Furrow) Hull. On June 30, 1978, he married the love of his life, Lynn Rolander, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in McClure, and they spent a loving 47 years together.

Jim was a caring, generous and compassionate son, brother, father, grandfather and friend. At the age of 12, Jim won an essay contest to become the bat boy for the Toledo Mudhens during the 1969 season. Jim's passion for baseball remained, and he was a very skilled catcher throughout his teenage and young adult years. After graduating from Napoleon High School in 1974 and attending Ohio State University, Jim went on to become the advertising manager of the Northwest Signal newspaper during the 1990's. Anyone who knew Jim knows that he was an avid music lover, and loved to share music with everyone he met. Jim's sense of humor and special way with words always entertained his friends and family. Jim cherished and prioritized lifelong friendships that meant the world to him, and Jim's love for his family, especially his grandchildren, defined his life. Later in life, Jim discovered a love of creating art, and painted dozens of beautiful and imaginative surrealist landscapes. His creativity extended into writing poems and short stories which he loved to share with family and friends. Jim marveled at and was nurtured by the beauty of nature, and had a passion for collecting rocks and crystals. In

2006, Jim and Lynn embarked upon a life-changing month-long cross-country trip out west, camping in many National Parks along the way.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Lynn Hull; children, Jessica (Craig) Dehnbostel, Matt (Savannah Nowakowski) Hull; grandchildren, Jillian, Allison, Owen, and Lauren Dehnbostel, and Rena Hull; brother, C. Raymond Marvin; as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Jim is preceded in death by his son, Alexander Ross Hull; and sister, Romaine Waisner.

Friends and family will be received at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, from 2pm until 7pm. Services will be held for Jim on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at Christ United Methodist Church, Napoleon, at 11am, with an hour of visitation prior to services. Pastor Justin McCall will be officiating services on Thursday. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made out to Christ United Methodist Church, or Soaring Arts Studio of Napoleon. Online condolences may also be left for the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB 11. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Memorial Gathering

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ United Methodist
1255 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

KK

“ My thought and prayers are with Lynn and the family. It's been several years since I've seen Jim or talked to him but I used to work the drive through at Rite Aid and Jim was a wonderful guy. I always was happy to see him. He will be very missed.

Kristina L Kahrs - February 16 at 05:43 PM

WW

“ Lynn Jessica and Matt
We are so sorry to hear about Jim's passing He could light up any room , always so happy and wanted to know how our family was doing. Gods Peace. Will and Pat

will and Pat Wagner - February 16 at 01:34 AM

CA

“ Lynn and family,
So very sorry to learn about the passing of Jim. He was a wonderful person, and leaves behind a beautiful legacy. My heart goes out to you on this loss.



Carol Agler - February 12 at 09:08 AM

AG

“ Andrea Gross lit a candle in memory of James Hull



Andrea Gross - February 12 at 12:03 AM

JN

“ My deepest condolences to you all. I worked with Jim at the Northwest Signal in the late 80's early 90's . Jim was very much like an older brother to me , I could always talk to him just about life in general , but yes especially music . I was glad we could keep in touch through Facebook. Again my prayers for you all .

Justin Nelson - February 11 at 03:46 PM

TR

“ Lynn, you were his light in life, we went out to celebrate my upcoming marriage and he confided that he loved you from the moment he saw you. Your love and devotion was his rock. Deepest sympathies.



Tom Riley - February 10 at 03:21 PM

TR

“ Tom & Carol Riley purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Hull.



Tom & Carol Riley - February 10 at 03:08 PM

TR

“ Tom & Carol Riley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Hull.

Tom & Carol Riley - February 10 at 03:08 PM

LD

“ Love, Debbie & John “Tricks” Dietrick purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James “Jim” Hull.



Love, Debbie & John “Tricks” Dietrick - February 10 at 01:53 PM

TF

“ The Glanz family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James “Jim” Hull.



The Glanz family - February 10 at 11:42 AM

TF

“ The Glanz family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James “Jim” Hull.

The Glanz family - February 10 at 11:42 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James “Jim” Hull.



February 09 at 06:40 PM

JS

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences Lynn, family and friends. May God comfort you at this time of loss. And may he enjoy eternal peace with Our Lord. Sincerely, Jan and John Stover

Jan Stover - February 09 at 05:57 PM

JR

“ Lynn and family, we are sending prayers and deepest sympathy to all of you.

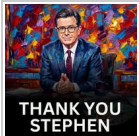
John & Tresa Rowland - February 09 at 04:38 PM

TF

“ The Fulkrod Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Hull.



The Fulkrod Family - February 09 at 03:38 PM



“ The world has become a little dimmer. Jim was the epitome of a good man. I will miss him greatly. My condolences to his friends and family, whom he loved so so much.

Karen Worth - February 09 at 12:30 PM