



Robert V Hooks

November 9, 1980 - December 23, 2023

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel
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Tribute Wall

RZ

“ I worked with Robert at the Armatage Elementary school...he was my twin brother in faith in the Triune God Shaddai... I lost touch with him since my surgery and only found out that he passed on through and e-mail from Alexis who was a fellow employee. Robert is with God now and I look forward to seeing him when I make my parole from this fallen world. Shalom! Messianic Rabbi Richard LeMar Zadworny

Rabbi Z - January 25, 2024 at 03:06 PM

“ I am a special education teacher at Armatage School. My class size is small, but my students often have the most significant learning and behavior needs. I rely on the building engineers more than most teachers, so I always make an effort to establish a good relationship. When Robert joined the Armatage staff, I didn't hesitate to "get in good" with him. But there was no need; Robert was kind, patient and dependable the moment we met. I can still hear his voice every time I sheepishly asked for something: "Don't worry. I got you." And he did; my students always had what they needed.

I have a tendency to work late. One evening Robert came to clean my classroom at 7p. He wanted to know why I was still at work. I could see he wasn't happy. "I thought the building was open until 8p," I said. "Yeah, it is - for ME. Teachers gotta be out by 6." I apologized profusely and hurriedly packed my belongings and left. It would be a far cry to say Robert was angry. He used a stern voice, that was about it. Two days later, I found a note on my desk from Robert. He had written it on a large sheet of paper with a bold, black marker to be sure I would see it. He told me I could continue to work as late as 8p. I thanked Robert profusely when I saw him. I also teased him a bit, saying it would probably have been better for my mental health had he insisted I always leave by 6.

That was the thing about Robert; he was easy to talk to and easy to laugh with. He also had the best taste in music! Late at night, with no one but Robert and I in the school, I could hear the music he chose to play. Sometimes he even played songs from way back in my youth! He had a good ear for the new and the classic.

Robert was young enough to be my son, but I always thought of him like the big brother I wished I'd had. I enjoyed his company, and it always touched my heart the way he looked out for me and my students. I am going to miss him dearly.

I know my grief doesn't compare to that of Robert's family. My Dad

passed in April 2023, so I may know some of what you feel. A wise man told me, "I know it's hard, but try to remember, it's not about the beginning or the end, it's about the journey." When I thanked him for his kind words, he said, "We are all on this earth to help each other." We certainly wish Robert's journey had been much longer, but I find comfort knowing Robert fulfilled his journey - he was always there to help others.

I send heartfelt wishes for comfort and peace.

*Stacy Haidle
Special Education Teacher
Armatage Elementary School*

Stacy Ann Haidle - January 07, 2024 at 11:08 PM

BR

“ *My sincere and deepest condolences to the family.*

Barbara Rice - January 06, 2024 at 12:08 PM

SW

“ *Man Bro I can't believe you gone all the talks we had the times we just kicked the Bo Bo's will never go unnoticed watch over all of us... You touched everyone that came across your path in different ways and for that I'm forever grateful... I loved some you and you loved some me... See when I get there Big Bro... FOREVER YOU*



Sharion Wilson - January 06, 2024 at 11:37 AM

RG

“ *I worked Security with Rob back in the day, he will be missed. Rest in Peace Rob. Prayers to Brandi & Family/Friends*

Rhonda Gordner - January 06, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ *Rest well Bro!!!! I thank god for allowing me to have a great friend like you! I will miss you Bro*

Anthony Buford - January 06, 2024 at 03:28 AM



“ *HE WAS/STILL IS A HELL OF A GUY, I WILL MOST DEFINITELY MISS MY FRIEND. WE MET THROUGH MY NIECE BUT WE STAYED IN TOUCH NO MATTER WHAT. WE JOKED AND LAUGHED ABOUT STUFF THAT HAPPENED ON WHAT I CALLED FACEYBOOK. THE DAY YOUR FATHER GOD CALLED YOU HOME TO BE WITH HIM, I WAS IN SHOCK (STILL IS) I HAD TO REACH OUT TO BRANDI TO HEAR THE TRUTH.SHES AWESOME SHE HAS DONE AN AWESOME JOB TAKING CARE OF YOU ONE LAST TIME (GOD GAVE YOU THE RIGHT MATE) SO WITH THAT BEING SAID ...REST WELL MY FRIEND, UNTIL WE CAN LAY EYES ON ONE ANOTHER.*

JACQUELINE HAWKINS - January 05, 2024 at 09:01 PM



“ *Robert was a teammate of my son at Dunbar Vocational Career Academy in Chicago. I was very involved with the parent group. We all got to know the guys on the team very well. Robert was the ULTIMATE team player. He was a fearless football player. He was the kind of friend that anyone is lucky to have. He was unforgettable. Rest In Peace, Robert. You are gone much to soon.*

MARGARET HALL - January 03, 2024 at 09:32 AM