



## James W. Hammond

July 12, 1935 - July 3, 2020

James Warren Hammond, 84, of Waterville Valley, New Hampshire and Falmouth, Maine died peacefully on July 3, 2020 at Sedgewood Commons in Falmouth, Maine of complications from COVID-19. He was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1935, the only son of George and Marion Davis Hammond. He grew up in Ann Arbor, Sayre, Pennsylvania and Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Jim attended the Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, Massachusetts and served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was graduated from Tufts University with a B.A. degree in Spanish and Spanish Literature and received his M.A. from Middlebury College. He continued graduate studies at the University of Michigan and the University of Barcelona. Jim taught Spanish and German, chaired the Language departments, and coached football, wrestling and lacrosse at both Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania and Holderness School in Holderness, New Hampshire. He participated in the Out Back program at the Holderness School. In 1966, he and his family moved to Barcelona, Spain, where he taught at the American Institute and studied at the University of Barcelona for a year. Jim and his family spent the summers on Cape Cod, Massachusetts where he was a summer police officer for the Town of Barnstable, Massachusetts. Jim is survived by his wife, Loli, of Falmouth, Maine; son Frederic Hammond of Swampscott, Massachusetts and daughter Heidi O'Connor and her husband Michael O'Connor of Falmouth, Maine, as well as four grandchildren, Madeleine O'Connor, Charles Hammond, Caroline Hammond and Chase O'Connor. He was predeceased by his grandson George Hammond.

Jim was a masterful teacher and coach. He had an outrageous sense of humor that endeared him to all who knew him. Jim often introduced himself as "the strongest man in the world." Jim was kindhearted and lived life to the fullest. He will be dearly missed, and never forgotten.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no services have been planned. The family wishes that any memorial contributions be made to charity or to others in need.

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ I had the good fortune to live in Jim and Loli's dorm home twice in my four years at Holderness. Jim's inherent care and love of people was always felt. His smile and sparkle were contagious. A true renaissance man, he always lifted one's spirit. As my Spanish teacher, I don't think I will ever forget his entertaining and often hilarious style of teaching—using chalk as a cigarette, jumping on his desk, opening windows in the middle of class to chat with walkers outside, or his stories—engaging and rarely repeated. He kept me going in a language that I'm very grateful to have for the rest of my life and will always remind me of him.

Mr. Hammond, so lucky to have been in your company, have you as a teacher, and to have had you as a friend. Thank you!

Rest in peace...

-Sabina Dana Plasse '87

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**Sabina Dana Plasse** - August 22, 2020 at 09:36 AM

DW

“ Dan Whiteman  
Jim and his wonderful family were a great addition to life at the Burg and I will never forget our hunting outings "is it ok to be this close to those houses?"  
Running his dog with the motorcycle and putting up with the whole clan on first floor main. Best to all the Hammond family, Jim was a great friend and an unforgettable personality. Rest In Peace Jim

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**Dan Whiteman** - August 20, 2020 at 05:59 PM

PJ

“ Jim and Loli Hammond quickly became wonderful fixtures when they arrived at Holderness in 1962, the same year I started my 3rd Form (9th grade) year. I was fortunate enough to get to know Jim and had a wonderful rapport with him, and he was my 3rd year Spanish teacher during 1965-1966, when I graduated. I also played Lacrosse under his tutelage. He was wonderful to talk with and we shared quite a bit, particularly during my last two years. He would always listen, and always joke when the moment was appropriate. Wonderful sense of humor, and deeply perceptive. He made a point of coming to the class of 1966 50th reunion along with his lovely wife Loli, and it was such a gift to see him and Loli again. I will miss him deeply . . .

- Peter Janney '66

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**Peter Janney** - August 18, 2020 at 02:08 PM

CW

“ Mr. Hammond was my Spanish teacher and football coach, and I loved every minute we spent together. He had high standards and expected us to work hard to achieve our potential, and he rewarded us with heart-felt feedback and true appreciation for strong efforts. He regaled us with stories and made us laugh...subtly reminding us that life is a journey to be enjoyed, and to remain open to unexpected possibilities.

The last time I saw Mr. Hammond was when I returned to Holderness for my 25th reunion...and was the only one from my class to show up. We both had a good laugh about that, and without missing a beat he invited me to dine with his family. I squeezed a chair up the table and it was as if nothing had changed in 25 years - stories of adventure, genuine interest in my life, and the laughter! I felt, once again, that the strongest man in the world had cast a ring of love around everyone in his presence.

I will miss you dearly, Jim.

Craig Westling, '84

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Craig Westling - August 14, 2020 at 10:32 AM

PL

“ Mr Hammond helped me get off on the right foot at Mercersburg after a tough start in the dorm. His stories about playing cops and robbers with JKF's secret service detail were fun. Great Spanish teacher, but better man and role model. Peace.

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Peter Lebovitz - August 03, 2020 at 04:37 PM

BW

“ Exceptional teacher. One of a very small group of profs that instilled lightness and joy in learning



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b wagner - July 31, 2020 at 07:07 PM

CB

“ Though I never told him so, Jim was an important person in my life. He was both inspiring in a fun way, and fun in an inspiring way, and as I became a teacher and coach I wanted to have the same kind of impact on my classes and teams that Jim had on his. I know I came up short, but his sense of humor and his insistence on doing things the right way – I can picture his, uh, exquisite anguish when a lacrosse player tried to pick up a ground ball the NOT-right way – were things I tried to channel when I needed to give my students, or myself, a pep talk.

I consider myself lucky to have seen him in action at Holderness as well as Mercersburg, and I'm smiling now as I remember his hilarious off-the-cuff account of a routine trip to Logan Airport to pick up students after a vacation. His appreciation for human folly rivaled that of Cervantes – but Jim was the better storyteller. Thank you, James-Jim-Jimbo-Hondo, for the wonderful memories, and thank you, Loli, Fritz, and Heidi for sharing your husband and dad with all of us who were blessed to have an in-loco-parentis father, and friend, like him.

Charlie Bell  
Mercersburg '71

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Charlie Bell - July 31, 2020 at 04:21 PM

DP

“ In a time when my adjustment to Mercersburg was not the easiest, coach Hammond always greeted me with a smile and made me feel like everything would be ok! He was a true blessing for me during my time at the “Burg”. Thanks coach! 🙏😊

Dean (71)

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Dean Patterson - July 31, 2020 at 03:35 PM

JR

“ My deepest sympathies to the Hammond family. When I think about all of the positive experiences we enjoyed at Mercersburg, knowing Mr. Hammond is high on the list. He made a huge and impactful contribution to the history of the 'Burg by his teaching, guidance and remarkable wit and humor. What a guy.

RIP- Joe Rendina '71

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Joe Rendina - July 31, 2020 at 03:24 PM

SS

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. A great friend, neighbor, and hunting buddy. I'll remember him also and maybe foremost for his absurdist sense of humor. To Loli and family my deepest condolences.

Scott Staley - July 30, 2020 at 07:58 PM

BC

“ This was very sad news for me. Mr. Hammond helped me get through a difficult freshman year adjusting to Mercersburg. Mr. helped me learn how to study after getting several tours on the guard path for studying after lights out. Coach Hammond also allowed Me an opportunity to walk onto the varsity lacrosse team with no prior experience and earn a starting position. The bond we formed on the field was very deep which For all who played for Coach will never be forgotten.



Lastly, I got To know Jim's kids and pet dog....Fritz , Heidi and Cody( the beloved golden retriever). Fritz and I became good friends later in life through a professional relationship at Aspen Technology where Fritz is the corporations' General Counsel.

Jim Hammond was a great person who knew how to balance work and fun for his family, his students and his players. He had a quick wit, especially in the Spanish language. He will be missed but never forgotten. Rest In Peace , señor Hammond, a lot of people lost some tears over the news of your passing.

Bill Cochran 'Mercersburg 71

bill cochran - July 30, 2020 at 12:43 AM

DS

“ One of my favorite teachers at any level of schooling. Definitely the funniest ever! RIP  
-Dave Schulz '75

David Schulz - July 29, 2020 at 10:51 PM

CI

“ Sorry to hear of Mr Hammond's passing. Want to send condolences to Loli, Fritz and Heidi. Coach Hammond was my first real Lacrosse coach. Thankful for all he tough me about the game and life. I remember my 1st year at Mercersburg grumbling at practice about getting no spring break and Coach told us the we were the clams in potato soup that made it chowder. He will be miss by all.  
Chip Brogan '72

Charles Brogan III - July 29, 2020 at 04:10 PM

GF

“ Mr Hammond I will sorely miss you. You taught me to try most things once, sometimes that was enough. You taught me to digest adversity and not let it eat me alive. You taught me that perseverance was both painful and useful. By the way I don't care if the summer police stories you brought back to us from Cape Cod were true or not, they were always a good study in human nature. To me you were indeed the “strongest man in the world”, or at least at M Burg. Adios Amigo.

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**Gary Ferguson** - July 29, 2020 at 02:21 PM

KS

“ If it hadn't been for the encouragement of Mr. Hammond, I would not have spent my Mercersburg Academy junior year in Barcelona, Spain with School Year Abroad '73-'74. He was never dull in class (or out of class for that matter). Recalling the times he would balance himself on a chair or his desk while explaining the irregular Spanish verb conjugations. Thank you Mr. Hammond for being a little different! Always appreciated!  
Karl Shipman, '75



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**Karl Shipman** - July 29, 2020 at 02:15 PM

C'

“ I want to add to the chorus of voices from M'burg that cherish the memories Mr. Hammond left us. Since my retirement to València, Spain I have frequently recalled his passion for Spanish literature and the gift he gave us of fluency in a foreign language.  
I can tell from the other tributes that he touched many people, and the world is a better place for his being part of it. My condolences to his family. I know he will be deeply missed.

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**CB Gaines, '71** - July 29, 2020 at 01:29 PM

CE

“ To the Hammond Family- Jim was my lacrosse coach, freshman dorm master , mentor and the most influential person in the entirety of my academic career. We're it not for his support and guidance, a College lacrosse career at UNC would not have been possible. I think of him often in the context of his incredible sense of humor on the lacrosse field. He once gathered the entire team around me to point out "Euwer is wearing yachting slippers" instead of cleats. We will all miss him greatly.

Cary Euwer, class of '69

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**cary euwer** - July 29, 2020 at 01:24 PM

JG

“ Mr. Hammond was a wonderful teacher. I have such fond memories of his sense of humor and teaching style. I remember he often brought his golden retriever to class. He gave me a great nick name that stuck with me my entire time at Mercersburg. Rest In Peace Mr. Hammond

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**Jim Garber** - July 29, 2020 at 01:22 PM

BS

“ How well I remember Mr. and Mrs. Hammond and their young children growing up in Swank Hall at Mercersburg. Fritz looked sure to be a chip off the Hammond block even then, a hard case in the making just like his Dad. I will always be able to hear Mr. Hammond's voice above all, many hundreds, of others in the last match at the National Prep at Lehigh, "come on Billy!" Godspeed, our friend and mentor.

Bill Sutherland  
Mercersburg Academy '71

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**Bill Sutherland** - July 29, 2020 at 01:13 PM

SP

“ The funniest yet most effective teacher I ever had. I tried to emulate him in my classroom. Godspeed Mr. Hammond Scott "Stick" Pettis

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**Scott Pettis** - July 29, 2020 at 01:06 PM

SW

“ To the best teacher I ever had. A true inspiration. He made learning fun . He will be missed by all at the burg.  
Condolences to the family

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**susan powell wenzlaff** - July 29, 2020 at 12:58 PM



SL

“ To the Hammond Family- My sincerest condolences for the passing the best teacher I had at Mercersburg. He will be remembered with great fondness.  
Steve Leonard '70

Steve Leonard - July 29, 2020 at 12:34 PM

CG

“ "Mr. Hammond" was my AP Spanish teacher at Mercersburg in 1967-68, and one of the people instrumental in my future career as a college Spanish prof. I remember our classes filled with his larger-than-life self, his forthrightness, and his excellence as a teacher who prepared me well for college. I am saddened by this loss, especially the reasons for it. My condolences to the entire family.  
Charles Ganelin, Mercersburg '68.

Charles Ganelin - July 29, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ Jim was a true maverick. He represented the best role model as a teacher, parent and friend. I remember well him riding his motorcycle around campus at Mercersburg. When I became a teacher in New Orleans, I got a motorcycle and emulated the relationships with my students that he displayed in my 4 years at Mercersburg. I will forever remember and respect his wisdom. I send my deepest sympathies to all the family. Generations loved Jim and the character he lived in his daily life. He was "the strongest man".

Eric "Scobes" Scoblionko  
Mercersburg 1968-72

Eric Scoblionko - July 29, 2020 at 12:31 PM

VD

“ To Loli and the Family:  
So sorry for your loss at this time. Jim was one of the special teachers at Holderness School who could brighten the day. May your fond memories help you in the days to come. With love and warm thoughts, Viveca A. Duffield

Viveca Duffield - July 24, 2020 at 01:20 PM



DB

“What a man! Mr. Hammond holds such a special place in my heart. What a PRIVILEGE to have known him.

He was our dorm master my Junior year, and how I loved living in that dorm under the Hammonds' protection. Mr Hammond was like a lantern- showing the way to have fun while getting it done. SO kind, SO funny! He would yell in at us girls to warn he was coming into the dorm, rip open his snap button shirt, comment on his manliness as we were doubled over laughing, and then impart a few words of wisdom before leaving..

The soirees we had in the company of Loli and him were always a treat - their house always smelled so good from Loli's baking and the warmth with which we were welcomed into their home made everyone feel special, worthy and safe. I don't know how to express the fullness of my heart when I think of him, but I am pretty sure that everyone who had the good luck to know him feels the same way. The sight of him rounding the bend towards his house on his motorcycle stays in my head...

Thank you Jimmy for enriching my life SO MUCH with your lust for life and good times

My deepest condolences to you Loli and to your whole family  
Love, Dagny (Bock)

Dagny Bock - July 23, 2020 at 09:53 AM

MC

“3 files added to the album Memories Album



Mark Cavanaugh - July 20, 2020 at 01:41 PM

MC

A few of my favorite pics from Jim during his days at Holderness. He was an icon in so many ways. Outside of his teaching and coaching, to know how many smiles and laughs he generated with so many generations is priceless. He touched everyone with his humor and kindness, making you feel good about yourself and life. God Bless, Mark Cavanaugh '82 (aka "Goose," a nickname given to me by Coach Hammond sophomore year due to my long neck).

Mark Cavanaugh - July 20, 2020 at 01:50 PM

PH

He was not my teacher, nor was he my coach. But he sure was one of the people who made me glad that I went to the same school where he worked. I am grateful to the communities which created and supported such a being.

Peter Hewitt - July 21, 2020 at 11:07 AM

PB

“ Loli & family, So sorry for your loss! Glad he is no longer suffering! Loli you are a strong woman! Thanks for being such a wonderful care giver! Love, hugs, thoughts & prayers 💕💕

Pam B. - July 18, 2020 at 07:13 PM

KM

“ Lolli and family, I was saddened to hear of Jim's passing. As a parent of a Holderness student Jim will always be part of our fondest memories. I especially will remember you both dancing at Andrew&Maura's wedding in Jackson Hole.

Karen Marshall - July 16, 2020 at 05:08 PM

JP

“ How terribly sad to hear of Jim's passing. I was a student in his Spanish class at Holderness and have the fondest memories of Jim. He was one of the wittiest and funniest people I have known. He used to push the boundaries with his humor, bringing out the best in the people around him in many ways. I really enjoyed my time in his classes and other interactions around campus. What a special soul. My sincerest condolences to his family.

John Pawlick '82

John Pawlick - July 15, 2020 at 08:30 PM

PN

“ Jim and I were close friends at Nobles..he remains a very fond memory and must be sorely missed by all, especially his family.

Pete vanderberg n54 - July 15, 2020 at 01:50 PM

KR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Loli, Heidi, Mike and the rest of the Hammond Family. While I was not fortunate enough to have Jim as a teacher, coach or Dorm parent during my four years at Holderness, he still reached out to know me. He was larger than life and saw the joy and humor in life at all times. I'm thankful he was one of the first faculty to talk to me when my cousin Dana class of 77 died suddenly and offer comfort and support with a little humor. My sons got to meet him skiing at Waterville and discovered his zest for life and humor. He truly influenced my life and I am glad to have had known him. The world lost a great man.

Kevin Rowe '81

Kevin Rowe - July 15, 2020 at 09:54 AM

AW

“ My deepest sympathy, thoughts and love to the Hammond family. I was the ESU student in 1996 and Mr Hammond took the time, care and patience to teach me the basics of skiing and to this year I am still skiing! Andy Wood '96 x

Andy Wood - July 15, 2020 at 03:56 AM

WN

“ My deepest condolences to all The Hammond family. Jim Hammond was a great teacher and friend to many Holderness students. I was lucky enough to be in his spanish class for 3 years along with Heidi. I also worked out in the gym with him the one winter I took on wrestling before they started the basketball team. We would spot each other bench pressing and speaking spanish. I fondly remember his famous flexing poses proving he was "The strongest Man in the World". Jim Hammond will be sorely missed. Nobody made me laugh harder. My best to the whole family. Will Neff '79

William Neff - July 14, 2020 at 10:02 PM

GW

“ Mr. Hammond,  
Thank you for everything.....your teaching (in and out of the classroom), your coaching, your wisdom and especially all the laughs. Spending my sophomore year in your "outhouse", with you and Loli, was truly a special year.  
As I sit here now, almost 44 years after having met you as a freshman at Holderness, what I really want you to say is.....my having known you has made me a better person.  
Greg White '80

Gregory White - July 14, 2020 at 11:13 AM

HA

“ Although I never had a class with "The strongest man in the world", I had enough interaction to know that he was a good, caring, very funny and vibrant man who touched countless lives in a very positive way. He was a force for good in so many young lives and that surely counts for something. Heartfelt condolences to Loli, Heidi, Mike and the rest of Jim's family.

A life well lived.

Hratch Astarjian '79

Hratch Astarjian - July 14, 2020 at 10:02 AM

MG

“ Estimado Senor Hammond,

*I was fortunate to have known you during my four years at Holderness (class of 1982). While at Holderness, you always made me feel home and more importantly - important. I am fortunate to have been a student of yours (Spanish 4), in my one and only year of studying Spanish, my native tongue, you pushed me to do my best but always with a strong hint of humor.*

*You made a lasting impact on me and where a key player in making me whom I am today.*

*I will surely miss your greatest gift - your sense of humor.*

*Abrazo Amigo que en paz descanses*

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**Miles Glascock** - July 14, 2020 at 09:25 AM

P'

“ My deep condolences to Heidi, Mike, and the rest of Jim’s family. He was a positive influence in my and many other lives. I was fortunate to have been around Jim when I was a student at Holderness, and then again as a parent when my son attended Holderness. Like many others, I smile to this day when I think of him. His humor, intelligence, and caring were unique and greatly appreciated.

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**Peter Baker '81** - July 14, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ I can’t think of Jim Hammond without smiling. His great sense of humor, warmth, and ready smile were highlights of my time at Holderness. Condolences to Jim’s family, friends and the Holderness community that will never forget him.

*Elizabeth Brickman '88*

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**Elizabeth Brickman** - July 14, 2020 at 12:17 AM



“ Mr. Hammond’s warmth, sense of humor and genuine good will always made me (and probably everyone;) feel comforted and at ease in his presence. One fond/foggy memory that captures so much of his personality was during Spanish class. It was a beautiful spring day and the large window at the front of the classroom in the schoolhouse was open. I can’t remember all the details, just that Jim “defenestrated” me out the window only to allow me to climb back immediately thereafter. Classic Jim!

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**Matt Reynolds** - July 14, 2020 at 12:13 AM

LI

“ I am so sad that I will never hear Mr. Hammond's voice again, but it is so deeply in my memory. Yelling, "Lizard!" when he saw me or "Queen Xixi of Ix!" or any number of other things in our dorm or around campus. The joy and craziness was a part of everything with Jim and Loli, and they made me feel at home with their love and hilarity. My happiness at Holderness had so much to do with the beginnings in that dorm, and I have to say that those happy days made me into a happy adult. Thank you, Hammonds, for the adventure. Much love to you all. My deepest condolences.

-Liz Ganem '88

Liz - July 14, 2020 at 12:06 AM



“ I have many fond memories of James Hammond but two stand out the most.

*I am a first generation American, a son of Dominican immigrants. Neither of my parents speak English well. Mr. Hammond was the only teacher they ever spoke with on their visits because he, most literally, spoke their language. I was always touched by how comfortable he made them feel. He sprinkled some water on a couple of fish far from home.*

*The other memory is a recurring one: a line of classmates waiting for the bell at dinner to find a seat. His table was always one of the most popular, for what better as a side then Jim Hammond's humor. He was the strongest man in the world because he understood what it was to be human.*

*I named my oldest daughter after a poem we read in his class. I will remember his humanity whenever she makes me laugh.*

*Rest in peace and full gas tanks for your bike.*

Andy Collado - July 13, 2020 at 11:57 PM

W8

“ Such a wonderful fun loving, kind, rough house and playful soul. I remember fondly when we had nagging injury's from our grid iron days, Jim would nicely shame us back on the practice field with lines like “if you can crawl you can practice”

Will Spruance 81' - July 13, 2020 at 10:27 PM

KL

“ I’ve very saddened to hear this news. I’ve known Jim for many years. I shared Holderness Prep Outback experiences with him as well as enjoyed encounters with him now and then in Waterville Valley. Jim was a good man.

Ken Little - July 13, 2020 at 09:54 PM

DC

“ I have so many fond memories living in Hammond House. Mr. Hammond frequently welcomed us into his home treating us like his own family. He was incredibly funny, caring and generous. My sincere condolences go out to his family. Devra Campbell Cornell ‘86

Devra Cornell - July 13, 2020 at 09:33 PM

GL

“ My sincere condolences to Jim's family. His humor was infectious. A joy on the lacrosse field with Jim Brewer, who could ask for better coaches? Blessings to the family.

George LeBoutillier, Holderness '63

George Ford LeBoutillier - July 13, 2020 at 09:22 PM

SC

“ Mr. Hammond being my dorm dad at Holderness was a highlight of my time there. He was the kindest, funniest, most caring man who knew how to make young people laugh, feel safe and grow confidently. I wish your entire family sincere condolences . ❤️ Sara madden Curran 86

sara madden curran - July 13, 2020 at 08:42 PM

D9

“ Mr. Hammond was truly one of a kind. We all loved his honesty, sarcasm, wit, and humor. “El Hamito” as we called him. I’m very sorry for your loss and grateful to have had the chance to know him. Such an impact on so many people.

Dew Wallace 98’ - July 13, 2020 at 08:32 PM

DS

“ Our sincere condolences, Loli. Jim was a great friend and we will miss him. Remember the sailing trips - aground in the Royal River and dancing on the deck waiting for the tide, Christmas Cove to the Basin in the thick fog, Portland to Hyannis on your Pearson sailboat and through Woods Hole against the tide on 4th of July weekend. So many other adventures.  
Love to you and your family.  
Dick and Gail Stevens

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**Dick Stevens** - July 13, 2020 at 07:23 PM

BE

“ Hammond Family:  
Thank you for sharing Jim with Us. He was special human being and I feel lucky to have met him. We are sorry for your loss and we'll keep you in our thoughts. Favorite Jim Hammond memories: Jumping on his desk in the middle of Spanish class and his Barnstable police stories!!!  
Again, thank you for sharing a special man.  
Braden Edwards 1985

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**Braden edwards** - July 13, 2020 at 06:20 PM

 Kaley Weeks

“ Mr. Hammond exuded happiness and warmth, and he was gleeful! I was lucky enough to have him as a dorm parent for 2 years. I know his tricycle has been mentioned numerous times, but another bit of quirky fun was his clap-on/clap-off lamp. Dorm meetings were much more entertaining with that in the living room - who knew a home furnishing could be SOOOO much fun! He really knew how to make a moment become a memory. I am so very sorry to hear of his passing, and am thinking of his family and friends at this time.  
Kaley Weeks '96

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**Kaley Weeks** - July 13, 2020 at 05:04 PM

WS

“ JIM  
I relish your forgiveness for my inability to locate my helmet for my first start in a high school game, though it took about three weeks before you put me back in. My wife (Marla Dalley '94) have seldom gone a week without celebrating that we were among the people who got to know and adore you and Loli.  
With Sincere Reverance,  
Seal Boy,  
No not really Dave Driscoll  
Just Bill F. Stringfellow

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**William Stringfellow** - July 13, 2020 at 04:33 PM





“ Jim "strong man" Hammond was a mentor and friend for me during my years at Holderness (and I'm sure my brothers' as well). He lived a great life and will always be remembered to me as a coach/teacher who never cared that I was the smallest person on the field. He expected (and got) every thing I had to give and I truly gained from my few years with him. He will be missed by all. My condolences to the Hammond family.  
JcMacy '82

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**John Macy** - July 13, 2020 at 04:06 PM

DW

“ I will always remember getting a ride to the playing fields on the back of Mr. Hammond's motorcycle... from the School house, we went across the baseball field, behind Rathbun and across the road... the tires may have touched pavement for all of 3 seconds.  
An amazing teacher, motivator and an especially awesome sense of humor. Thoughts and prayers and a chuckle, that wry smile! Dix Wheelock '87

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**Dix Wheelock** - July 13, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ I'm so heartbroken to hear about Mr. Hammond's passing. He was one of the best parts of my Holderness experience. I was fortunate to have him as a dorm parent (I don't if he was fortunate to have us) and he would do his rounds with Trip. He loved his tricycle that he would ride around and bring smiles to everyone's faces. He's one of the funniest people I've ever met. Sending love and hugs to Loli and the family. -Alexis

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**Alexis Wruble** - July 13, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Jim's (Hamdog's) passing. I was fortunate to have him as a dorm parent for 2 years at Holderness. He was, by far, my most favorite teacher.  
Seeing Jim a few years ago at an alumni event was truly a highlight of that summer. I hope he's out running trails with Trip. Thinking of you and your family. As he signed off a recently found letter to me freshman year in college, un fuerte abrazo de, Ginger.



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**Ginger Reoch** - July 12, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ Dear Loli and family, We are so saddened to know of Jim's passing. He was a friend, mentor, and famous faculty "instigator" for many years. We send you our love and wishes for your fond memories to comfort you always. Janice and Jeff Nielson

Janice Nielson - July 12, 2020 at 03:54 PM

CF

“ Dear Loli and family,  
I am so saddened to hear that Jim's light has gone dim on earth. His amazing mix of wit and warmth was an amazing source of support to me when he was my sophomore year dorm parent at Holderness. Wishing you all love and comfort in this sad and angering time. The memory of good people is a blessing upon us all.

Courtney Fleisher - July 12, 2020 at 11:06 AM

BJ

“ My thoughts are with you all. Jim was one of the greatest teachers I ever had. He made my years at Holderness so much better than they could have been. The class of 88 has been sharing memories since we got the news today. Love and gratitude to you guys for sharing him with me. Brett Jones. Holderness class of 88

brett Jones - July 10, 2020 at 08:08 PM

JV

“ To Mr. Hammond's family, my deepest condolences. He taught me so much about a language I had already spoken but really didn't comprehend. He did so with dignity, respect and the kind of humor that commanded my attention and made it fun to learn. God bless his soul and may he rest in peace. My heart is heavy.

Jorge Velez - July 10, 2020 at 02:33 PM

TR

“ Mr. Hammond, or Ham-Dog as we called him, was one of my absolute favorite teachers at Holderness. He always treated the students with humor and respect. He knew exactly how to communicate in the way that got the best results with unruly teenagers. I am so sorry to hear he's gone. He left a massive legacy with the alumni at Holderness and he will be missed. Rest In Peace Jim, I hope you are climbing mountains and telling jokes.

My condolences to Loli and the rest of the family. Much love, Terra R '91

Terra R - July 10, 2020 at 02:00 PM

ST

*Devastated to hear this. He was truly like family - he and Loli were my dorm parents for 2 of my years at Holderness. Most loving, gentle man and with the most wicked sense of humor. I will always remember him riding his bike through campus with Bailey his beautiful golden retriever - such a loss. Sending Loli and his entire family love and prayers. 💕💕 Sara de Lima Tansill 89*

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**Sara de Lima Tansill** - July 11, 2020 at 08:57 AM

PR

*We were heart broken to learn of Jim' passing. A Holderness School legend at its very best, Jim loved life and brought smiles and laughter to any situation - the classroom, playing fields, the dormitory, faculty mtgs, assemblies and OB. He was one of a kind and knew how to live life to its fullest. Jim, we will miss you dearly. Many fond memories of our years together with you and Loli. Sending big hugs and all our love to you, Loli.*

*Pete and Janet Rapelye*

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**Peter Rapelye** - July 13, 2020 at 04:00 PM

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“ *Loli & Family: Jim was a very old friend and class mate Nobles '54. We had some memorable times together these many years ago and even then, 66 years ago, he had a gleam in his eye and will be remembered as a prankster. My son, Sandy, was at Holderness when he was there. I regret not knowing that he came to live in my backyard; I would have loved to see him once more. Condolences all around. Bill "Mick" Macleod, Yarmouth*

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**William Macleod** - July 10, 2020 at 12:04 PM

DP

“ *Sincere condolences to the family on the passing of Jim (Mr.) Hammond. He always seemed to be having a great time!*  
*David Pope, Holderness '63*

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**David Pope** - July 10, 2020 at 08:16 AM



“ Sending all my love And condolences to Loli and family. What a great loss! Hammond was my dorm parent at Holderness and Spanish teacher. He was the one teacher/mentor in my life that greatly impacted me and I will never forget him. He walked me back out to my solo site during outback when all I wanted to do was quit. He reprimanded me intensely during difficult times in the dorm (well deserved)....and he took me for prohibited rides on his motorcycle at school. I'm forever grateful for his mentorship and guidance. Jim was the greatest teacher I ever had! Once in a while you come across people that really make an impact on you and he was definitely a huge impact on me. He had an amazing sense of humor....he'd walk through the dorm rubbing his bald head with lotion, show off his pig tattoo and occasionally jump out of the window into the snow during Spanish. A true eccentric! Cheers to Jim! As he used to say..."Smoke 'em if you got 'em!" I'll miss you Hammond! All my love to Loli and family. ❤️ Tish

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Tish Boone - July 09, 2020 at 05:30 PM

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“ Sending my love to Loli and the entire family. Hammond was my dorm parent and I also had him as my Spanish teacher for 3 Years. His humor kept me going... when I felt like things were to serious at Holderness or my seemingly large problems at the time got me down... Hammond would jump out the window during class, or pull up his legs and show off his pig tattoo. He was the best... a breath of fresh air and always a unique perspective. What a leader and outstanding individual. I feel so fortunate to have known him and how he chose to live within the structure he was given. A true creative spirit. What a cool guy! Forever missed...love you Hammond!!! ❤️ Midge

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megan llambias "midge" - July 09, 2020 at 04:27 PM