



Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.

November 16, 1964 - April 26, 2020

Gerald Edward Hammond Jr., 55, a life-long resident of New Castle, parked his bike at Heaven's Gate early on Sunday morning, April 26, 2020, following injuries sustained in an accident last Wednesday evening.

He was born on November 16, 1964, in New Castle, Indiana, a son of Gerald Edward Hammond Sr. and Brenda (Engle) Hammond.

After graduating from New Castle Chrysler High School, Junior proudly served his country in the US Army. Junior lived life with passion and energy! He was a compassionate, positive, kind, and encouraging light to those whose paths crossed his.

Junior's great love for the game of baseball was evident in the many years he coached the Little League Giants. Junior's love of the game, however, came in second to the care he had for the boys he coached. He was a master motivator, knowing how to bring out the best in each player. He deftly balanced encouragement with discipline and hard work. He seemed to know when to provide a swift "kick in the pants" when a player was not putting in the effort but also knew when to pat him on the back and lavish praise. When the team won, as Junior's teams often did, you could hear him hoopin' and hollerin' for several blocks as he celebrated with the team. When they lost, he would take responsibility for the loss often telling the boys "You guys did a

great job! I should have done a better job coaching.”

He never forgot a player he coached, and as they grew older and moved on he would often show up at their games or inquire about them when he would see their parents in town.

Junior coached several All-Star Teams and was a coach for the 12-year old's All-Star Team that reached the Little League World Series in 2012. He also coached 5th and 6th-grade football for New Castle.

He enjoyed riding motorcycles and had many over the years. In the last few years, his greatest joy was his two grandsons and he would often stop by after work at Magna Powertrain in Muncie to spend time with them. Junior attended Life Source Church in New Castle and Tabernacle of Praise in Muncie.

A few years ago, following a startling dream where Jesus appeared and told Junior that he was going to die if he didn't change his ways, he totally committed his life to Christ. That same passion that had formerly caused anger and arguing turned into love and compassion for others. You couldn't be around Junior long before he would be sharing his testimony, often saying “If God can save me, He can save anybody” and “If I died today, I would be ready to go!”

Junior is survived by his three sons, Tyler Hammond of New Castle, Blaine Hammond (fiancé: Courtneay Dellavalle-jones) of Mt. Summit, and Gerald Edward Hammond Jr. “Trey” of New Castle; two grandsons, Carter and Chandler Hammond; his mother, Brenda Hammond of New Castle; a brother, Chris (wife: Lana) Hammond of New Castle, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, Gerald Edward Hammond Sr., Junior was preceded in death by a brother, Timothy Hammond, and a sister, Robin Criswell.

Under current Covid 19 restrictions that may or may not change on Friday.
The current service arrangements are as follows:

Funeral services for immediate family only will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, May 2, 2020, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Lawson officiating.

You may view Junior's funeral service live here Funeral Livestream (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/obituaries/Gerald-Hammond-4/#!/PhotosVideos/000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001/WebcastVideo>) Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition with the procession passing the Little League Diamonds.

There will be a public drive through visitation from 5 - 7 pm Friday on the South Side of Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Please enter from Memorial Drive, pull up to the covered portico, pause and pay your respects from inside your vehicle, and exit the back to Trojan Lane. Funeral Home staff will provide guidance.

Memorial contributions may be offered to assist the family with expenses. You may donate directly to the funeral home Donate Here (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/online-payments-and-donations/>) or at Go Fund Me (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/memorial-fund-for-gerald-hammond-jr>)

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Junior Hammond.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Drive Through Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - April 30, 2020 at 11:05 AM

RM

Very well done RIP

Ruthann maddox - April 30, 2020 at 06:59 PM

JC

Prayers for all, you will be greatly missed

Joyce Conyers - April 30, 2020 at 08:33 PM

JD

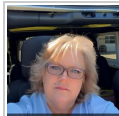
*He was my neighbor on 21st street for a few years. Very nice guy.
R.I.P. Jr.*

Janet Davis - April 30, 2020 at 08:49 PM

LT

RIH

Lesla Tully - April 30, 2020 at 08:56 PM



Beautiful tribute, RIP Junior

Tina R Melton - April 30, 2020 at 08:59 PM

LH

Loved the video. Went to high school with JR and was always a nice guy. Will always remember his smile.

Lisa Davis Huddleston - April 30, 2020 at 09:13 PM

TB

Rest in Heaven my lifelong friend. Thanks for many happy memories.

Treva Lawson Brown - April 30, 2020 at 09:14 PM



I sure will miss talking with Junior about our amazing God see you in heaven Jr ❤️ Mikki Smith

Mikki Smith - April 30, 2020 at 09:15 PM

DB

Great job on the video. A lot of good memories. Junior will definitely be missed. A great guy and most of all a man of God. Prayers for the family

Doug Burns - April 30, 2020 at 09:17 PM

KA

You will be missed brother but your walking with our Lord now.

Kevin Asberry - April 30, 2020 at 09:43 PM

JB

*My thoughts and prayers goes out to JR. Family . Me and jr. Have been friends since grade school, and he lived 2 blocks from me . He was the most real and down to earth guy I knew. He always talked to me, about his grand baby and there wasn't like it . My hearts so broken but I believe god had plans for him in his world he needed him more . But I know one day we will all see each other again. Jr. Believed in god, and spoke many words to me about him and how he was so glad he changed his life for the best and he knew where he was going when it was his time. I know now that he is smiling down on his family, and friends and telling everyone he's ok, and his new home is beautiful. Jr. Thank you for always being my friend , and I'll see you again someday
Your friend, and neighbor
Jenny Brewer*

Jenny Brewer - April 30, 2020 at 09:48 PM

TA

My dear friend, you touched more lives than you'll ever know. I'll miss seeing you. I know God greeted you and said " Well done my good and faithful servant " ❤️

Tracy Atkins-Klotz - April 30, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JG

TO GOD BE THE GLORY... MISS YOU JUNIOR. ❤️❤️

Judy Guffey - April 30, 2020 at 10:42 PM

SC

So sad! A great guy and long time friend. Rest in Heaven Jr! Prayers for family!

Sherrie Clemens - April 30, 2020 at 10:51 PM

AH

Great guy prayers to his family . He was living proof of how much God can change one's life . See you again brother .

Andy Hudson - May 01, 2020 at 12:14 AM

DK

Truly one of the most inspiring people every. Grew up with JR and his family. His love of God and people was awesome to see.RIH

Dwight Krakovitz - May 01, 2020 at 07:39 AM

BF

Wonderful video, rest in peace my dear friend, I have alot of great memories, but you will be truly missed.

Barbara Ferguson - May 01, 2020 at 09:00 AM

EJ

Few men are as close to God as he was I'd only met him a few times. my prayers go out to his loved ones and all involved in this tragedy I know Junior is smiling ear-to-ear right now being with the Lord

Earl Druley Jr. - May 01, 2020 at 09:16 AM

CH

RIP my dear cousin Junior, Heaven gained another Angel..fly high..till we meet again

Connie Blevins Hale - May 01, 2020 at 11:03 AM



R.I.P Jr

NC Rides - May 01, 2020 at 02:06 PM

TM

So sad, he sure will be missed!!

Tara McDaniel

tara mcdaniel - May 01, 2020 at 04:11 PM

LF

Such a sad loss, a heart of gold and a passion for coaching and creating great memories for many young men over the years. You are such in inspiration for us all. You will be missed my longtime friend. Rest in peace.

Lora Flynn - May 01, 2020 at 08:18 PM

BW

That was a great tribute to Junior. Very well done. He will be missed. He was a God fearing man and he is flying high now with the Lord. RIP

Bethany Whybrew - May 02, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - April 28, 2020 at 01:18 PM

BH

Rest In Peace Junior :(

Beverly Holwager - May 01, 2020 at 07:45 PM

JE

I will miss you dearly my brother and friend. May the God of comfort be with your family and loved ones at this time.

Jenkins - May 02, 2020 at 01:32 PM

JG

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD.... RIP BROTHER JUNIOR I WILL MISS YOU ❤️❤️❤️

Judy Guffey - May 02, 2020 at 02:05 PM

JG

Love yea brother you're in Heaven rejoicing Love ya Cuz

jerry Guffy - May 02, 2020 at 02:14 PM

DB

I'm sorry I couldn't have been there you will always be a true friend we were like brothers I will see you again some day rest in peace my friend

Dennis Bennett - May 18, 2020 at 02:58 PM

SB

“ *I met Jr when he starting coming to Tabernacle of Praise. We became brothers in Christ quickly. He made a huge impact on me and I will miss him and his words from the Lord. Thank you Jr for being an awesome man of God and I look forward to seeing you again soon!! I praise the Lord for getting to know you, just wish we had met a lot sooner..*

Steve Bolinger - May 02, 2020 at 07:25 PM

LI

“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



Lisa - May 02, 2020 at 01:10 PM

KM

“ I met Jr. Dec 2015 at " Life Source Church "
What an amazing man who loved the LORD with All his heart. He became a very special person in my life ,he helped me in my walk in Christ... what an amazing testimony he had.
As Jr. Would say
ALL GLORY BE TO GOD
He will be missed❤️

Kellie Mitchell - May 02, 2020 at 12:18 PM

PH

“ Pam Hammond lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



Pam Hammond - May 01, 2020 at 10:01 PM

LD

“ I first met Junior in grade school, he could light up the room with his smile. Junior was very good athlete in school and was good friends with my brother Rick and they remained friends until his passing. I know a lot of young boys in our community have been made better men today for knowing him and having him as their coach. My prayers are for his Mom his brother Chris and his three sons and grand babies. May God give you peace and comfort in knowing that he is with Jesus and you can see him again someday.

Lisa Davis-Miller

Lisa Davis-Miller - May 01, 2020 at 09:33 PM

HH

“ RIP, Cuz!!! ! You will be dearly missed by so many! My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends!!!



Heidi Higgins - May 01, 2020 at 06:29 PM

JG

“ Cuz you will be greatly missed but you are in Gods Glory hugging your brother Tim and Sister Robin
We had great times back in 2000s you became a man I prayed for Gods warrior and now its time to rejoice much love and respect my Cuz Always

jerry Guffy - May 01, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - May 01, 2020 at 08:32 AM



“ *Connie Pate lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.*



Connie Pate - May 01, 2020 at 03:38 AM



“ *RIH Junior you sure will be missed. I know you are still looking down praying for us all Thank you for all the wonderful memories that I will always hold close to my heart. Til we meet again Prayers for Blaine Tyler and Trey*



Emily Shepperd-Voiles - May 01, 2020 at 12:26 AM

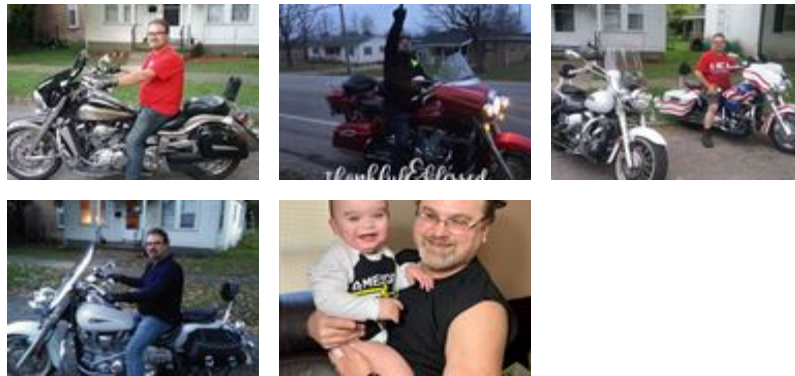
AM

“Some people meet death with open arms. And thank God their time has come. Others beg to be spared for just one more day, saying there's much to be done. But if we, before performing an act, would stop and think of death. Of death, of judgement and of all such things, I'm sure we would do our best... So that when our time comes, we may say: Take me, lord. Without delay.”

Amy - April 30, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - April 30, 2020 at 11:12 AM

TW

“Teresa Winchester lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



Teresa Winchester - April 30, 2020 at 07:17 AM

MW

“ *I will never forget what a sweet spirit he had. He prayed with me when my father was dying of cancer*



Melissa Wagner - April 29, 2020 at 04:41 PM

AJ

“ *Allen & Tracy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.*



Allen & Tracy Johnson - April 28, 2020 at 01:30 PM

JG

“ *TO GOD BE THE GLORY !!!!*



Judy Guffey - April 27, 2020 at 11:06 PM

RR

“ *I knew Junior from Little League baseball. He was a very likeable guy. I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. He had a passion for youth and especially his boys and grandchildren. My sympathy to all and may God give you the grace to get through this sad time and the days ahead.*



Ron Ragan - April 27, 2020 at 07:37 PM

JS

“ Jackie And Alicia Sturgeon lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



jackie and alicia sturgeon - April 27, 2020 at 05:41 PM

TD

“ Ted & Jo Ann Dailey lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



Ted & Jo Ann Dailey - April 27, 2020 at 01:19 PM

DB

“ David Baesman lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



David Baesman - April 27, 2020 at 01:03 PM

DB

“ I'll never forget Junior as a great friend not really sure old we was when we met but we was quite Young we had a lot of good times together through are different ways the life we went through but the greatest thing I'll remember Junior for is the day I ran into him at Goodwill we got to talkin like said within a few words he was praising God and I told him how I found Christ years ago and about my helth was not well I had some body part problems so to speak back and knees and stuff and Junior laid hands on me at Goodwill out in the parking lot right by the entrance and shouted in Jesus name you're my brother I definitely miss junior but my brother Ricky said it we'll we will meet again it's a promise I just hope that I can get as close to God as junior and be able to shout his name in high places and in low another words I want what Junior got I have salvation but I don't have the fire that my brother had he's praising Jesus face-to-face now like the song says I can only imagine when I see him face to face I believe I'll be on my face and jumping up and shouting God bless my dear brother and his family Jesus please watch over the family and friends and I pray for the salvation of all AMEN

David Baesman - April 27, 2020 at 01:02 PM

TM

“ Tina Melton lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



Tina Melton - April 27, 2020 at 12:58 PM

DB

“ David Baesman sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



David Baesman - April 27, 2020 at 12:52 PM

BS

“ Bobbi Shaw lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



Bobbi Shaw - April 27, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ Rebecca King-Smith lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



Rebecca King-Smith - April 27, 2020 at 10:31 AM

KM

“ Ken & Tara McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



Ken & Tara McDaniel - April 27, 2020 at 09:44 AM

RD

“ I first met Jr. (June Bug) at Weir school . And he was full of life and energy then. Anything Jr. Had was yours. A man with a generous heart. , but through the years I'll always cherish the memories of my good buddy through school, sports , going to the movies as a group of boys and girls. , but the greatest memory I'll always have is when Jr. Asked Jesus into his life as Savior, Lord and Master. A Disciple that was sold out for Christ. I love ya Jr , but I'll miss your encouraging verses that u texted time to time. I'll see you again Bro. It's a Promise John 14:1-3. And to Brenda , Chris and Boys May God's Loving Arms wrap around you during these difficult times.

Ricky Davis - April 27, 2020 at 08:53 AM

JG

Amen

jerry Guffy - May 01, 2020 at 09:17 AM

JG

Cuz I'll miss all the crazy things we did together But im very proud God picked you up and you became a great man of God. we will meet again at Heavens gate in open arms Love and miss yea Cuz

jerry Guffy - May 01, 2020 at 09:20 AM

RC

“ Prayers for the family. So sorry for the loss of their loved one.

Rachelle Campbell - April 27, 2020 at 07:47 AM

BH

“ Rest In Peace Gerald :(So sorry for your loss in our thoughts & prayers :(

Bev & Bob Holwager - April 27, 2020 at 07:44 AM

BH

“ *Bev & Bob Holwager lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.*



Bev & Bob Holwager - April 27, 2020 at 07:42 AM

LR

“ *I have known Junior for many years, as he went to school with my mother and my aunt. He had such a huge heart. He was always so kind when he would see me out and about. I am glad that he accepted God in his heart. He was such an energetic happy person. He seemed very proud of his grandkids. May he rest in heaven. Prayers to the family.*



Leticia Riddell - April 27, 2020 at 04:48 AM

MJ

“ *I remember him coming by to pick up my dad to go riding together.*

Michael Jones jr - April 27, 2020 at 03:07 AM

RR

“ *Robert Rings lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.*



Robert rings - April 27, 2020 at 02:36 AM

RR

“ I met him when I worked at magna, he always had a great smile and shared his love of the Lord, he always had a kind words, never ever did he have a grown, always smiling, my condolences to his family.

Robert rings - April 27, 2020 at 02:34 AM

LC

“ So sorry to hear of Jr's passing. He will be missed. Rip my friend



Laura Clark - April 27, 2020 at 02:21 AM

CB

“ Connie Bennett lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



Connie Bennett - April 26, 2020 at 11:37 PM

MC

“ Michelle Crabtree-Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



Michelle Crabtree-Moore - April 26, 2020 at 11:12 PM

RD

“ Love and prayers for peace and comfort sent.



Ronda Davis - April 26, 2020 at 10:42 PM

TS

“ Gerald used to coach my nephew & would still ask about him years later. I worked with him sometimes in the GM Housing cell at Magna-Powertrain. He was the best guy at his job (for years), hands down. He would never complain & always had a smile on his face. Wasn't afraid to share his love of God & had a class act personality. You'll be missed at work buddy! Thoughts & prayers for your family during this time.



Troy Sharp - April 26, 2020 at 10:36 PM

JW

“ Joelene Walter lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



Joelene Walter - April 26, 2020 at 10:31 PM

PW

“ I became friends with Junior in 2nd grade at Sunnyside Elementary in New Castle. The last time I spoke to him, he was so proud of the honor of being able to coach his boys growing up and the many other kid's lives he was able to be a part of...he was a good man, a great friend and will be missed by all of those who knew him.



Pat Whiteman - April 26, 2020 at 10:19 PM

MB

“ Mary Jane Bell lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Hammond Jr.



Mary Jane Bell - April 26, 2020 at 09:59 PM

NM

Jr, we won't get to take that beach walk this summer. I just wish you had of listened and wore a helmet. You'll be missed by many. I know God has your hand. 💔
Natalie

Natalie Milner - April 26, 2020 at 11:25 PM

JC

“ I've have known Junior since he was a little boy ,was so sad to hear about his passing ,prayers for all his family for strength and comfort



Joyce Conyers - April 26, 2020 at 09:58 PM