



James Barton "Bart" Hudspeth

January 27, 1949 - April 28, 2020

James Barton "Bart" Hudspeth, age 71, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville from a complication caused by a heart attack. He was born on January 27, 1949, in Harrison, Arkansas, to Verl and Burnelle (Treece) Hudspeth. He is preceded in death by his parents and best friend Tommy Olney.

Bart is a graduate from Harrison High School and the University of Arkansas and was a member of the Acacia Fraternity. On March 21, 1970 he married the love of his life Kathi Grizzle Hudspeth. They were married for 50 amazing years! Bart enjoyed working and spent the majority of his time in the insurance industry and his love for serving others led him to a lifetime of support and leadership in the Boy Scouts of America, his church, in the Army during Vietnam as a 1st Lieutenant, an interim minister in central Arkansas, and even playing Santa for schools in the area. He LOVED spending time with his family and friends more than anything in the world.

He is survived by his loving wife; his sons, Chad Hudspeth, Clay Hudspeth and wife Misty; his daughter, Becca Shaddox and husband Kevin; his sisters, Sandra Reynolds & Bob, Charlotte Gadberry & Jim; his sisters-in-law, Anna Grizzle & Becky Acree; thirteen grandchildren, Devin & Cody, Olivia & Zach, Wil, Milas & Elaina, Gwen, Samantha, Marley, Ava, Naomi, Simone; two great-grandsons, Carter & Ruben; one great-granchild on the way; and a host of nieces & nephews.

A Memorial Service will be determined at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Boy Scouts of America – Westark Area at <https://www.westarkbsa.org/>, the First Christian Church of Harrison at <https://fccharrison.com/>, or the First United Methodist Church of Brinkley at <http://fumcbrinkley.org/>

Cemetery

Maplewood Cemetery

1419 Maplewood Road

Harrison, AR, 72601

Comments



“ Vaya con Dios, Bart. And give Tommy a hug for me when you see him.

David Olney - May 05 at 11:35 AM



“ Growing up, the Hudspeths weren't just family friends, they were our extended family, and Bart was like my second Dad. Summers at the lake house, camping and fishing in Wyoming ("Just over the next knoll!"), Thanksgivings, trips to New Orleans,...These are memories I will forever cherish. His kindness, generous heart, fantastic sense of humor, and knowledgeable guidance will be with me always. My kids will remember him as Santa, but I will remember him for much, much more. He really was the best of us, and I will miss him dearly.

To Kathi, Chad, Clay, Becca, and all the family, I am so very sorry for your loss and your grief. Love to you all, always.

-Troy

Troy Olney - May 04 at 05:43 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Tom Reed - May 04 at 05:27 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Thanksgiving 2018



Troy Olney - May 04 at 05:07 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Troy Olney - May 04 at 05:04 PM



“ Dear Kathi,
I'm so sorry to hear of Bart's passing. Sending my love to you and all of your family at this difficult time. Keeping you in my prayers.
In sympathy,
Shannon Treece-Perez

Shannon Treece-Perez - May 04 at 12:42 PM



“ Dearest Hudspeth family. Growing up down the street from you allowed me to become a part of your incredible family. I will always be grateful for all you did for me and the memories produced during that time. The world lost a great person but heaven got one of its best souls back. RIP Boy Scout Bart. You definitely left your mark on the world.

Drew Turner - May 04 at 09:47 AM



“ Dear, Kathi, I was connected to Bart via your experiences with him and a shared wheelchair. I feel like I knew him personally, and his obituary revealed even more about his life and loves. So, my admiration for Bart and for you has grown. Your dedication and support enabled him to become a man beloved by so many friends, relatives, students, Scouts, and strangers. May you find peace knowing he was so greatly cherished by so many.
Donna

Donna - May 03 at 03:15 PM



“ Hudspeth family,
Please accept my sorrow in your loss. We've not been in touch for a very long time. I remember with fondness, a neighbor family with three blond kiddos full of life, who felt comfortable, when they were allowed to cross the street, to come for help with a

project in our woodshop. With Bart's permission to cross the line on the driveway, one, then two and usually all three were in the yard for a "visit". They always knew that they were welcome.

Family, you can be thankful for the heritage your dad and mom provided in your growing up.

Nola Barnett
Harrison

Nola Barnett - May 03 at 12:26 PM



“ The news of Bart's passing completely shocked me... Such a wonderful, caring man!! He will be missed here on earth!! Heavens gain!! Prayers for GOD's comfort to all of the family.

Much love,

Annette Woolston

Annette Woolston - May 02 at 05:59 PM



“ My earliest memories of Mr. Bart were going to their lake house in Arkansas and him and Ms. Kathy taking us to Dogpatch USA. We were welcomed then as part of the family and even the last time I saw him in person it was like I was always part of the family. I know he and Uncle Tommy are hanging out together like I remember.

Staci Boudreaux - May 02 at 05:09 PM



“ Bart was the nicest man. I know he will be so missed by you all. It is so hard to let our loved ones go. May you all be left with the wonderful memories and good life that Bart lived and know you will see him again one day.

Jan Sprott - May 02 at 02:10 PM



“ It is impossible to imagine my family's life without Bart . My parents met him over 50 years ago in Fort Polk around the time that I was born. He and Kathi were probably the first people to love me as much as my own family and they never failed to show it. We have so many wonderful memories of summer trips to their lake house in Arkansas as well as them joining our family for so many gatherings. He was the poster guy for loyalty, love, hard work and service and gave off so much joy, not to mention he was an encyclopedia of random facts - haha! He now joins my dad in heaven to continue the journey of friendship they made on

this earth. Hugs to his family during this time of great loss.
I and my family feel this loss with you and pray that you find some peace in the fact that hard losses are a reflection of just how big of a love you have had . God bless y'all . Miss y'all so much . So sad that we will not be there to hug you in person right now . Take care . Love you so much
Tammera Olney Welsh

Tammera Olney Welsh - May 02 at 10:39 AM



“ May the Lord bless you and keep you. Bart was a true friend to many and he will be greatly missed. "Well done, good and faithful servant".

Kelly & Reta Davis - May 02 at 08:57 AM



“ Bart served on the Brinkley Water Commission for many years and was a very active and efficient member. He represented his community very well. Jim McClelland, consulting engineer to the commission

Jim McClelland - May 02 at 08:20 AM