



Jim's 50th Birthday

JAMES P. HOPKINS, IV

Suddenly on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 loving husband of Kay H. Hopkins. Devoted father of Joanne, Jeffrey and Frank Hopkins; beloved son of Mary Lee Hopkins and the late James P. Hopkins, III. Also survived by one sister Janet Davis. Family will receive friends Sunday December 3, 2006 from 2 to 5 p.m. at DEMAINES SPRINGFIELD ANNANDALE CHAPEL, 5308 Backlick Rd., Springfield, VA. Memorial services will be held on Saturday December 9, 2 p.m. at Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, VA. Interment will be Wednesday, January 3, 2007, 9 a.m. at Arlington National Cemetery.

Jim was born on Oct. 23, 1951 at Camp LeJeune, NC to Mary Lee Hopkins and the late James P. Hopkins, III. He grew up in Alexandria, VA with his younger sister Janet and graduated from Edison High School in 1969. An avid athlete, Jim was active in track in high school and at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he graduated in 1973.

While at the Naval Academy, he met his future wife, Kay, at a 'mixer'. They were married at the Naval Academy in 1974 and began their globe trotting life together. Jim was most proud of his naval service in anti-submarine warfare with VP-4 and VP-17. His twenty year career in the Navy took him and his family to Hawaii, Guam, Venezuela, Okinawa, and Virginia.

After retiring from the Navy in 1993, Jim taught Navy Junior ROTC and history for eight years at Springbrook High School in Silver Spring, MD. In 2001, he left teaching to join the staff at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as an Aeronautical Aviation Specialist. He found his work at the FAA rewarding and cherished the relationships he had with his coworkers.

Jim was a very active member of the Springfield United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday School and ESL for many years. In addition to his wife, mother, and sister, he is survived by his three children, Joanne (of Arlington, VA), Jeff (of Savannah, GA), and Frank (of Springfield, VA). He adored his children and took an active interest in all their activities. The Daventry community will remember his countless hours of service to the neighborhood swim team. In recent years, Jim took up sailing, first in a Sunfish, and most recently in his 15 ft Potter. To be on the water, and feel the breeze move him along, brought him much happiness and contentment.

Jim was a gentle person, dedicated to family, work, church, and country. He wanted so much to see this world at peace. His integrity, honesty, and goodness were known to all, and his smiling face and warm spirit will be sorely missed.