



## Sam G. Hamstra Jr

July 4, 1939 - May 26, 2015

Sam G. Hamstra Jr., age 75, of Wheatfield, IN, passed away on, Tuesday, May 26, 2015. Sam was born on July 4, 1939 in Rensselaer, IN, the son of Sam G. and Dorothy (Abbring) Hamstra Sr.

Sam was a graduate of the DeMotte High School, class of 1957. On July 29, 1958, in DeMotte, IN, Sam married the love of his life, Marilyn (Walstra) and with that union they had four children. He was a farmer and enjoyed driving through the country looking at the crops. Sam loved his grandchildren and he loved to fish. He was a member of the American Reformed Church in DeMotte, IN.

Sam leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Marilyn; his children, Julie (Gary Graves) Martin, Ronnie (Kim) Hamstra, both of DeMotte, Shari (Randy) Williams of Rensselaer, IN and Kristy Howe of Plainfield, IN; 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; sister, Lornell (Paul) Hoffman of DeMotte.

Friends may call on Friday, May 29, 2015 from 3:00 - 8:00 PM at the Jackson Funeral Service in DeMotte. A Funeral Service will be held at the American Reformed Church in DeMotte, on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM with Pastor Dan Jelsma officiating. Interment will be held at the Holland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oak Grove Christian Retirement

Village or DeMotte Christian School.

# Cemetery Details

## Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte  
200 3rd Street, SW  
P.O. Box 681  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 987-5300  
[info@jacksonfuneral.com](mailto:info@jacksonfuneral.com)  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Service

**MAY 30.** 10:00 AM (CT)

American Reformed Church  
1021 S. Halleck St.  
DeMotte, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Sam G. Hamstra Jr



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 29, 2015 at 01:19 PM

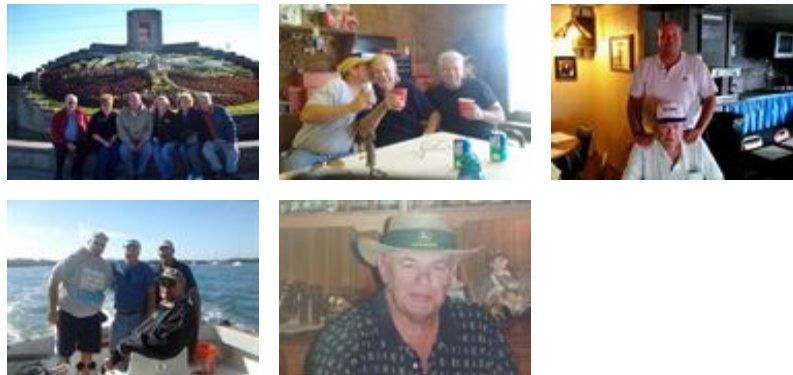
RR

“ I'm sorry for your loss. I really like Sam. Richard Rebraca

Richard Rebraca - May 29, 2015 at 08:08 PM



“ 6 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 29, 2015 at 11:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Sam G. Hamstra Jr.



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May 28, 2015 at 11:13 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Sam G. Hamstra Jr.



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May 28, 2015 at 05:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Sam G. Hamstra Jr.

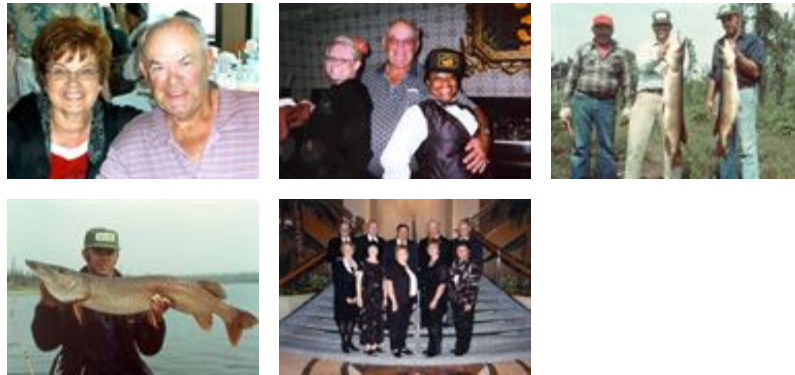


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May 28, 2015 at 03:22 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 28, 2015 at 01:54 PM

IC

Wonderful!!! :)

Irene Conley - May 28, 2015 at 03:36 PM

MC

“ We didn't know you personally but knew you from your beautiful daughter who always shared how much she adored you. We wish Kristy and your entire family the peace of knowing what a wonderful new life you are experiencing. May God bless you all . We are sure you'll be there to greet them as they come home someday! Sending much love to all of you at this very hard time. Mark and Cheryl Cromlich

Mark & Cheryl Cromlich - May 28, 2015 at 10:30 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sam G. Hamstra Jr.



May 28, 2015 at 10:18 AM

RC

“ Always known as "grandpa" Sam at our house, what a great guy!!!! RIP Grandpa Sam



Rose,felicia,Cody and Chloe - May 28, 2015 at 03:09 AM



“ Ha! Such wonderful memories I have of this family. They were my second family for several years, while Julie and I were BFF in our teens. Sam and his wonderful sense of humor, that quick smile and twinkle in his eye. Those are memories I will never lose.



Irene Conley - May 27, 2015 at 09:18 PM

LE

“ Lisa & David Eisele sent a virtual gift in memory of Sam G. Hamstra Jr



Lisa & David Eisele - May 27, 2015 at 08:12 PM

DC

“ Dave & Cindy Culbreth lit a candle in memory of Sam G. Hamstra Jr



dave & cindy Culbreth - May 27, 2015 at 07:47 PM

RS

“ i made him 18 jars of pickled fish,he never let me forget it,around 1997

rick sytsma - May 27, 2015 at 06:35 PM

RS

“ one of the coolest guys I ever met,,,,,,never a phonie...lots of people can learn from him that life is short to undermine fellow people!!!! he set a great example of what friendship is all about!! one of a kind!!! he taught me to accept friends and relatives opinions as doodoo,we should all love!!!!!!!!!!

rick sytsma - May 27, 2015 at 06:32 PM

RH

“ Rosco & Pat Hilton lit a candle in memory of Sam G. Hamstra Jr



Rosco & Pat Hilton - May 27, 2015 at 06:02 PM

TP

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Sam. My thoughts and prayers are with Marilyn and family. Sam was a great guy! He always made me smile everytime I saw him.

Trina Parker - May 27, 2015 at 05:17 PM

DS

“ David & Kelly Sytsma lit a candle in memory of Sam G. Hamstra Jr



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David & Kelly Sytsma - May 27, 2015 at 04:23 PM

MW

“ Sam was such a wonderful man! He and I were in the rehab side of Oak Grove last year at this time. I loved hearing about his years farming and about his adventures "road farming". Every morning, both Sam and I would be down at the table around 6 AM. We shared the newspaper and our morning coffee. It was really a special time for me. Sam treated me as an equal and I appreciated it, even though I am 18 years younger. He will be so missed. God bless you and may you rest in peace, Sam. My deepest condolences to all the beloved family members. Holding each of you up in prayer.

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Miriam Williams - May 27, 2015 at 02:27 PM