



Mel A. Hackett

December 5, 1944 - August 30, 2019

Mel A. Hackett, age 74, of Perryville, Arkansas, passed away Friday, August 30, 2019. He was born December 5, 1944 in Little Rock, a son of the late John Robert Hackett and the late Ella Savelle Hackett. He was of the Christian faith and a charter member of the Perry County Master Gardeners. He was a real estate broker for over 50 years; a walking real estate encyclopedia and detective - he would figure it out if he didn't already know. He enjoyed coaching American Legion Baseball in Little Rock and Perryville. He was instrumental in starting the Farmer's Market in Perry County; where he shared his love of gardening with his friends and grandchildren. He blessed many people with blooms from his garden.

Survivors include his wife: Sissy Morrow Hackett; son: John (Esther) Hackett of Belmont, North Carolina; daughters: Honey (Jason) Taylor of Las Vegas, Nevada and Heather (Shane) Gadberry of Plumerville; grandchildren: Mary Ann and John Gadberry, Hope, Haley, and Jackson Taylor; sister: Jean (Gene) German of Dryden, New York; numerous nieces and nephews. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters: Savelle Kaiser and Martha Munnecke and brother: Buddy Hackett.

Memorial services will be 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 6, 2019 at Union Valley Baptist Church in Perryville with Bro. Larry Hibbard officiating.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 6. 4:00 PM (CT)

Union Valley Baptist Church
369 Union Valley Rd
Perryville, AR 72126
(501) 889-5716

Tribute Wall



“ *Mel A. Hackett*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Always enjoying talking with Mel.
He could be a little bit testy but he just knew everything about real estate. He was aware that his knowledge was valuable so he didn't just throw it out there. You had to work a little to get it. I learned to highly respect him.
I am so sorry for your loss. He leaves a big footprint. God bless you all.*

JUDY MONTGOMERY - September 06, 2019 at 11:45 AM



I knew Mel over 45 years ago when I worked for The Guardian Company as a Mortgage Loan Processor. He was so kind to me as I had absolutely no experience in the field. I have been gone from Arkansas for almost 40 years. Please accept my sympathy for your family. It is so hard to lose your loved one. Sincerely, Ann Graham, Richmond, Va

Ann Graham - September 30, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mel A. Hackett.*



September 05, 2019 at 04:38 PM

MM

“ We are so sorry for your loss Sissy. You and Mel both have been great friends of ours through bad and good times. We watched each others kids grow up. Will always be thankful of the great times and cherish the memories. As the girls called him, Uncle Mel will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Matt and Tracy Milholland - September 05, 2019 at 03:07 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mel A. Hackett.



September 05, 2019 at 12:46 PM

PH

“ Remembering Mel through the years what a kind heart and spirit. Blessings of peace



peggy hackett - September 05, 2019 at 12:12 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mel A. Hackett.



September 05, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mel A. Hackett.*



September 05, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mel A. Hackett.*



September 05, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ *Aunt Missy, my deepest condolences go out to you for the loss of Uncle Mel. I remember you both as a loving couple and Mel as a sweet man who had a big heart. Although I didn't get to know my cousins as they grew up, I hear you and Mel raised wonderful kids with blessings of grandchildren. May Mel's memory always be for a blessing, and may G-d comfort you and your family.*
Love,
Monica Hackett Lulky

monica lulky - September 04, 2019 at 07:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mel A. Hackett.*



September 04, 2019 at 01:56 PM

GB

“ So sorry for your loss. My deepest love and sympathy for you Sissy, Honey, John and Heather. Mel was a great man, and he will be deeply missed.

*With much love,
Georganna Bennett Barnett*

Georganna Barnett - September 04, 2019 at 12:10 PM

MP

“ My deepest love and sympathy to you Aunt Sissy, John, Honey & Heather. Uncle Mel has always held a very special place in my heart. He was always the kindest and most loving & patient man. He taught me how to ride my first horse and had the calming patience that my father didn't have with teaching others. I will cherish my memories of him and your beautiful family forever.

*Much love to all of you
Melissa Hackett Parsons*

Melissa Hackett Parsons - September 04, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mel A. Hackett.



September 03, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mel A. Hackett.*



September 03, 2019 at 07:54 PM



“ *The first time I met Mel was in 1977. I was dating a friend of his named Scotty Scott. Some of those stories will always remain ours! LoL We went on a double date to see Willie Nelson 4th of July picnic. I was introduced to his precious wife Missy (you all know her as Sissy). From that day forward we've shared a lifetime of wonderful memories. The rest is History we are and will remain for life FRIENDS*

Tammy Oaks Wilson - September 03, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mel A. Hackett.*



September 03, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ *I didn't know Mr. Hackett well, but he and Sissy raised 3 fine kids, so he must have been a good guy. I pray for peace, comfort, and understanding for all of you.*

Todd Rasmussen

Todd Rasmussen - September 02, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mel A. Hackett.*



September 02, 2019 at 03:18 PM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Mel A. Hackett.*



September 02, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ *Crissy Janowski purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mel A. Hackett.*



Crissy Janowski - September 02, 2019 at 02:09 PM

JW

“Mel Hackett will always be a hero to me, stemming from an incident that occurred when my husband (Larry Wheat) coached the Little League team Mel's son John played on. Larry had intentionally drafted all 10-year olds that year. He explained to the boys that, even though they might not win a game all season, the experience they gained would make them a force to be reckoned with for the following two years. With this knowledge, the boys began the long season of defeat. They stayed cheerful but stoic throughout the season because they knew they were getting better with each loss. One night they played a team full of 12-year olds that was coached by a particularly nasty individual named Marvin something-or-other (his last name escapes me). Marvin not only coached but sponsored his team. He was a bully and a thoroughly unpleasant fellow whom nobody liked. What he lacked in social graces, he made up for with his total disregard for sportsmanship. This particular night, as he was gleefully running up the score on our boys, after each inning, he would march his players into the dugout and holler "What's the score, boys?" To which they would all chant "15-0!" or "20-0!" and so on. After about four or five innings of this, he again marched them into the dugout and hollered the question. But before they could answer, Mel stood up on the bleachers and bellowed at the top of his lungs "IT'S 31-0 MARVIN, YOU IGNORANT SON-OF-A-BITCH!! At which point, the whole park erupted with applause and shouts of "Way to go, Hackett!" At that moment, he was everybody's hero. While our team went on to win only one game that year, I'm sure that many of those boys still remember the night Mr. Hackett made Marvin what's-is-face look like the total ass he was! Thank you, Mel. I remember your beautiful family, and my prayers go with them as they face this terrible loss. God Bless You, and Rest in Peace.

Jacquie Wheat

Jacquie Wheat - September 02, 2019 at 01:27 PM

LK

“ Missy & Family, Sending our love, thoughts & prayers to you all during this sad time. Mel will be missed by us all! Lindy, Jason & Erin Kaiser

Linda Kaiser - September 01, 2019 at 10:36 PM

GR

“ Those that know, how many times did you hear
“Don't slam the door “
I loved that special man in his own right.

Gloria Rutherford - September 01, 2019 at 10:26 PM

SG

“ Praying for you Sissy, John, Honey, Heather and family. Thank you Mel for coaching us in baseball. Your love for the game showed. I enjoyed our time together.

Sean Griffin - September 01, 2019 at 09:13 PM

PM

“ I am so sorry to hear this. He was a good friend to my late father, Alan Harris prayers of comfort for the family!

patricia Morris - September 01, 2019 at 08:37 PM