



James Robert Hough

March 12, 1950 - February 6, 2018

James Robert Hough, 67, of Lake Wesauking, Wysox Township, Pa. passed away Tuesday afternoon, February 6, 2018 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa. Jim was born in Bradford, McKean County, Pa. on March 12, 1950 the son of Minerva Eliza Church Hough and the late Raymond Clarence Hough. Jim grew up in Smethport, Pa. where he attended local schools until his family moved to western Pennsylvania in 1964. Jim was a graduate of Mercer Area High School Class of 1968 where he excelled in track and field and cross-country events. While in high school, Jim joined the U.S. Navy on the delayed entry program in March 1968 and on September 9, 1968, after graduating high school, he entered the service. He completed recruit training at Great Lakes, Il. and then Navy Hospital Corps schooling also at Great Lakes in 1969. Jim subsequently completed Field Medical Service School at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC and was transferred to duty at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. At Jim's request, he was transferred from Portsmouth to serve with the First Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam where he remained from November of 1969 to October of 1970. While in Vietnam, he served first with Mike Company 3rd Battalion 26th Marines at Namu Bridge, Hill #63, Hill #97, and on the Claw with a CUP unit. After the 3/26, he was transferred to Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines and served at a number of small outposts near the Arizona Territory and Charlie Ridge making operations in both areas. He was also assigned at Hill #62 and 64, plus an infamous base known as Rocket City also at LZ Ross before

leaving country from Da Nang. Jim then received orders to “Naval Publications and Forms Center”, Philadelphia, Pa. where he completed his four years active duty.

Following completion of his first four years of Naval service on September 8, 1972, Jim continued his education with Roberts Wesleyan College, North Chili, NY and United Wesleyan College, Allentown, PA. where he received his Bachelor of Science degree and became a licensed minister of the Free Methodist Church. On June 18, 1981, Jim reenlisted in the U.S. Navy to serve as a Religious Program Specialist. His assignments include: NAVET training at Great Lakes, IL, RP”A” School, Kessler AFB, Biloxi, MS, USS WICHITA AOR-1 Alameda, CA, NAS Brunswick, ME, USS VULCAN AR-5 Norfolk, VA, Marine Combat Training, Camp Lejeune, NC, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade Little Creek, VA-two deployments with the 4th MEB on the USS Nassau LHA-4, including Desert Shield, USS MOUNT WHITNEY LCC-20, 2nd Fleet Flag Ship, in Norfolk, VA and the Naval Hospital in Oakland, CA. Following his retirement from the Navy as Chief Petty Officer, Religious Programs Specialist, on September 7, 1995, Jim served with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security from 1995 to 2005 and subsequently with the Veterans Administration in Bath, NY for 8 years until his retirement. Jim was a life member of the Fleet Reserve Association, member of the Bradford County Veterans Memorial Park Association, and presently served as Commandant of the Penn-York Detachment Marine Corps League, Vice Commander of Beirne-Webster VFW Post No. 1568, Towanda, and was a member and Past Commander of Towanda American Legion Post No. 42. He was an accomplished marksman and was a member of the Towanda Rifle and Pistol Club and was a shooting team member with the Penn-York Detachment Marine Corps League. Jim enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and was an avid bowler with several area bowling leagues.

Surviving are his wife, Lynn Kingsley Johnson at home, his mother, Minerva Eliza Hough of Mercer, Pa., sons, Christopher Walter Hough and Cody David Hough both of Virginia, step children, Jay Johnson Watkins, wife Erin, and

their daughter Jade of Wysox, Megan Margaret Watkins Kulp, husband Eric, and their children, Lindsay, David and William of Dupont, Pa., sister, Paulette Henn of Mercer, Pa., brothers, Henry Hough and wife Pam of Georgia, Paul Hough of Newport, Tn., sister-in-law, Karen Johnson of Towanda, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Leigh Johnson and Tom Wright of Venice, Ca., brother-in-law, Dr. William E. Johnson of Montpelier, Vt., 11 nieces and nephews and 13 grandnieces and grandnephews.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, Pa. The funeral service will be held Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Robert W. Martin officiating. Full military honors will be accorded at the funeral home by the Penn-York Detachment Marine Corps League, Towanda American Legion Post No. 42 and Beirne-Webster VFW Post No. 1568, Towanda. Burial will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, Pa. at a later date.

The family suggests that contributions may be directed to or to American Legion Post No. 42, 912 Main St., Towanda, Pa., 18848 in memory of James Robert Hough. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Annville, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
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Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Robert Hough*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *James Robert Hough*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *James Robert Hough*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *James Robert Hough*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *James Robert Hough*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *I am so sad to hear about Jim, R.I.P. I met Jim at America's Get Dogs and he was such a gentleman it's so sad to loose a hero like him.*

Jo-Ann Rodriguez - February 17, 2018 at 05:20 PM

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“ Lynn Kingsley Johnson & Family,
I was shocked and saddened to hear of Jim's passing last week. Those of us who bowled with and against Jim will miss him dearly. To me, Jim carried an air of something intangible, yet wonderful. I went back to re-read the article Jim was part of about the veterans' "Above And Beyond" in last September's "Daily Review."

Jim had accomplished and packed in so much of his 67 years on this earth that few of us have ever done! He was an enlistee in the U.S.Navy as a corpsman, soldier, and peacemaker. Was a minister, a bodyguard, worked in Homeland Security, also a VA service officer, etc. And, even with his PTSD he "soldiered on!"

His stoic presence at the bowling alley with service dog Cleo by his side will forever be missed.

We here on earth will greatly miss Jim...we already do. He was a fine gentleman.

Yet, he will be "better" up in Glory with God in Heaven.

Joe Schmieg

Joe Schmieg - February 13, 2018 at 04:16 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the Hough family. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Valerie and John Morningstar*

Valerie G Morningstar - February 12, 2018 at 07:35 PM

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“ *From the brief time I spent with Jim at America’s VetDogs training to receive our service dogs, I came to know Jim as kind and thoughtful. He was a true hero. I’m very sorry for your loss. God bless you all.*

Aaron Roe - February 11, 2018 at 12:03 PM