



## Claude Ray Hammond Jr.

April 11, 1945 - September 15, 2016

North Augusta, SC—Graveside Services for Mr. Claude Ray Hammond, Jr., 71, of Curry Court, North Augusta, SC, passed away peacefully at his home September 15, 2016, will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Peace Haven Baptist Church Cemetery. Dr. Tommy Meador and Rev. Jackie Robinson officiating.

Mr. Hammond was born in Jesup, Georgia, to Claude Ray and Annie Bell Williamson Hammond, Sr., and grew up in Newnan, Georgia, having made North Augusta his home for the past 45 years. He attended West Georgia College and graduated with a BS in Education from Georgia Southwestern College where he met his wife of 47 years. He taught two years in Sumter County, Georgia; 20 years in Aiken County schools at Belvedere Elementary and Paul Knox Middle. After leaving the teaching field, he worked at Bailey's Communication in Augusta. Mr. Hammond was a member of Big Stevens Creek Baptist Church.

His interests included woodworking, gun shows and spending time with his family. He was a Founding Member and Coach with the Belvedere Girls Softball League. Though his old truck's license plate hinted at poverty, he was a true Christian gentleman rich in honesty and integrity; with many family and friends in the North Augusta and Colliers communities who will miss him. Survivors include his wife, Lawren Mathews Hammond; a son, Clifford L. Hammond, Orangeburg, SC; two daughters and a son-in-law, Claudia L. Hodges, Buford, GA and Amy and Marcus Padgett, North Augusta; six

grandchildren, Jared Whiting, Ian Hammond, Jacob Hodges, Rachel Hodges, Leslie Hodges and Steven Padgett.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday evening from 5 until 7.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90206 or online at [pancan.org](http://pancan.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Peace Haven Baptist Church Cemetery

Colliers Community, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC

## Service

SEP 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Peace Haven Baptist Church Cemetery  
Colliers Community, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Claude Ray Hammond Jr.*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - September 16, 2016 at 04:38 PM



“ *Claude Ray Hammond Jr.*

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Claude Ray Hammond Jr.*

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear the news. Everyone is in my and Jean's prayers.*

*Marvin Hammond  
Nichols, S.C.*

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**Marvin D. Hammond** - September 17, 2016 at 08:32 AM



“ *To the family: I grew up in Newnan with Claude and played in the band with him through out high school at Newnan High-- may he rest in peace and peace be with each of you. Carlene Adcock Bohannon*

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**Carlene Bohannon** - September 17, 2016 at 07:21 AM

RC

“ *Mr. Hammond taught me at Paul Knox. He was such a good man and as I remember, he was quite humorous! He was one teacher that I do remember from school and I don't remember others. That says a lot about him. He had presence. God bless the family! The video shows he had a full life of love! Wonderful!*

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**Robin Curry** - September 17, 2016 at 07:10 AM

KS

“ *Claudia, Praying for peace and comfort for you and your family.*  
*Karen*

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**Karen Simmons** - September 17, 2016 at 07:02 AM

ST

“ *Lawren, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I shall always remember Claude taking Sammy, Bill and Brent to see the "The FreeBirds" in Augusta. They never forgot his taking them. I remember well his teaching the computer classes for me. He enjoyed those classes.I appreciate everything he did at Paul Knox.*

*Always,  
Sara Twiggs-Ilardi*

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**sarah twiggs-ilardi** - September 16, 2016 at 06:38 PM

JK

“ *Lawren, I'm so sorry for the loss you and your family have suffered. Claude was a good young man who seems to have made a great impact on many, many young lives besides his family. I sent y'all an email shortly after I learned of his illness. I don't expect an answer; I simply hope you received comfort from it. I hope you can think of him soaring with God and just smile.*

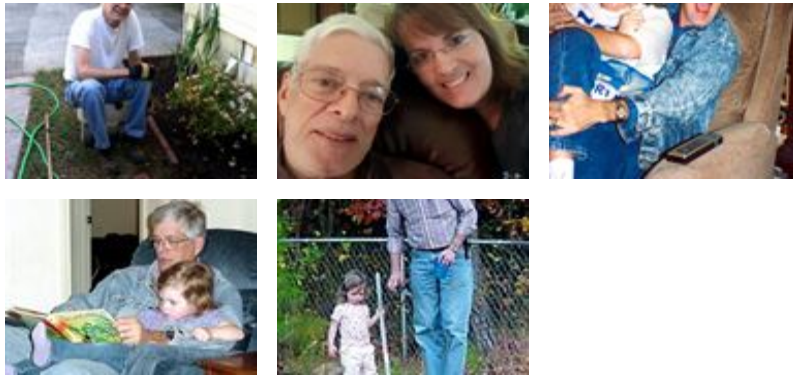
*Joan Kelley  
Class of '64, NHS*

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**Joan Kelley** - September 16, 2016 at 05:08 PM



“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - September 16, 2016 at 04:33 PM

RC

“ *Oh Mrs H, I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart & prayers are with you. Mr H was a good & decent man and will be missed by many.*

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**Rebecca (King) Cox** - September 16, 2016 at 03:26 PM

BS

“ I have some great memories of Claude and a few words really don't show the incredible person he was but I will try. One of Claude's favorite opening expressions, "what's ya know good ", which simply was his way of saying what is new. "I don't do power windows", exclaimed Claude and that summed up the Frank van at Bailey's communication he and I worked on one day. The window motor needed to be replaced on an 80's model Chevy van and there was spring under tension and Claude would throw his hands up and say, "I can't help ya with that Bubba." One time Claude and I went to the shooting range in July and you could feel the sweat roll down and burn your eyes from the stinging. We always joked around about that day and Claude would call it, "the perfect shooting weather." I can't count the number of times I would call him and he and Lawren would be relaxing and one of his favorite expressions was, "we are just sitting around watching the grass grow."

*Claude gave me the gift of friendship and I will never forget what a remarkable person he was. My heart goes out to all of the family.*

Love,

*Bryan Sullivan*

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**Bryan S** - September 16, 2016 at 12:26 PM

SW

“ Sally Strayhorn Wertz lit a candle in memory of Claude Ray Hammond Jr.



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**Sally Strayhorn Wertz** - September 16, 2016 at 09:27 AM

CP

“ *I am very sorry for your loss.*  
*Claire Pugh*

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**Claire Pugh** - September 16, 2016 at 07:50 AM

MM

“ *My thoughts and prayers for Claude's family.*

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**Margaret Mapp Mulkey** - September 16, 2016 at 01:12 AM