



Robert Lee Hammond Jr.

March 12, 1949 - April 23, 2025

Robert L Hammond Jr., age 76, of Spirit Lake, IA, passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at Keelson Harbour following a long battle with lung disease.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 1, 2025, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake. The visit will be held on Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the Patton Funeral Home in Blue Earth, MN. Entombment of his cremains will take place in the St. Alban's Columbarium in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, IA. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com Memorials may be given to the Blue Earth Community Foundation, PO Box 390, Blue Earth, Minnesota 56013.

Robert L Hammond Jr. was born on March 12, 1949, at Holy Family Hospital in Estherville, Iowa, to Robert L Hammond and Helene (Haven) Hammond. He graduated from Estherville High School in 1967, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Iowa in 1971, and a J.D. degree with honors from Drake University in 1974.

He practiced law for twelve years in Blue Earth, Minnesota, and later worked for Neil Eckles and BEVCOMM for 25 years. He dedicated his time and expertise to several boards of directors, including the Estherville Area

Chamber of Commerce (Chairman), Riverside Town and Country Club, the United Fund board, the swimming pool group, and as a mentor for Blue Earth Area Mentors. He also served on the United Hospital District board for 10 years, the Corn Plus board beginning in 2003 (secretary-treasurer from 2003 to 2009), as the director on Hector Communications, the Blue Earth Industrial Service Corporation (BEISCO) board, the Chain of Lakes Treatment Center board in Fairmont, Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association (Director), Minnesota Telecom Alliance Legislative Committee, and Region Nine Development Commission. Rob served on the Blue Earth Community Service Board (Chairman) for seven years.

Rob also served on the Midwest Wireless board from 1996 to 2006. Rob felt a great sense of pride in his involvement in bringing wireless services to rural America and being one of the first 12 people to establish the Rural Cellular Association. Finally, Rob served as Mayor on the Blue Earth for 14 years.

For over 30 years, Rob enjoyed sailing in the British Virgin Islands, often staying on the island of Jost Van Dyke. He cherished the friendships he made during those years and was grateful for the kindness of the people of the Virgin Islands.

Rob had a deep love for golf and would like to thank all the golfers with whom he had the pleasure of playing. He also enjoyed vacationing with his family, boating, and fishing with his friends. Rob was fortunate to have many dear friends and cousins with whom he shared close bonds.

He was a proud "AWFULGUY" and a devoted Hawkeye fan from birth until his passing. His fellow "AWFULGUYS" were his best friends forever.

Rob is survived by his mother, Helene, and his sister, Jane (Gary) Kipling. He was blessed with three nieces: Sarah (Bill) Lightner, Emily (Garner) Agone,

and Abby (Chris) Coghill, as well as six great-nephews and nieces. Rob was preceded in death by his father, Robert Lee Hammond.

Cemetery Details

St. Alban's Episcopal Columbarium

2011 23rd St
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Patton Funeral Home
400 E 14th St
Blue Earth, MN 56013

Memorial Service

MAY 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Alban's Episcopal Columbarium
2011 23rd St
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Tribute Wall

MF

“ Coach/Rob was just the best of the best. He was as loyal and considerate as they come, and I will greatly miss our chats and texts, particularly regarding our beloved Hawkeyes. Rest in peace Coach.

Mike Fred, AWFULKID

Mike Fred - April 30, 2025 at 07:15 PM

BD

“ Brian D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Hammond Jr..

Brian D. - April 30, 2025 at 03:44 PM

JW

“ Rob...shortly after his hole in one and buying several rounds for his golfing group at Brooks. You will be missed Hamm!



John Wedebrand - April 30, 2025 at 01:05 PM

PE

“ Pete, Marianne and Emily purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Lee Hammond Jr..



Pete, Marianne and Emily - April 30, 2025 at 08:21 AM

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Alan - April 29, 2025 at 09:59 PM

KC

“ We were saddened to hear about the passing of Rob. We were blessed to know him when he worked with my mother, Anita Virnig, at Callaghan and Wendland Law Offices. He was a great friend to her and to our whole family. His wonderful sense of humor and kindness were appreciated by many. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Warmly, Keven and Debbie Crabtree

Keven and Debbie Crabtree - April 29, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Hammond Jr..



April 29, 2025 at 05:16 PM

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Alan - April 29, 2025 at 03:40 PM

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Alan - April 29, 2025 at 03:18 PM

ES

“ EJ Giovannetti and Sara Sersland purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Lee Hammond Jr..



EJ Giovannetti and Sara Sersland - April 29, 2025 at 11:57 AM

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Alan - April 29, 2025 at 10:18 AM

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Alan - April 29, 2025 at 10:19 AM

MC

“ McKeehens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Hammond Jr..

McKeehens - April 29, 2025 at 09:02 AM

MC

“ McKeehens purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert Lee Hammond Jr..



McKeehens - April 29, 2025 at 09:02 AM

JD

“ Rob and I have been friends for more than 30 years. We shared many good times gambling, golfing and just hanging out. Although I haven't seen him since his birthday at the ball park, we talked regularly. He was a friend and our life will not be the same without his dry wit and great sense of humor. RIP buddy!

Jackie and Stephanie Dukes

jackie dukes - April 29, 2025 at 08:00 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Hammond Jr..



April 27, 2025 at 09:28 AM

TC

“ *The Four Optional Couples purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Lee Hammond Jr..*



The Four Optional Couples - April 27, 2025 at 09:06 AM

ET

“ *What a guy! We enjoyed hanging out with him in Palm Springs - golfing and watching basketball. Always kidding him about the Hawkeyes and Gophers. Sending our deepest sympathies. Ethel and Tom*

Ethel - April 27, 2025 at 08:20 AM

SB

Shouldn't sentence say: the visitation will be sounds better than visit will be?

Shirley Barrett - April 28, 2025 at 10:15 PM

MJ

Rob was a valued member of the Bar, and the Blue Earth Community, and evidenced his committment by faithful and joyful service. I always appreciated his good humor and good judgment excepting his failure to change his allegiance from the Hawkeyes to the Gophers. Mike and Peg Johnson

Mike Johnson - April 28, 2025 at 10:37 PM

KR

“ *Kristie R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Hammond Jr..*

Kristie R. - April 25, 2025 at 06:10 PM

JB

“ Rob was my great mentor at Bevcomm in Blue Earth. He enjoyed life and his friends. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved him.

Jim Beattie - April 25, 2025 at 11:11 AM

DC

“ David And Martha Chozen lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Hammond Jr.



David and Martha Chozen - April 24, 2025 at 11:29 PM