



James Russell Hampton

October 4, 1943 - October 18, 2025

James Russell Hampton passed away on Saturday, October 18, 2025, while on vacation with his family. He was 82 years old.

Born in Nashville on October 4, 1943, to Atlas and Mary Eunice Dickenson Hampton, James carried on his family's proud legacy as owner and operator of Hampton Crane Service from 1977 to 2014. Founded in 1929, Hampton Crane remains Nashville's oldest and one of its most respected crane and rigging companies, a testament to the integrity and dedication James brought to everything he did.

James was the patriarch of his family—deeply loved, endlessly respected, and cherished by all who had the good fortune to know him. Known for his infectious joy and laughter, he lived life to the fullest. A true adventurer, he traveled the world but always returned to his favorite places—Hawaii, Alaska, Alabama, and his home on Tellico Lake in East Tennessee.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Laura Billings Hampton; his sister, Reita Hampton; along with numerous nephews, nieces, grandnieces, grandnephews, and an extended circle of family and dear friends who will miss him deeply. His Chardonnay pours were as generous as his laughter—something his loved ones will fondly remember.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ Adam & Rhonda Hampton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Russell Hampton.

Adam & Rhonda Hampton - October 31, 2025 at 10:10 PM

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“ Adam & Rhonda Hampton purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James Russell Hampton.



Adam & Rhonda Hampton - October 31, 2025 at 10:10 PM

WD

“ With love, Neal and Denise purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Russell Hampton.



With love, Neal and Denise - October 31, 2025 at 05:36 PM

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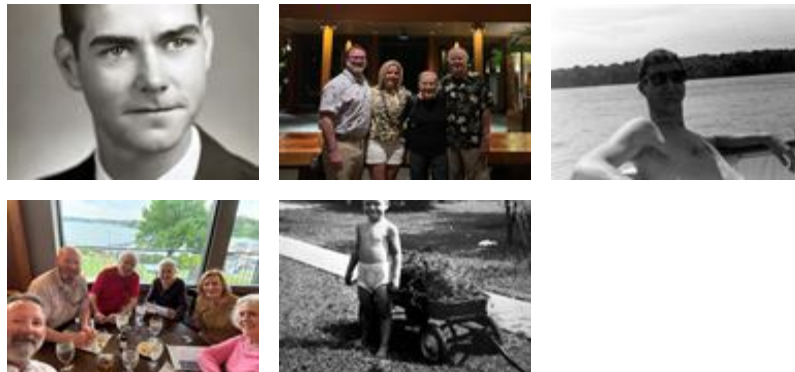
“ *Where to begin:*

What an amazing heart. Uncle James was a huge supporter of my athletic career from High School wrestling to college football. He attended every home college football game that I played in, and the best part was seeing him after the game with a “chardonnay grin.” He would constantly invest his time with conversation helping me with life directions, whether it be career, schooling, or family. His legacy continues in my heart from the stories he told, amazing smile he carried and that ‘East Tennessee Twang’ accent. I will only say this for one person and that is him, GO VOLS! I love you very much Uncle James.

Devin Billings - October 31, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ *80 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - October 31, 2025 at 01:00 PM

PB

“ *Jim was the catalyst that brought a brother and sister together; where we all shared laughter, meals, and travel memories. I am forever grateful.*

Thank you James Russell.

P Billings - October 30, 2025 at 09:02 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James Russell Hampton.*



October 30, 2025 at 08:23 AM