



James Douglas Hekel

April 5, 1961 - May 25, 2007

James Douglas Hekel, age 46, of Newport, passed away Friday, May 25, 2007 at his home.

He was Managing Editor of the Newport Plain Talk, a member of Northport Baptist Church and a veteran having served in the United States Army.

James was preceded in death by his grandparents, Kenneth and Rosalea McVey and Lester and Gladys Hekel.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Hekel of Newport; children, Hilary Hekel of Ft. Drum, NY, Jimmie Hekel, Eli Hekel, both of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and Mandy Smith of Salisbury, NC., and parents, Glen and Maxine McVey Hekel of Shellsburg, Iowa. James will also be sadly missed by his sister, Marlene (Robin) Lucas of MN; brothers, Gary (Jean) Hekel of Shellsburg, Iowa and Jeffrey (Tracy) Hekel of Iowa; also a host of special friends.

Funeral services will be held 7:00 pm Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at Northport Baptist Church, with Brother Wade Holbrook officiating. Burial will be 11:00 am, Wednesday, May 30, 2007 in Union Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm Tuesday at Northport Baptist Church prior to the funeral.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Douglas Hekel*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *James Douglas Hekel*

Eli Hekel - March 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Douglas Hekel*

James D Hekel Jr - July 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I only knew Jim through the Packers on the web, didn't know he was a fellow Baptist (I'm a member of South Glasgow Baptist Church in Scotland). He will be missed. alex, minority owner, 12 time world champion green bay packers (and lifelong packer fan)*

Alex Carmichael - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Karen, please accept our condolences to you and Jim's whole family. We knew Jim only through on-line baseball gaming forums -- but in a venue where rudeness isn't rare, Jim's posts were unfailingly courteous and intelligent, which we're sure was an accur*

Butch & Co. - June 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My deepest sympathy to you Karen, and to the rest of Jims family as well. Jim was a dear man who reached out to me on a Christian forum as a comforting friend when my son died over 4 years ago. Over the years we talked about many things online and ev

Dee Brown - June 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ While I never personally met Jim, I did converse with him many times online. The sports game community will certainly miss him. My deepest sympathies to Mrs. Hekel and the entire family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. -Jeff Downey Tabletop Spo

Jeff Downey - June 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Jim, although I never met you face-to-face, you always were levelheaded and very thoughtful as a Packer fan on the boards. You always kept your cool, and looked like a cool guy. This brat is for you Jim, and condolences to Karen and all the family. RIP.

Mike Wagner - June 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Karen... You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I never got a chance to meet Jim, but enjoyed his posts on our Cubs group. Rest in peace, Buddy. I'll toast you with a cold Pabst tonight... George in Texas

George - June 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Karen & family, I'm deeply saddened to learn of Jim's passing. Although I never had the opportunity to meet him face-to-face, I know from submissions he'd made to a Green Bay Packer e-mail list we both subscribed to, that he was a thoughtful, kind heart

John Foote - May 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ All of us at Arcadia Publishing were very sad to hear of Jim's passing. Many of us had a chance to form a relationship with him through the newspaper. He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. ~Arcadia Pub

Katie DePoppe - May 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ RIP, Jim. The packfans list will miss you.

Jim Cummings - May 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Karen, I am very sorry for your loss. I never met Jim in real life, but we enjoyed his passion and insight on our Grace/Cubs fan online group. Diana M

Diana - May 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Karen, I'm so sorry about Jim's sudden passing. From what I've read about him in his obituaries, he was a follower of Jesus. It is so hard to lose loved ones but when we remember he is with the Lord, it helps ease the pain a bit. I'm praying for you

Paula - May 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jim. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I met Jim online and we have been friends for almost 6 years. I never got to meet him in real life but he was a caring, sweet guy. He will definitely be missed! Jamie (Eve22, eve

Jamie Passehl - May 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Condolences to Karen and the family from a member of the Packfans group.

Bob Vandersteen - May 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We are saddened, shocked, and lost without our dear friend Jim. Our heartfelt sympathy to his entire family. We miss him. And baseball season just begun!

Rick, Inga & Kersti Francis - May 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Karen, My heart is broken for you. I can't imagine the depth of your loss. I'm so thankful I got to spend time with Jim with leadership, even though it wasn't enough time, but I know we'll see him again in our Heavenly home. I'm praying for you.

Tina Kiloge - May 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Karen: I stopped by the church prior to the services yesterday, but didn't stay. You were busy with other people at the time and I didn't want to intrude. I have done some stories/photos for Jim in the last year or so as a stringer for the paper. He s

Dawn Morgan - May 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Karen, We sure were sad to hear of Jim's death. Our prayers are with you. Dwight & Marcia Ringer

Dwight & Marcia Ringer - May 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Jim was a wonderful person. He was an example to the rest of his leadership class as an individual who could get along with everyone and still be a great leader in the community. He will be greatly missed. I send my condolences to Karen and the family.

Tony Barnes - May 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ How sad to hear of Mr. Hekel's passing! I pray that God comforts you during your time of loss and sorrow.

Carol - ALLIED EMS - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Charles and Patricia Daugherty (Cousin from Cedar Rapids, IA)

Patricia Daugherty - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ My deepest sympathy to Jim's family. I met Jim through Leadership Cocke County. My thoughts are with you during your time of sorrow.

Vicky Wilson - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Karen & family, My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. your friend, Cindy

Cindy Stockton - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Karen, We just want you to know how sorry we are for your loss, we love you and want you to know we are here for you if you need us. We will see you again soon. Love, your family

mom and family - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Karen, so sorry for your lose. Know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your friends from Northport Baptist Church Judy and George Calfee

George and Judy Calfee - May 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ James Douglas Hekel

Wiley and Kate Morgan - May 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Jim was a wonderful husband and a great father. My life has been changed so much because of him. Anyone who knew him, knew how special he was. I just want to thank everyone for their love and prayers and all they have done for me. Jim would have appreciat

Karen Hekel - May 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you on the loss of Jim. May memories of all the special times you shared together give you comfort at this difficult time and May God be with and guide each day during this time.

Aunt Rozena McVey - May 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I was shocked to learn of Jim's death. I am his cousin and from Iowa. I am thinking of you all now, Hilary, Jimmie, Eli, and Karen. God bless!

Dana - May 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Karen; Just wanted to tell you that we are thinking about you. Sorry to heard about your lost. May God help you and Mandy during this sad time. Sharon

sharon wilburn - May 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Karen; Sorry to heard about your loss. Our thought and prayers are with you. We love you... Pam Stafford(Steagall) and family and Kathy Dunaway and family.All the Steagall at the reunion missed you.

Pam and Kathy - May 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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