



Hodge Houston Hixson Jr.

April 7, 2015

On April 7, 2015, HODGE HOUSTON HIXSON, II passed away quietly in his sleep.

In the course of his 89 years here on earth, HODGE led a colorful life. He was a strong independent man of integrity and true grit, who lived with a spirit of excelling at everything he did. "If any job is worth doing, it is worth doing right," HODGE would say, and he meant it. He especially excelled in his commitments to his family, the defense of his country, as well as to his post-military career.

HODGE joined the U.S. Marine Corps straight out of high school and remained on active duty for the next twenty-three years. During that time, he was deployed across the world serving various "hot zones" as called. This required of HODGE to serve multiple tours of duty in Viet Nam, Korea, Okinawa (Japan), Guam, Puerto Rico, to name a few. In 1966, HODGE transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve for an additional four years, where he trained our troops while he was stationed at Omaha, Nebraska. After retiring, HODGE brought his family of six to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in order to join Eaton Corporation in nearby Battle Creek. Here he was happy to apply his engineering experience and college education to increase the company's bottom line. It was also here in Michigan that HODGE obtained his pilot's license, bought an old boat which he liked to work on, and groove to being "Dad", spending much more time with his family.

HODGE subsequently relocated the family to Houston, Texas in order to help

care for his eldest son, Joseph, who became paralyzed during a boating accident on Lake Conroe.

HODGE impressed us with many beautiful memories of love, hope, challenge, and above all, a fierce determination to never give in, never give up. He will be missed by so many whose lives he has touched in such whimsical ways!

HODGE was married to his bride, Joan, for 52 years, and together they raised four children and two grandchildren.

HODGE was preceeded in death by his parents, Hodge H. Hixson, Sr. and Minnie Lewallen, HODGE'S wife, Joan, and their eldest son, Joseph Hixson.

He leaves behind two daughters Lea Long, and Lori Hixson, youngest son Thomas Hixson, and his grandchildren Chase Parker and Robin Hixson.

Please join us for family visitation on Friday, April 10, at Magnolia Funeral Home, from 6 to 8 p.m. Services will be held here the following morning at the chapel, at 11:30 a.m.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *To my Father,
You were not just my father, you were my hero and my friend. I am so grateful that you were such a big part of my life, especially these last 20 years. I cannot express the depth of my sorrow of your passing, but I know that you are at peace*

Lori Hixson - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

Hi it's shoudy how r u

James shoudy - September 15, 2024 at 02:59 PM

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James shoudy - September 15, 2024 at 03:10 PM

LL

“ *My father had a gift of bringing out the best in the people he cared about. When children are at that age when they start to feel insecure about their abilities, my Dad always had a way of daring us to put away all self doubts and just go for our d*

Lea Long - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Our condolences to the Hixson family especially to my dear coworker, Lori. Losing a parent is something that lingers in our hearts forever. A father is like a pillar of strength who we always ask for advice and guidance and would always love us uncondition*

Rollie, Tess & Kristine De Matta - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ My sympathy to the family. A lot of us have lost a loved one God put in my path just when i needed someone to talk with that had gone through this.I will miss talking to you.I will cherish the memory of having you known even if it was a short time. I will

Lydia Escamilla - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Lydia Escamilla lit a candle in memory of Hodge Houston Hixson Jr.



Lydia escamilla - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I am really sorry for you loss. I know how close you were to your father and what an influence he had on your life. We will miss by many. The heart remembers most what it has loved best. May your memories comfort you and bring you peace.

Donyelle Marshall - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ What can we say, other than our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Tom, Ted and I were just remembering when we were young - you were just born and I came from Traverse City, to stay with you. Uncle Hodge was overseas (of course), your mom in the ho

Mary Lou & Ted Fleis - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Mary Lou Fleis lit a candle in memory of Hodge Houston Hixson Jr.*



Mary Lou Fleis - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *To The Hixson Family,
First I would like to send my deepest sympathy to the family.
Mr. Hodge Hixson... I never met you but I felt like I knew you
through Lori. I know she talked to you everyday at 6pm and I know
how much you loved Lubys! But I also knew*

Tiksha Smith - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *To The Hixson Family especially to Lori, our co-worker,*

*Words are not enough to express our deepest condolences to "our
Daddy" that we admire most because of his genuine talks, words of
advice, jokes that we gathered from him thru her daughter Lori. As a*

Elenita Bautista - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM