



## James Hula Hudson III

February 20, 1949 - July 3, 2023

James Hula Hudson, III, 74 of West Point, Virginia passed from this life to the next on Monday, July 3, 2023. Jim was born on February 20, 1949. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, James Hula Hudson, Jr. and Irma Anderson Hudson. He is survived by his wife, Ellen Godsey Hudson; son, Anderson James Hudson (Heather) of Quinton, Virginia; daughter, Kathleen Hudson Ohlhausen (Neil) of Falls Church, Virginia; and granddaughters, Audrey and Olivia Hudson and Hannah Ohlhausen.

Jim grew up in Halifax County, Virginia. He graduated from Davidson College in 1971 and later graduated from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in 1976. Jim came to West Point to practice law on October 1, 1976.

Jim was a devoted public servant to the Town of West Point. Jim served as town attorney from 1984 to 1998 then served as a Town Council member from 1998 to 2006. Jim was first elected mayor in 2006, and served as such for 16 years. Recently, Jim was honored and humbled to be presented with House Joint Resolution No. 600 from the Virginia General Assembly, which recognized his time as a public servant to the Town of West Point.

Professionally, Jim enjoyed practicing law, and was proud of his thriving law practice. He was a member of the Virginia State Bar. Jim was on the Board of

Directors for C&F Bank.

During his time in West Point, Jim was a faithful member of St. John's Episcopal Church, where he served on the Vestry and as a lay reader, lector and chalice bearer. Jim had a steadfast faith in the Lord.

Jim was a loving son, husband, father, and grandfather. He valued his family, work, community, and faith above all. He was loved dearly, and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Visitation will be on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 from 4 to 7 PM at Vincent Funeral Home in West Point, Virginia. The funeral will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 11 AM at St. John's Episcopal Church in West Point, Virginia. All who would like to remember and honor Jim's life are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the West Point Rescue Squad, P.O. Box X, West Point, VA 23181.

\*Services for Mr. James Hudson, III will be livestreamed at the following link starting 10 minutes prior to services.\*

<https://vimeo.com/844286431/31b98eb2d9>

\*\*Please note that we have no control over the internet strength on the day of streaming and apologize for any inconvenience you may receive with disruption of the video.\*\*

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel  
417 11th St  
West Point, VA 23181  
(804) 843-2550

## Memorial Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
916 Main Street  
West Point, VA 23181

# Tribute Wall

HH

“ *Harwood Hall lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



Harwood Hall - July 22, 2023 at 09:57 AM

KJ

“ *Kari Jackson lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



Kari Jackson - July 13, 2023 at 04:47 PM

SB

“ *We enjoyed working with you over the years as a friend and lawyer.*

Stan Brewer - July 12, 2023 at 09:53 PM

KW

“ *Kim And David Williams lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



Kim and David Williams - July 11, 2023 at 10:02 AM

LW

“ *Lite a candle in memory of Jim Hudson*



Lee Wright - July 10, 2023 at 09:07 PM

TH

“ *I was sad to hear this news. Jim was a wonderful man. Our family trusted Jim and Elliott and their steadfast legal advice for many years. My heart breaks for his family ❤️ He had a life well lived! RIP my friend ☐*



Teresa Harver - July 10, 2023 at 07:25 PM

SD

“ *Sam Drewry lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



Sam Drewry - July 10, 2023 at 12:48 PM

GB

“ *To the Hudson Family: I simply can't imagine the Town of West Point without Jim. Someone so special will not be forgotten. Cherish the wonderful memories. May his soul rest in eternal peace. My deepest condolences for your loss.*

Gloria Bagby - July 10, 2023 at 10:39 AM

TP

“ *Terri Pyne lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



Terri Pyne - July 09, 2023 at 09:53 AM

TP

*Condolences to Jim's family. He was a wonderful person and one of the best attorneys in Virginia. I will miss him very much.*

Terri Pyne - July 09, 2023 at 09:56 AM

EL

“ *Great condolences to all. Jim provided support to me consistently through several life battles. He was such a great, caring and giving man. He is soaring in heaven now, still providing support. Please find comfort in all that he was and all that he will be. Ellen.... if you need anything.... love, light and prayers to all*

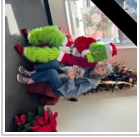
Ellen & Joe Lee - July 09, 2023 at 09:09 AM

BE

“ *To the family we send our deepest sympathy. He was truly a great man, loved by so many people, that says a lot. May God Bless you all at this difficult time. Beverly & Jim Ross*



Beverly&Jim - July 08, 2023 at 09:10 PM



“ *Margaret Ogg lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



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**Margaret Ogg** - July 08, 2023 at 03:13 PM

JP

“ *So sorry to hear about Jim. He was a great man and will be truly missed. We send our love and sympathy to his family.*

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**Judy and Glenn Palmer** - July 08, 2023 at 11:14 AM

KG

“ *So sorry to hear this! He was an excellent attorney & just an all around good guy! Such a loss to West Point & the surrounding communities. RIP, Sir...and fly high!*



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**Kathy Glass** - July 08, 2023 at 10:09 AM

BL

“ *Brenda Lee lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



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**Brenda lee** - July 08, 2023 at 07:56 AM

RC

“ R.T. Croswell And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III



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**R.T. Croswell and Donna Croswell** - July 08, 2023 at 06:39 AM

HE

“ Hattie Evans lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III



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**Hattie Evans** - July 07, 2023 at 11:43 PM

DB

“ I want to give my condolences to the family of Jim Hudson through this difficult time. May God continue to see you through and bless your entire family. Jim has touched so many lives in the Town of West Point. He will truly be missed.

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**Deborah Ball** - July 07, 2023 at 10:41 PM

VB

“ To Ellen and the entire Hudson family. We are so sorry to hear about Jim’s passing. This is such a loss to the entire West Point area. We have known Jim as our attorney, as a very loyal customer when we owned Subway and most of all as a friend. We will always remember Jim, sometimes alone and many times with his family, having lunch at Subway. It was not at all unusual for people to approach him and ask for legal advice while he ate his lunch. I never saw him turn anyone down. He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.  
Vic and Sharon Britton

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**Vic and Sharon Britton** - July 07, 2023 at 09:58 PM

LS

“ Ellen, Jim was surely a pillar of the Town of West Point and will be missed. My love and sympathy to you and your family. RIP Jim. 💔



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**Linda South** - July 07, 2023 at 09:00 PM

AH

“ Angie Hamrick lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III



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**Angie Hamrick** - July 07, 2023 at 08:57 PM

JD

“ *Hudson Family: Jim deserved all the respect he received. We know your memories will comfort you. Our sincerest prayers are for you all. Lee and John Davis*

John W. Davis - July 07, 2023 at 08:46 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



John and Vickie Roane - July 07, 2023 at 06:55 PM

KG

“ *Jim was a pillar of strength to our church and in our community. He will be missed. Katharine and Jeff Guerrant*



Katharine Guerrant - July 07, 2023 at 02:04 PM

GE

“ *Gwen Ellyson lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



Gwen Ellyson - July 07, 2023 at 01:34 PM

TS

“ *Trudy Sears lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



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**Trudy Sears** - July 07, 2023 at 01:14 PM

AR

“ *Ellen and family, you are in my heart and prayers*

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**Anne Rogers** - July 07, 2023 at 11:21 AM

WW

“ *So sorry to hear about Jim he was good man, A great Attn.he has been in my prayers for over 4 years rest in peace my good friend, Billy & Grace Wills*

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**william wills** - July 07, 2023 at 10:49 AM

FS

“ *Faith Silva lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



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**Faith Silva** - July 07, 2023 at 10:47 AM

LW

“ *Lee Wright lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



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**Lee Wright** - July 07, 2023 at 10:43 AM

KL

“ *Kay Lawson lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



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**Kay Lawson** - July 07, 2023 at 10:35 AM

NS

“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of a well respected and dedicated person to his family, friends, and community.  
Norman E Gray, Sr.*

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**Norman E Gray, Sr.** - July 07, 2023 at 10:05 AM

KB

“ *Karen Murray Barrow lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III*



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**Karen Murray Barrow** - July 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM

EC

“ Ellen, Jamie, Kate - I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a wonderful man, loved his family, his town, and loved Jesus. He was always a welcome sight on Sunday mornings at church and I know he cared so much for our family. His loss is profound but so is his legacy. He will surely be missed by all of those who loved him! You all will be in our prayers as you navigate this time of grief. We love you all.

Emily (Cook) Council - July 07, 2023 at 08:28 AM

HW

“ HENRY WARD lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III



HENRY WARD - July 07, 2023 at 05:39 AM

JT

“ I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Jim. He was a true friend while we lived in New Kent. Sympathies to his family & thinking of you, Jamie.

Joe Taylor - July 06, 2023 at 11:16 PM

RB

“ Jim was a wonderful man! When my in-laws owned the Suway in town, he came in everyday! He always made me laugh. My heart is broken for his wife and family. They are in my thoughts and prayers. Jim, I now know what your middle initial H stands for! You never would tell me, even though I would pester you about it. Thank you for giving me a reference for nursing school. I will never forget that! May you rest in eternal peace.

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**Rexella Britton** - July 06, 2023 at 08:30 PM

JM

“ Joe And Robin McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III



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**Joe and Robin McLaughlin** - July 06, 2023 at 08:24 PM

AW

“ Abbi Williams lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III



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**Abbi Williams** - July 06, 2023 at 05:22 PM

JG

“ You will be greatly missed.



Joanie & Charlie Gordon - July 06, 2023 at 05:02 PM

KP

“ Kiara Johnson Polcyn lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III



Kiara Johnson Polcyn - July 06, 2023 at 04:33 PM

TN

“ Teresa Nice lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III



Teresa Nice - July 06, 2023 at 04:17 PM

KG

“ My Love & Prayers are with Jim's family and friends. He was a True Gentleman as well as a Dear Friend. Rejoice in your Final Reward with Our Father.



Kathy Gesin - July 06, 2023 at 03:10 PM

RS

“ Jim Hudson was always a good friend to our family. So sorry for Ellen and his family. Jim was a good man. Robert and Denise South

Robert Denise South - July 06, 2023 at 03:09 PM

GC

“ Dear Ellen, family and friends,  
Jim was such a kind and caring man to everyone who knew him...he will surely be missed.  
Cherish your precious memories.  
With heartfelt sympathy,  
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)



Gloria Couch - July 06, 2023 at 03:01 PM

PN

“ Patricia Norman lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III



Patricia Norman - July 06, 2023 at 02:44 PM

PN

*Sending my thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Patricia Norman - July 06, 2023 at 02:47 PM

AW

“ Avril & Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III



Avril & Gerald Williams - July 06, 2023 at 02:27 PM

WH

“ Wayne Healy lit a candle in memory of James Hula Hudson III



Wayne Healy - July 06, 2023 at 02:00 PM

WH

*Jim was a great guy, this town will miss him very much!*

Wayne Healy - July 06, 2023 at 02:03 PM

PN

*Pam and I are so sorry to hear this news. Jim was a tremendous help to us in solving some legal issues a some years ago and that's how we got to know him. Following those days we became good friends. He was quite a gentleman and professional. He certainly will be missed by all who knew him.*

*Pam and Page Neale*

Page and Pam Neale - July 07, 2023 at 10:18 AM

CA

*Dear Ellen, You are so blessed to have had Jim as your husband. A kind and giving man, he will be missed greatly by the Town of West Point and everyone whose life he had touched. We feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit you both so recently and enjoyed the sharing of memories and feeling the calm spirit you both exhibited. Our love to you, Katie, Jamie and the rest of the family. Cindy and Bruce Arnold*

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**Cindy and Bruce Arnold** - July 16, 2023 at 05:42 PM