



Robert Hampton

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Robert Emory Hampton was born February 13, 1933 in Venus, Texas to Charles Robert and Theespa Smith Hampton. Roberts sisters, Louise, Doris and Virgie all preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Marilyn Hampton, children: Mike and Kathy Hampton, Stephanie Hampton, Meredith Roel and Whitney Gretzinger, his grandchildren: Shannon VanTrease, Susan Hampton Conner, Thomas Roel, Olivia Roel, Jackson Gretzinger and Caroline Gretzinger. He is also survived by his great grandchildren: Shelby Gail Hall, Taylor Hall Keville and Holly Hall as well as numerous nieces and one nephew. The family would also like to recognize his StayKare caregivers: Hannah Gatling, Rose Brasher, Stephanie Marino and Olivia Curtis.

Robert was a self-made entrepreneur. His long list of careers includes: sales for Procter and Gamble, retail clothing store owner, home builder and real estate developer. One of his favorite accomplishments was a real estate development in which he partnered with Mickey Mantle. Robert purchased Papacita's Mexican Restaurant, originally located on HWY 80 where Pizza King currently is, in 1985. In 1992, Robert was able to fulfill his dream of owning the largest Mexican restaurant in East Texas by relocating Papacita's to its current location on Loop 281. Papacita's Restaurant was Robert's passion, and he considered all the Papacita's employees his family. Diddy's Yogurt Shoppe was founded in 2010. Diddy was what Robert's grandkids called him, and he loved to take them for rides in the Diddy-Mobile. Robert married the love of his life Marilyn on April 19, 1986. They spent many wonderful years together. After a long struggle with Alzheimer's, Robert passed away peacefully on November 29, 2020 surrounded by his family and friends.

Robert's personality was bigger than life - he was loved by so many. Robert was dedicated to raising money for the East Texas Angel Network. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the East Texas Angel Network at



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easttexasangelnetwork.com or by mail to: East Texas Angel Network, 2802 Gilmer Rd, Suite 1, Longview, TX 75604.

For all those that cannot make the service, you can watch it live from Robert's obituary page at raderfh.com.

Funeral services for Robert Hampton will be held at the chapel of Rader Funeral Home in Longview on Wednesday, December 2 at 11 am. A private family burial will take place before the service at Rosewood Park in Longview. The service will be live streamed from Mr. Hampton's obituary page during the time of the service.



Events

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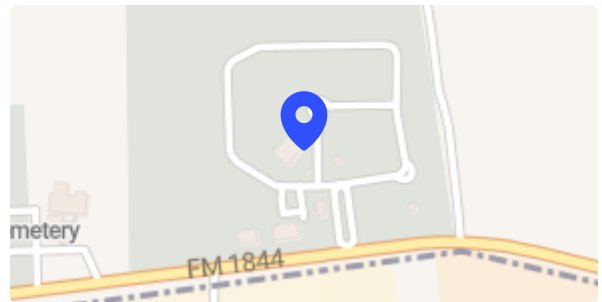
Chapel Service - Longview

- Wednesday**, December 2, 2020
- 11:00 AM CT
- Rader Funeral Home**
1617 Judson Rd., Longview TX 75601



Cemetery Details

- Rosewood Park**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





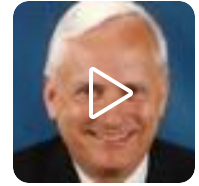
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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.



December 2 at 6:47 AM



Kyle Bramblitt posted:

Just now learned of Mr. Hamptons passing. I have often thought of him throughout the years. Although we were not personally friends, I sure did admire and respect him! He was aa great inspiration to me, a true example of how a businessman should conduct himself! I had the good fortune and pleasure of building and installing his signs at his Gun Barrel City Papacitas location in 1989. He was a good man, and and I know that his presence will be missed by all of those who's lives he touched! He always had time to talk, and a smile to go with it!

April 24 at 3:43 PM



Brenda Scott posted:

Robert was a dear friend back in the early 80's. He was always kind and thoughtful and had a smile. We kept in touch over the years and shared things about our families. I send my deepest condolences to his family, I know he will be missed, and a great loss to our community. God received a wonderful man at his passing.Sincerely,Brenda Scott, Daughter Yvette Kraake

December 4 at 1:29 PM



Jean Taylor posted:

My family and I will always remember Robert Hampton. He was so personable and thoughtful. Before the present location was open, Kristi and I were looking in the window wondering what this building was going to be. He happened to be there and invited us in. He gave us a tour. Kristi and I used to serve banquets...before the elevator was put in. When the elevator was put in years later, he insisted that we be the first to ride it up! He assisted Kristi with a mission trip to Germany years ago. He was such a giving person. Papacita's is our second home! We feel like we are visiting family when we go there (and that is often)! Thank you Marilyn for all you do. Thank you Kim, Danny, Dean, Joel, Manual, Marshall and all of you. We love you.Jean, Andy and Kristi Taylor

December 3 at 12:07 PM



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KG

Kathy Galloway lit a candle in honor of Robert.



December 3 at 6:47 AM

LW

Linda Wiggins posted:

I moved from Dallas 20 plus years ago and met with Robert about painting murals in his restaurant. It was there that I recognized what a nice man he was. The murals were my first to paint in the east Texas area and more followed. I was so grateful for all he did for me and I will remember his kindness. Prayers. Linda Wiggins

December 2 at 5:33 PM

SM

Sherry Molpus posted:

Marilyn and family, My memories of Robert were how nice he always was when he hosted our GLUW breakfasts at Papacita's. Such a wonderful gentleman who was so kind and welcoming, when dining with at your restaurant. Sherry Moore-Molpus

December 2 at 8:31 AM

DF

Debi Farrell posted:

Marilyn, Whitney, and Meredith - Robert was the kindest man! When Gaye Webster and I moved our Lollipop and Lace business to his shopping center, we had the opportunity to visit with Robert on many occasions. He told us about his vision for the restaurant, where some of the furnishings were from, etc. He was always delightful, and I knew him as a smiling, fun person, but with a keen business mind. I remember that he was concerned that Papacita's always received the perfect score on that restaurant report!! I know he was loved and respected by many. Longview lost a true supporter, leader and visionary! Love you all, Debi Farrell

December 2 at 7:25 AM

JC

Johnnie Crutchfield posted:

Robert was my mothers first cousin, and although I haven't seen him for several years, I remember him as a kind and gentle man. So sorry for the family's loss. Johnnie Crutchfield

December 2 at 7:01 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hampton family.



December 2 at 5:44 AM



Joshua Parshall posted:

We would go eat at Papacita's from time to time from the 80's on and when Robert was there we would catch up on how his side of the family was doing and he would get caught up on our side since we are cousins and sometimes he would even let us have our meals on his dime even though we would go back and forth about we should pay he wouldn't hear of it

December 2 at 2:14 AM



Cynthia Hudman Adams lit a candle in honor of Robert.



December 1 at 6:28 PM



June Holliday December 2 at 7:38 AM

I framed lots of items when they opened Papacitas They were best customers. So nice. Marilyn and family Prayers and love!



Cynthia Hudman Adams sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert.



December 1 at 6:27 PM



Cynthia Hudman Adams posted:

Mr. Hampton was such a thoughtful man. In 2007 I organized a sponsorship program and Christian concert on behalf of a seriously ill baby named Ashley Adams. Mr. Hampton did not hesitate whenever I asked him if, he would be interested in helping baby Ashley. He was always so friendly and down to earth no matter how busy he was while at the restaurant. He will be sorely missed. My prayers and thoughts go out to the family left behind. May God wrap his loving arms around you while you mourn this terrible loss. God bless each one of you in a special way.

December 1 at 6:25 PM



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BL

Brenda Liverman sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert.

Marilyn,Waynell and I send our prayers and love.Robert was an amazing part of so many things here n Longview. Crisman School was blessed for many years by your kindness and dedication. We have wonderful memories thru the years of the wonderful Papacita's staff being at the school's fund raisers. Such fun times!Thank you for continuing the gift that Robert started many years ago. It truly inspired us all to do what we can to help others. Brenda Liverman



December 1 at 3:40 PM

HJ

Hannah Jordan lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Prayers going out to Marilyn and his family! Mr. Hampton was such a sweet man, I enjoyed taking care of him while he was at Arabella! He will be missed.



December 1 at 3:18 PM

GH

Glen Hart posted:

I worked for Robert when the store was still on HWY 80. 1985 I believe. At some point in time we moved to the old Wal Mart location where Pasados is now. At one time he had a store in Mt. Pleasant and I was Kitchen Manager there for about 2 years. I left employment with Robert in 1990. He was always a good and fair man to me. Condolences to his family. May God comfort you in this sad time.

December 1 at 2:50 PM

CM

Connie Murdock lit a candle in honor of Robert.



December 1 at 1:15 PM

BB

Beth Martin..Bolton lit a candle in honor of Robert.

We Have So Many Memories Together The Staff @ Papacita's Loved Him Dearly! Was Blessed To Work There For Many YearsMy Children (4) Were Raised ThereSo Much So That To This Day My Name is StillMAMACITA!!



December 1 at 12:30 PM



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Brian Deanna And Chasity sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Hampton family.



December 1 at 11:59 AM



Kay Trammell posted:

Robert was my first cousin his father and mine were brothers. I haven't seen Robert in many years but I remember growing up his was always nice and kind. I thought Robert was so handsome and resembled Uncle Bob. He had wonderful parents and siblings. During the late 1950's my parents lived with his Mom and Dad while my brother was in Baylor Hospital. Back then families were much closer and stayed in touch. I am sorry for your loss and will keep you all in my prayers. Sally K. Hampton Trammell

December 1 at 10:18 AM



Allen Mcreynolds posted:

When I moved back to Longview, Robert and Marilyn encouraged me to join them in operating Trinity Episcopal's participation in the Ministerial Alliance's Roving Shelter project as a way to feel a part of our community. Robert was an incredible man.

December 1 at 9:47 AM



Lourie Strickland posted:

I was fortunate and blessed to work @Papacitas and know such a wonderful person, Robert Hampton. He was a perfectionist about his restaurant and made us all that worked there perfectionist as well. PRAYERS and Condolences to Marilyn and children and ALL the Papacitas family.

December 1 at 6:33 AM



- Your Us Foods Family sent a Garden Cross to the Hampton family.



December 1 at 5:55 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hampton family.



December 1 at 5:51 AM



Linda Craig posted:

Marilyn, Whitney, Meredith, Jackson, and Caroline: I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved Robert. May he Rest In Peace in God's loving embrace and may God grant you all peace on earth. I am sending love and prayers for your loss. Linda Ketter-Craig.

December 1 at 5:35 AM



Mike Nolte December 1 at 9:23 AM
So sorry for your loss Mike Alicia and Ella



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Hampton family.



November 30 at 4:58 PM



Robert And Betty Hudson sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Hampton family.



November 30 at 3:49 PM



Media

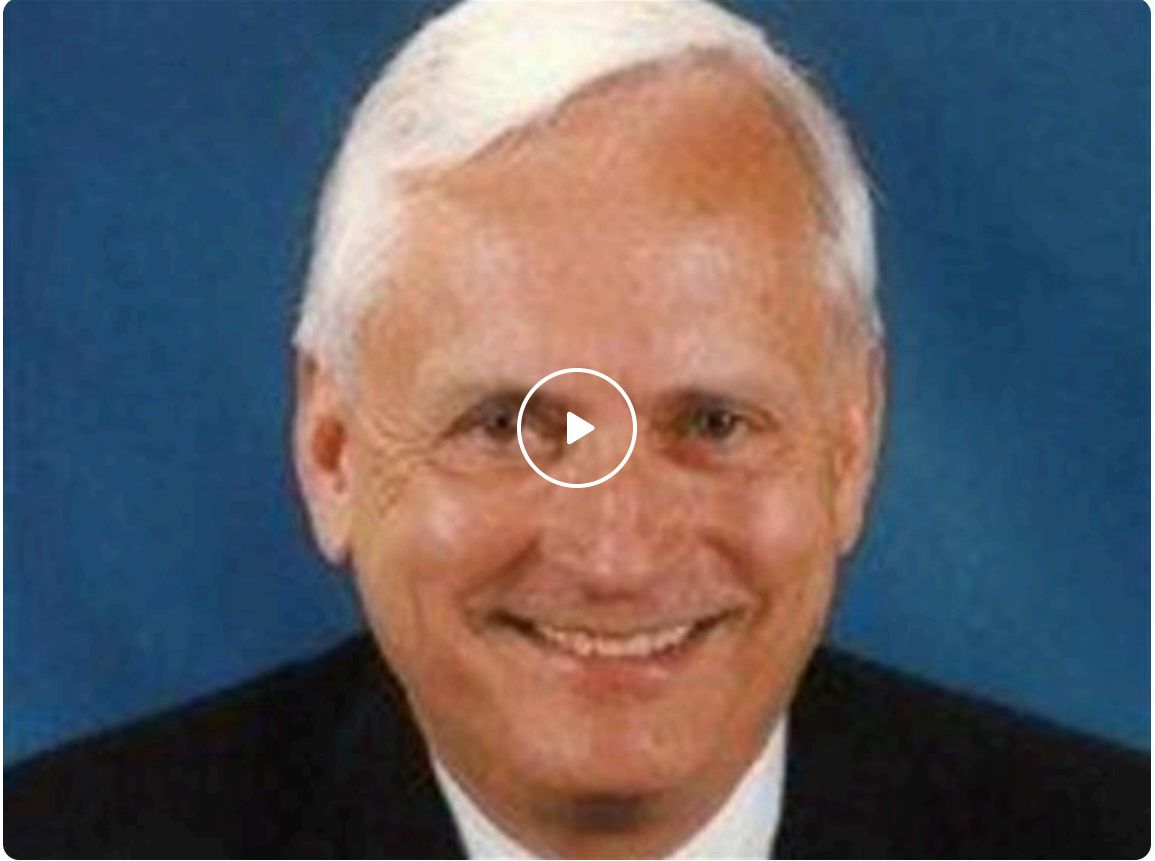
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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