



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

Jacob Hugh Harmon, '58

June 13, 1940 - March 25, 2019



Member Ad Astra Society

Pvt., 1; Cpl., 2; Sgt., 3; SFC, 4; 1st Sgt., 5; Capt., 6; Capt., 7; Junior Athletics, 1; Cotillion Club Treas., 6, 7; Roller Rifles, 4-7; Fencing, 1-7; Capt., 5-7; Honor Committee, 7; Pres. 4th Year Men, 7.

When “songs” begin to pour forth from the second stoop tower shower, EVERYONE knows it’s five, and that it’s H-2—but that’s the only time of the day when he doesn’t have on his crisis hat. The fencing team will be practically “foiless” without him; he’s been captain for three years. Romeo, jeep boy, and great man— all apply to Hugh.

Hugh Harmon died in the company of family on Monday, March 25, 2019. Born in Baltimore, his parents were the late Jacob Horace Harmon and Ida Carey Moore Harmon. He graduated from the Augusta Military Academy in Ford Defiance, Va., and also received his master’s degree from the University of Maryland. Hugh held many positions throughout his life, but retired as the Executive Director for Tourism and Economic Development in Loudon County, Va. He was a black powder competitive shooter.



He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Sabo Harmon of Salisbury; sons, Jeffrey Hugh Harmon of North Carolina, James Daniel Harmon of North Carolina; and one grandson.

A Memorial Service will take place between April 25 and April 27 at the Augusta Military Academy in the company of family and fellow alumni. He will ultimately be laid to rest at Bishopville Cemetery in private ceremonies. Arrangements are in the care of Holloway Funeral Home in Salisbury.

J. Hugh Harmon, 78, of Salisbury, Maryland passed peacefully in the company of family on March 25, 2019. He was born on June 13, 1940 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Jacob Horace Harmon and the late Ida Carey Moore Truitt. He was the

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husband of Kathleen Sabo Harmon.

Hugh graduated from the Augusta Military Academy in Ford Defiance, Virginia in 1958 and inducted into the Ad astra Per aspera Honor Society. He also graduated with his Master's Degree from the University of Maryland. Hugh held many positions throughout his life but retired as the Tourism Director for Loudoun County, Virginia.

During his time as Executive Director, he was a strong supporter of and worked to protect Balls Bluff Battlefield, a Civil War battlefield in Leesburg, Virginia. A historical outline of the battlefield written by Eugene Scheel in October of 2001 noted:

“Horatio Trundle, who lived near Ball’s Bluff at Exeter, campaigned for the battlefield’s preservation in the late 1930s, but nothing came of his pleas. Only in October 1981 did a second effort begin, after a developer bought the site’s surrounding 475 acres. For days, Hugh Harmon, then Loudoun’s tourism director, paraded around Leesburg and up to Ball’s Bluff in a Union uniform. The attention he got from the media aroused politicians, and, thus, the Northern Virginia Park Authority bought 78 acres of the battlefield in 1984. Subsequent purchases by the authority and Town of Leesburg have increased the park’s size to more than 200 acres.”

--<http://www.loudounhistory.org/history/loudoun-cw-balls-bluff>

He was proud to receive his private pilot's license in 1991 at the age of 51. His family fondly remembers how proud Hugh was of owning his own plane and taking to the skies over Virginia and Delmarva. In his younger days, he was a member of the Washington Blue Rifles Black Powder Shooting Team of Fort Shenandoah, Virginia and enjoyed spending time with his loving dogs and cats.

Hugh is survived by his wife, Kathleen Sabo Harmon, of Salisbury, MD; sons, Jeffrey Hugh Harmon, of North Carolina, James Daniel (Erlinda Butz) Harmon, of North Carolina; grandson, Daniel James Butz; special cousin, Charlon Pruitt; many cousins, and cats, Holi Roller and T.C. He is preceded in death by his cat, Mr. Spook; dogs, Taco; and English Mastiffs, Miss Daisey and Miss Peaches.

A Memorial and Scattering of Ashes took place on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 4:00PM on the steps to The Bowl in front of Big Barracks at Augusta Military Academy in Virginia. Hugh's remains will also be laid to rest at Bishopville Cemetery in Bishopville, Maryland in a private ceremony.

Hugh was a 7 year cadet at AMA. He graduated as a second year captain.