



James Huntley Cummins

August 18, 2012

James Huntley Cummins of Spring, TX passed away on Saturday August 18 at 64 years of age after a long and difficult battle with cancer. He was born on September 5, 1947 to Colonel and Mrs. T. J. Cummins in Newport News, VA. His parents were both from Montana – his father from Butte and his mother from a small ranch close to the Canadian border. His uncle on his mother's side was Chet Huntley, the noted NBC news anchor and co-host of the popular “Huntley-Brinkley Report.” As he grew up he moved with his Air Force family from one base to another, developing a sense of adventure and an ability to adapt to virtually any kind of situation. His father played professional baseball before WW II and his mother played basketball at Montana State College, and he emulated them by excelling in sports in high school and college. He graduated from Fairborn High School in Ohio where he starred in football, basketball, and baseball. He went to Defiance College in Ohio where he set records as a punishing defensive back. When it became apparent he was to be drafted, he enlisted in the US Army, serving in military intelligence and criminal investigation in the US, Europe, and Asia, rising to the rank of Warrant Officer. He completed his BS degree at South Dakota State University while still in the Army, then went on to civilian law enforcement work as a probation officer and deputy sheriff in Eagle, Colorado. For a brief time he served as mayor of Gypsum, CO in 1980.

Shortly afterwards he began working in the field of industrial security with several Fortune 500 corporations, including American Express where he was

the Global Vice-President for Security, Medtronics, and finally Air Liquide USA in Houston where he worked almost to the time of his death. During a business trip to Brazil he met his wife Vera and they were married on August 18, 1996. He is survived by her and their three children, sons Chet and Tristram, and daughter Alexis, all of Spring, TX. He is also survived by sons Travis, Robert, Brandon and daughter Tatiana, all living in the Denver, CO area, three grandsons, Lorenzo and Matteo Rotundo, and Ethan Cummins, and one granddaughter, Sophia Cummins. He is also leaves behind an older brother Gary, of Port Townsend, WA.

Jim Cummins was known and admired for his strong work ethic, ability to make friends easily, and love of his family. He loved sports, especially those his children participated in and was a force to be reckoned with on the golf links. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was a certified SCUBA diver, flew helicopters, and held a private pilot's license. His mischievous sense of humor, infectious laugh and broad smile will be missed by all who knew him.

The Addison family and staff extend our heartfelt condolences to the Cummins family in their time of loss.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Huntley Cummins*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Tatiana Cummins lit a candle in memory of James Huntley Cummins*



Tatiana Cummins - August 14, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ *I worked with Jim at american express, he was like a father figure, always pushed me to do my best and move forward. because of him i found the courage to buy my first apartment and then my house, something i thought i would never be able to do on my own*

arlen sirotzky - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked for Jim at both Unisys and American Express for many years. I credit him with pushing me to have more self-confidence in my abilities and I am a better person for having met him. He was my favorite boss and I regretted leaving the company and los*

Jean Zeller Routh - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Jean Zeller Routh lit a candle in memory of James Huntley Cummins



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JM

“ 30 Nov 2012 -- I just learned of Jim's passing. We worked together at Medtronic in Minnesota. He was a talented professional and had a can-do attitude that made things happen. I especially admired him for his interest and actions in developing his securit

John Fechter, Minnesota - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Jimmy, you are joining a great group of all our favortie relatives in Heaven. You led a fruitful and exciting life while on this earth and I have fond memories of your days in Colorado and when you visited in Paris. ..your legacy will lives on in your ch

Kern Family - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ Frank, Kristin And Kelly Kern lit a candle in memory of James Huntley Cummins



Frank, Kristin and Kelly Kern - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *JaNet Adamson lit a candle in memory of James Huntley Cummins*



JaNet Adamson - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *We enjoy the time we spend together friend.*

Victor & Yolanda Frausto - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *You are my only brother and I regret we did not have more time together. We will both miss you very much.*

Gary Cummins - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *Gary& Diana Cummins lit a candle in memory of James Huntley Cummins*



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