



J. Lester Hooper

July 14, 1961 - August 27, 2008

J. Lester Hooper, Jr. 47, passed away August 23, 2008 at home in Valley Falls. J. was born July 14, 1961 at Fort Belvoir, VA to his surviving parents, J. Lester Hooper, Sr. and Olive (Shoup) Hooper of Manhattan. He graduated from Manhattan High School and then graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in Computer Science with minors in Business and Psychology. He married Marcia Wiese July 9, 1983 in Meriden KS. Beginning in Jan. 1986 J. worked for Shawnee Federal Savings for one year. He worked for Fleming Companies from 1987 to 1991. In 1991 he started working for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas and was currently a Senior Systems Analyst for the company. He was a member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. Family was very important to J. and his presence at every family event will be deeply missed. J. is survived by his wife, Marcia Hooper; son, Joseph; daughter, Marisa all of the home; sisters, Joy Barnett (Mike), Scott City, KS, Sherri Hooper, Wendy Skrdlant (Gary), all of Manhattan; brother, Terry Hooper, Manhattan; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. A rosary will be prayed at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th St. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening at the church. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 10 a.m. at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. Burial will follow at St. Aloysius Cemetery in Meriden, KS. Memorial contributions are suggested to J. Lester Hooper, Jr. Children's Education Fund and Mother

Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church Building Fund sent in care of Kevin
Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *J. Lester Hooper*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *J Lester was my Science teacher in high school. In the early 1960s I want the national science fair my designing and building a computer. I winning this in Topeka I won a trip to Albuquerque New Mexico to the national science fair. Jay Lester was my chaperone. We had a wonderful time and remain friends for many years. After I was got out of the military And was living in California you show me my first life insurance policy. I kept that and kept in contact for several years and then lost all contact. Today November 13, 2020 Feeling like reminiscing and I'm looking up old friends on the Internet. Sorry to hear Joe Lester passed away over 12 years ago but I know he lived a good life had a great family and his missed by everyone.*

watne esping - November 13, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ *Dear Marcia, Joseph, and Marisa, I am deeply sadden to here about j's passing. J and your family are some of the the nicest people I have ever met. Sometimes mere words just aren't enough to take our greif away. I know you strenght in your belief of God will help you bear the sorrow and comfort your healing. Our prayers are with you.*

Kasi Haines - September 30, 2008 at 07:25 PM

BA

“ *Marcia, Joseph and Marisa, all J's co-workers in the EDI Operations area at BCBSKS send our condolences to you at this difficult time.*

BCBSKS EDI Operations Area - September 03, 2008 at 09:31 AM

LH

“ *I am grieved to just learn of J's passing. J and I grew up just a few streets apart in Manhattan and I remember going to his home a couple of times. We were in the same graduating class in high school and I occasioned the luck of his friendship outside of school. We also lived in the same dorm at Kansas State and he kept the fun in my life as I was otherwise going through difficult times. I will never forget a prank he tried to play on me but mistakenly played on my roommate, whom he didn't know. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you navigate this difficult time. Laura Harris, Lexington, Kentucky*

Laura C Harris - August 28, 2008 at 07:30 PM

JL

“ *Marcia, Joseph, and Marisa
Our prayers are with you during this sorrowful time. I am so sorry to hear about J. He was a kind and caring person and will be missed. May God's Grace be with you now and alwaysz14pi*

Jaclyn and Brian Laffleur - August 28, 2008 at 04:38 PM

RT

“ *Please accept my most sincere condolences on your sudden tragic loss of your loved one. I am friends with J's sister Wendy. I know he will be missed by all who loved him. Your family is in my prayers.*

Rebecca Treaster - August 28, 2008 at 12:08 PM

LB

“ Dear Hooper family,

I am so sorry to hear this terrible news. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you look for the strength to get through this very difficult time. God bless, Laura

Laura Blecha - August 28, 2008 at 11:14 AM

TA

“ Dear Family, Terry and I are very sorry for your loss. Our love goes out to all the Hooper family of all generations. We know your faith will help you and we will pray for you all, too. Ginny and Terry Arthur

Terry and Ginny Arthur - August 27, 2008 at 07:46 PM

TF

“ My prayers and thoughts are with your family during this difficult time. I had the pleasure to work with J at BCBSKS and he is one of the kindest individual I have ever met. He is one of the few people that would make you feel good, just by being around him. You could always tell by the way he acted and talked that he had a greater presents (faith in God) with him and was able to share that with others. I will miss him!!

Teresa Foust - August 27, 2008 at 08:45 AM

JA

“ Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. From a MHS Class of 1979 graduate.

*Colonel Joel D. Anderson
USMC*

Joel Anderson - August 26, 2008 at 11:11 PM

MS

“*Marcia, Joseph, and Marisa, our deepest sympathies go out to you for the loss of J. We are extremely saddened by his passing. He was a fun, loving person who always brought a smile to everyone's face. He always brought laughter to the room and was a joy to be around. He was an amazing person and will be missed by many. May God give you the strength you need to get through this difficult time. We will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers. With much love-Matt and Lesley Skahan*

Matt and Lesley Skahan - August 26, 2008 at 09:57 PM

PD

“*Mr. Hooper and family.....I was shocked to see your son's obituary in the paper. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family as you go through this difficult time.*

Phyllis (tudor) Daniels - August 26, 2008 at 06:54 PM

SO

“*Beloved Hooper Family,
We are so saddened to hear of J Lester's passing, but we are so thankful to God that we were able to spend time with him and the whole family this summer. He will be greatly missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers, and we send our heart felt condolences.
Love and Prayers,
Shaun, Lindsay, and Zachary Ortega*

Shaun and Lindsay Ortega - August 26, 2008 at 06:20 PM

CW

“ *Marcia, Joseph & Marisa,*

We were so shocked to learn of J.'s death. We remember from our days at St. Matthew's how much he enjoyed being involved in Joseph and Marisa's activities. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Coleen, Ben & Chelsea Weber

Coleen & Ben Weber - August 26, 2008 at 02:41 PM

SB

“ *Dear Hooper Family,*

Our hearts break for you with the sad news of the loss of J. Lester, JR. We know what a loving family you are and how much J.'s presence will be missed. We wish for you God's Peace in your minds and hearts as you remember J. and celebrate together his life. Love never ends and may the bittersweet memories also serve you with laughter and joy as you remember the love you have for each other. You are all in our prayers as you lean on God, family, and friends to see you through. In Christ, John & Sarah Blair, and family

Sarah Blair - August 25, 2008 at 11:02 PM

WM

“ *I am shocked and saddened by the news that your dear son, and loving brother J. has passed. I remember the great times we shared visiting you and your family growing up in Manhattan and all the joyful meeting as our paths crossed a great deal of times. J. was such a kind spirit, silly and joyful. For Mr. and Mrs. Hooper, Joy, Sherry, Terry and especially Wendy I am so sorry, I pray for your faith to comfort you and see you through this difficult time.*
Wendy(Tubach)Michaels

Wendy Michaels - August 25, 2008 at 10:11 PM

BU

“ Dear J. Lester and Olive

My sincerest condolences to you on the loss of your son and name sake. The loss of a child is so very difficult. May God give you peace and comfort.

Sincerely,

Beth Unger

Beth Unger - August 25, 2008 at 09:06 PM

LH

“ *Marcia, Marisa and Joseph you are all in my prayers during this difficult time. I pray that your faith in God will help you through. I had the pleasure of working with J. at BCBS as our lead for a new browser application for Customer Service. He always had a smile on his face and something funny to say or share. J was like family here at work to me and I'll miss him dearly. J talked so fondly of his family and it was obvious how much you meant to him. He would always ask how my family was. J truly cared about other people. I will miss his sense of humor and the beautiful flowers he'd bring from your home to share with everyone. May God be with you and help you find comfort knowing that J has a beautiful soul and will live in the hearts of many forever... Lori Harris*

Lori Harris - August 25, 2008 at 07:46 PM

CT

“ Dearest Marcia, Joseph, Marisa and Family.
We offer you our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one, husband and father and friend, J. He was one of the nicest most considerate people we will ever have the priviledge of knowing! J. was a wonderful role model and servant for all people and Jesus has taken his good and faithful servant home to be with him. This does not lessen the sorrow for you, his family and all his friends. We will all miss J.'s presence. We pray for J.'s eternal salvation and believe God's promise of this gift to all who love and follow him. And so we are confident in J.'s heavenly reward. We pray for you, his family struggling here without your loved one, J.'s human presence physically in your lives. We pray you will trust in God's mercy to see you through these painfully difficult times. This is truly a test of your faith in God as it would be for any family. We pray for your faith to comfort and see you through and that you will receive comfort and strength from family and friends. God be with you all in your grieving. We love you dearly and lift you all up in prayer. Your friends in Christ, Connie & Jerry Townsend

Connie & Jerry Townsend - August 25, 2008 at 07:27 PM



“ J. Lester Hooper

August 25, 2008 at 07:24 PM

DM

“ Elaine and I are heart broken to hear of J's death. I will always remember the good times we had in school and in church bell choir back in the 1970's. We especially had a good time going to Lincoln, Nebraska for bell choir festival one summer. He was a kind man and our lives were enriched by knowing him. God Bless you all. You are in our prayers. Doug and Elaine Meloan

Doug and Elaine Meloan - August 25, 2008 at 04:06 PM

RN

“ *Marcia, Marisa, and Joseph,
I am so sorry for your loss. May God be with you and your family.*

Rachel Nixon, MPH

Rachel Nixon - August 25, 2008 at 03:19 PM

SR

“ *I am so sorry to learn of J's passing. He was both a co-worker and a friend for several years at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. I wish we could attend the services but we are currently in Pennsylvania. Please accept our condolences and know your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Steve Reigle - August 25, 2008 at 03:05 PM

DP

“ *Words can not express how saddened I and the rest of our class was to hear of J's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Donna Duncan Paul and the entire MHS Class of 1979.*

Donna Paul - August 25, 2008 at 02:28 PM

JP

“ *Marcia, Joseph, Marisa and Family,*

I, too, was fortunate enough to have worked with J. at BCBS even though I considered him much more of a friend than a co-worker. He was a very special person, always so thoughtful and positive. I feel very blessed to have known J. and also to have met you and Marisa when you delivered the items to my house I purchased from the 4H fundraiser. We had such a nice visit. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. May your faith and memories help you through this time.

Janene Preston - August 25, 2008 at 01:31 PM

KD

“ *Dear Marcia, Joseph and Marisa:*

I've known J and have worked with him for many years at BCBSKS. I'm saddened to hear of his death and your profound loss. I could always depend on J for a friendly smile and greeting each morning, that will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kathi Davis - August 25, 2008 at 01:10 PM

JP

“ *You don't know me but I knew J from work at BCBSKS. I've never met a nicer more positive person and I am deeply saddened by his passing. I am sure God has a great place for J in heaven and pray for his eternal salvation and your strength through faith. God Bless you all.*

Jim Phelps - August 25, 2008 at 12:53 PM