



James W. Hunt, 73, of Townsend

February 28, 1952 - February 16, 2026

Townsend: James W. Hunt, 73, a resident of Townsend for nearly fifty years, died unexpectedly Monday, February 16, 2026 while enjoying his retirement and vacationing in Naples, FL.

James was born on February 28, 1952 in Worcester, MA to Edward and Esther (Prada) Hunt and grew up in Northborough, MA. He was a 1970 graduate of Algonquin Regional High School.

For 45 fulfilling years, and following in his father's footsteps, Jim enjoyed his life long career at MIT Lincoln Laboratories/Haystack Observatory in Westford, MA, retiring in April 2018.

His list of hobbies and talents are endless, spanning decades of pure knowledge, craftsmanship and enjoyment. He was a lifetime member of the Westford Sportsman's Club, loved the game of pickleball, cornhole, ping pong, cycling, HAM radio and thoroughly enjoyed any project around the yard with his favorite Kubota tractor. He was a car enthusiast, mechanical genius, avid welder and enthusiastic foodie. Good luck naming a food he did not like.

He will always be remembered for his willingness to lend a hand, fixing something and making it stronger (or more efficient) than how it was built in the first place or building something you needed, making it indestructible. All

with a smile and determination because these are the things that made him happy.

Jim and his treasured wife, Kathleen, were blessed to enjoy many years of fun together, whether playing pickleball, travelling, volunteering to care for cats or enjoying trying different foods both at home and in restaurants.

Jim was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and stepfather. He leaves his beloved wife of 12 years, Kathleen R. (Moschak) Hunt; his son and daughter in law, Ryan and Jennifer Hunt of Pepperell; his daughter and son in law, Kerri and Matthew Landry of Lunenburg; his step son, Liam P. Sweeney of Townsend; his step daughter, Erin A. Sweeney of Hudson, NH; two brothers, Daniel and Carolyn Hunt of Wyoming, David and Teresa Hunt of Northborough; his former spouse, Diane (Fiske) Hunt of Lunenburg; seven cherished grandchildren, Lydia, Sylvia, RJ and Eli Hunt and Matteia, Beckett and Jagger Landry. He leaves many nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and pets.

James was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Esther Hunt of Northborough as well as his brother, Geoffrey Hunt of Maine.

He has dedicated many years to volunteering at the Pat Brody Cat Shelter, he has never met a cat he didn't love. He will especially be missed by his cherished feline companion, Milo.

He leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that will never be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Pat Brody Cat Shelter, Lunenburg, MA or any animal shelter of your choice.

James' family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours on Sunday, March 1, 2026 2-5pm at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main st (Rte. 119)

Townsend Center.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Tribute Wall

BN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bob Norander - February 27 at 07:37 PM

BN

“ *I became acquainted with Jim shortly after I joined Millstone Radar in 1980. In the following years until my retirement in 2007, I worked with him on numerous projects, as well as correcting various equipment problems. I found Jim to be a skilled, competent and resourceful individual. He was an excellent fabricator and welder, whose capabilities were further enhanced with each passing year. Above all, he was a pleasure to work with! An example of his personality was in his willingness to help co-workers solve various "Swiss Navy" or "G" Jobs (home projects) whenever asked. Often times, I'd find myself in Jim's office during lunch hour. There we chatted about cars, motors, Kubotas, world events and many other interesting topics. I still miss those conversations.*

Jim often spoke fondly of Kathleen and all his family. I know that he will be missed. Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss.

Godspeed Jim on your final journey,

Bob Norander

Bob Norander - February 27 at 07:36 PM

SM

“ Jim was a good man & a great husband to my sister. I wish I had gotten a chance to know him better. Rest in peace, sir. -Steven Moschak

Steven Moschak - February 25 at 05:46 PM

SM

“ Steven M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Hunt, 73, of Townsend.

Steven M. - February 25 at 05:42 PM

SS

“ I worked with Jim Hunt for many, many years at the Millstone Hill radar. Jim's knowledge of the hardware of the antenna system always amazed me as well as his cheerful nature when called upon to fix problems at random times of the day and the year. And he was expert in getting rid of snow that would accumulate sometimes in the antenna dish even if it took many hours on a cold day!

The success of the system in supporting national security relied on people like him. Condolences to all his family from me and several of my colleagues who had known him for years.

Sid Sridharan

Sid Sridharan - February 24 at 08:04 PM

BR

“ So sorry to hear about Jim. He was a good friend at Haystack, and he and Kathy were some of our earliest volunteers on the rail trail in Townsend long before it was built. I will miss him deeply. - Bill Rideout

Bill Rideout - February 24 at 10:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James W. Hunt, 73, of Townsend.



February 23 at 01:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James W. Hunt, 73, of Townsend.

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“ *My condolences to Kathleen and your family. I only knew Jim through pickleball over the last two or three years, but he became a friend and a player you wanted on your team. He was fun, kind, and just a great person. He will be missed. Rest in peace, Jim!*

Glenn Rifkin - February 21 at 01:20 PM



“ *To the Hunt family first I must say I'm sorry for your loss. I worked at Haystack starting in 1983 when I first met Jim. He was always pleasant and very knowledgeable during my first years. Throughout my career till Jim's retirement was filled with many good laughs and stories with and about Jim. He was a good man and I was proud to know and work with him for a large part of my career! May God hold him close while he watches all from above us!! M Poirier*

Michael Poirier - February 21 at 11:45 AM

KL

Thank you for the kind words Michael. He had a wonderful lifelong career at MIT and made so many lasting friends. He will be sorely missed

Thank you for your condolences~ Kerri (Jim's daughter)

Kerri Landry - February 22 at 09:15 AM

EK

So very sorry for your loss, Kathleen. I knew Jim as a lovely man and a wonderful person to play with on the pickleball court. I will truly miss him.

Emily Kay

Emily Kay - February 23 at 09:57 PM

CB

I am so sad to hear about Jim. He was such a nice person, a true gentleman. We had so many good times on the pickleball courts in Townsend. He will be very much missed. My deepest sympathy to Kathleen and to everyone in Jim's family. (From Christine Budd)

Christine Budd - February 27 at 01:45 PM

PG

So sorry to hear about Jim. I only knew Jim the past few years through playing pickleball. He always had a smile and was a pleasure to play with.....or against. He had a wonderful positive personality and I will miss seeing and playing with Jim.

Paul Gately - March 13 at 07:29 PM