



## Mr. Edmund Harrison Hooker

January 19, 1955 - December 29, 2014

Edmund Harrison Hooker passed away at his condominium in Bel Air, MD on December 29, 2014. He was 59 years old.

Born at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD on January 19, 1955, Ed was the youngest of the five children of Dr. and Mrs. Donald H. Hooker. His eldest sibling, Elizabeth Hooker Slaughter of Ruxton (Betsy) died on April 29, 1988. Ed grew up on Kemble Road in Baltimore, learning to enjoy and respect nature and the outdoors at the side of his surgeon father. Ed graduated from The Boys' Latin School of Maryland in 1973. He spent several summers at Camp Pasquaney on Newfound Lake in New Hampshire where he developed his life-long love of hiking and sport, especially baseball. Ed then attended Washington College in Chestertown where he majored in philosophy, was the sports editor of the college's newspaper, and pitched for the varsity baseball team for four years before he and his ornery corgi Odepus graduated in 1977. After college, he held some brief positions as a reporter on local Eastern Shore newspapers before departing for Santa Barbara, CA to further his professional training at the Brooks Institute from where he graduated with a degree in photography in 1983.

Ed always had an avid love of hiking, fishing, baseball and slow pitch softball, and sports in general. With friends and by himself, he hiked over the mountains of New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine and for the last few years,

the trails around his condo in Bel Air. After college and for years while in New Jersey, Ed played for several softball teams and was reputed to be quite a good player. He had also played in summer baseball leagues during his college years. Ed was very competitive in sports, liked games of all sorts including backgammon, poker, and chess, and enjoyed betting from time to time, particularly during the playoffs. Two of Ed's most favorite places were the family properties in Boca Grande, FL and on Lower Wilson Pond near Greenville and Moosehead Lake in Maine.

Ed was intensely loyal to his family. He had a good sense of humor and a strong sense of fairness and respect for individuality, and although friendly, chatter, and sociable, was for the most part a very private, reclusive and self-conscious person. Ed was a life-long bachelor and believed himself to be an introvert. Those closest to him will recall how much he enjoyed challenging conventional thought and energetically debating such subjects as free will, pitch counts, the Orioles and the Ravens, and politics shaped by his libertarian leanings. He will be missed by many.

Ed is survived by three siblings, Donald H. Hooker, Jr. of Baltimore, MD, Mary Hooker Hanssen (Meg) of Tequesta, FL, and James Harrison Hooker of Paradise Valley, AZ, and ten nieces and nephews, many cousins and large families.

A reception will follow the memorial service in the parish hall of the church.

For those who would like to proffer a remembrance on his behalf, Ed especially admired the global contributions made by Doctors Without Borders.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Redeemer  
5603 N Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21210

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Remembering Ed today, the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Praying peace upon his family and friends this day.

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**Margaret St.Jean** - December 29, 2018 at 11:09 AM

MS

“ The heart is wide open, the true life is brimming

*And yearning to come flowing through*

*I lay down my burden and walk to the well head*

*And drink and then bring some to you*

*"The Sun Beat Me to the Day" by Malcolm Guite*

*Remembering Ed today.*

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**Margaret St.Jean** - December 28, 2017 at 01:28 PM

MS

“ I am deeply grieved to learn of Ed's passing. He was a very important part of my life at Washington College. He was a senior philosophy major, but when I met him he was much more drawn to literature and was interested in combining his love of sports with a definite flair for writing. Ed introduced me to Fitzgerald and Hemingway, wrote the occasional poem, and maintained a file of index cards for new words he ran across in his extensive reading. He did his writing in a leather chair, a board propped across the arms, typing away.

After Ed graduated, while he was a stringer for local newspapers, I learned the geography of the northern Eastern Shore riding in his VW while he covered various local stories. Ed took up photography, and taught himself to develop film (back in the day). I still have several black and white prints he made. I loved watching him pitch for the Shoremen, and we spent many summer evenings watching the Orioles play at Memorial Stadium.

Ed was a sweet guy, private, inclined to be a loner. I am grateful to have known him, and thankful for the good memories I have. We last spoke in 1985. Though we were not in touch, Ed was always in my prayers. My deepest condolences to all his family and friends.

~ Margaret Handle St.Jean

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**Margaret St.Jean** - August 24, 2015 at 08:10 PM

AB

“ I have always considered Ed to have been one of my closest friends in college. He was so bright, inquisitive, funny, and genuine. I loved his dichotomous nature and ability to argue a philosophical point as well as he played ball. A true friend and gentle person. So sorry not to have reconnected after those wonderful college years. My thoughts and prayers are are with Ed and soul wherever it may now be and with his family and friends.

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**Ann Atwater Bourne** - August 16, 2015 at 03:17 PM

TG

“ Edmund was my oldest friend--we met when we were both 3 years old-in the backyard of the house between our two houses. He was welcome addition to our household and was beloved by whole family. His Father, Dr. Hooker took Ed and me and other neighborhood kids on countless adventures providing some of my happiest childhood memories. I miss him so much

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**Thomas Gilpin** - February 24, 2015 at 10:29 PM

JL

“ So sorry to hear about Ed's passing. I worked with him many times as he would come into the auction house to consign paintings. I will always remember him as a friendly and easy going guy who loved art. My condolences to his family and friends; he will be missed.  
John Locke

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**John Locke** - January 08, 2015 at 09:11 AM

JM

“ Shocked and saddened to learn of Edmund's passing. Thinking of you all at this difficult time and sending my sincere condolences. May happy memories of Edmund comfort you. Jane Hanssen MacMillan

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**Jane Hanssen MacMillan** - January 05, 2015 at 09:55 PM

SH

“ So sorry to learn of Edmund's passing. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

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**Stephen Hooker** - January 02, 2015 at 07:33 AM