



## Brad Hames

March 18, 1972 - August 17, 2020

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Due to unforeseen circumstances in the immediate family, the memorial visitation for Brad Hames of Ackley has been postponed until a later time, to be announced. The family extends their deep appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy during this very difficult time.

Brad Hames, 48, longtime teacher and coach of Ackley, passed away Monday, August 17, 2020 in Ackley. A memorial visitation will be announced at a later time. Graveside services and burial will be at a later date at the Oakwood Cemetery in Ackley. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the family. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Brad and his family.

Brad Michael Hames, son of Michael R. and Rosalie (Klaver) Hames was born March 18, 1972 in Story City, Iowa. He was raised in Webster City, Iowa and graduated from Webster City High School in 1990. He attended the University of Northern Iowa where he played baseball and graduated in 1995. Brad also played minor league baseball as a pitcher for the Huron Heaters in South Dakota. He married Tracy Terhark in 1999 and lived in the Ackley community. Brad started his teaching career at AGWSR school system where he taught elementary, middle and high school students. He spent many years

coaching basketball, golf and baseball resulting in multiple accomplishments, leading two teams and two individuals to a state golf competition and two state basketball tournaments as the assistant coach.

Brad enjoyed all sports and was a fierce competitor, especially when it came to golf with his friends and family, because as he always said, "It's an easy game". He enjoyed coaching and attending Alex and Alyssa's sporting events and when he wasn't busy with school or sports, he enjoyed taking on painting jobs in the community. He was always willing to lend a helping hand in time of need and appreciated how the AGWSR communities reciprocated that help when he needed it.

Brad was able to enjoy many fishing trips this past summer with great friends. He travelled to Minnesota and Lake Michigan to try his skill at different fishing strategies. His favorite place, however, was Halley's Camp in Canada. He could have spent months up there searching for that elusive giant to hang on the wall at the deer shack. He also enjoyed spending time with friends at coffee hour or encouraging friends with "just one more" when he wasn't quite ready for the night to end.

Brad Michael Hames is survived by his wife, Tracy of twenty years; son, Alexander and daughter, Alyssa Hames; his parents, Michael and Rosalie Hames; sister, Nancy (Darin) Baack; mother and father in-law, Curtis and Arlene Terhark; sisters in law, Kristine Medin and Kelley Terhark; aunts, Joyce (Jack) Ferrell, Gloria (George) Rasmussen, Carolyn Klaver as well as nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; uncle, Leland Klaver and a cousin, Kent Klaver.

Brad was so proud of his children and all the accomplishments they have had and will have in the future. He was a supportive husband who quietly took care of the home and Tracy. He will be dearly missed by all.



# Cemetery Details

## **Oakwood Cemetery**

Ackley, IA 50601

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ I was so, so sorry to hear of Brad's passing. He helped us sell mom's house when she passed. He was always so kind and cheerful and helpful. He and his son maintained mom's yard after she passed which was appreciated more than I could ever express. My heartfelt prayers go out to Brad's family

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**LouAnn Hurd** - August 28, 2020 at 03:16 PM

RH

“ I talked with my son Nolan Hoyt this morning. Related the sad news and he particularly wanted me to express his deepest condolences to the family.

*Mr. Hames made a positive impact on Nolan's life. Without going into detail, a situation arose during Nolan's tenure at AGWSR and it was handled with wisdom and firmness that proved good for my son.*

*Nolan is now serving with the Iowa National Guard in the Middle East. We both extend our heartfelt prayers that God will comfort you now and in the future.*

*Sincerely, Rebecca Hoyt*

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**Rebecca Hoyt** - August 26, 2020 at 12:13 PM

CR

“ Tracy and family, I never had the pleasure of meeting you but I had the great pleasure of playing baseball and working with Brad at UNI. He had one heck of a fastball and a better curve. My prayers and thoughts are with you during what I am sure is a very difficult time. God Bless!! Chad Rezac

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**Chad Rezac** - August 25, 2020 at 08:05 PM

 H.M.  
Lee

“ *In junior high, whenever I'd have a sleepover with Nancy, there was Brad, Nancy's little brother...quiet, but adequately confident. Their parents were always welcoming towards me and that meant a lot. It's only now that I see photos of Brad as an adult and in my mind's eye, I still see him as a young'un. I honor Brad's adult life and have confidence that he touched everyone exactly the way they needed to be touched during their lifetimes. His soul had a lot of wisdom to be born into the wonderful and quietly influential family known as the "Hames"es and we're all fortunate for the time spent with him in our circles.*

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**H.M. Lee** - August 24, 2020 at 10:36 PM

MH

“ *Brad was a student that my husband and I had at Webster City Junior High. I had Brad in ninth grade English - a student who was always respectful and hard-working thus doing well. My husband had Brad in athletics where Brad excelled as well as being a very "coachable" ballplayer. We were always proud that Brad went on to be a teacher/coach who evidently was well- loved by his family, students, and community. Were my husband still alive I'm sure he would have many good memories of Brad that he would want to share. My heart goes out to Brad's family and all those who will miss him. He left us all far too soon! Maryanna Hubbard*

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**Maryanna Hubbard** - August 22, 2020 at 08:49 AM

LS

“ I didn't know Brad, but I worked with his mom, Rosalie, at Farmers National Bank in Webster City. When she spoke of Brad, whatever the story was, it was framed by love and pride. I'm so sorry for this terrible, untimely loss of this man who was so dearly loved by family and friends. My sincerest condolences to Brad's family in this difficult time.

*Louise Mickelson Schmelzer*

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**Louise Schmelzer** - August 21, 2020 at 07:21 PM

TF

“ The UNI Basketball Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Brad Hames.



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**The UNI Basketball Family** - August 21, 2020 at 12:39 PM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss of brad. You have my sympathy. You are in my thoughts and prayers . I have many fond memories of brad. He will be missed.

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**Cinda barnes** - August 20, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Brad Hames.



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August 20, 2020 at 01:49 PM

 Arnie Benning

“ As a Class of 73 A-G alum I didn't know Brad. I may have said hi once when he was taking gate at a ball game. What I know of Brad is what I saw in his son Alex and daughter Alyssa while watching them the last few years playing sports. They are athletic, competitive, team players and great kids. It takes good parents to have great kids. I am sorry for your loss, but with living in a small community like Ackley, you will find the love and support to help you. My prayers are with you.

Arnie Benning

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**Arnie Benning** - August 20, 2020 at 12:08 PM

ST

“ I am grateful to have had the opportunity to play for Coach Hames on the basketball court as well as the baseball field. He had a special way of encouraging all of his players and was always there to help keep things in perspective when times got tough. I am certain that many others he coached through the years share the same sentiments.

Tracy,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.

Scott Timmons

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**Scott Timmons** - August 20, 2020 at 12:03 PM

DS

“ Brad and Tracy started teaching when my children were young. What a great example of what a teacher and coach should be. Our heart goes out to Tracy and the family. The whole community is mourning with you. I hope and pray that you can find the strength, hope and peace through your many friends and family.

Dave and Debbie Swanson

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**Debbie Swanson** - August 20, 2020 at 08:49 AM

KA

“ I have wonderful memories of Brad way back to his early years in Williams as one of his babysitters. He always had an abundance of energy and a twinkle in his eye that made you wonder what he was up to. He grew into a fine, young, successful athlete, coach, teacher and mentor to many. I know he was a wonderful father, husband and brother because he was raised by the best! Sending love and prayers as you begin a new journey. He will always be near to you.  
Kathy Hamilton Anderson

Kathy Hamilton Anderson - August 19, 2020 at 11:34 PM

RK

“ Rebecca S Klingfus purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Brad Hames.



Rebecca S Klingfus - August 19, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Brad Hames.



August 19, 2020 at 08:22 PM

MC

“ I know Brad meant a lot to his students and the communities of AGWSR. He will be missed. May God bless and keep you all Marvin and Roberta Clawson

Marvin D Clawson - August 19, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brad Hames.*



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August 19, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ *One of the last conversations Brad and I had was about this fishing trip many years ago. It was so good to catch up a couple weeks ago, My deepest sympathy goes out to his family. The world lost a great one.*



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**Jamie Vermett** - August 19, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ *I can remember when you both started teaching at AG, then AGWSR. Was always nice to walk down the hallway and chat with both of you. Then you became our backyard neighbors. Even better! Words cant express what you must be going through. AGWAR is a big family with a lot of support there for you. You are in my thoughts.*

*Andrea King*

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**Andrea King** - August 19, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ Was just thinking of Brad a couple days ago about when I worked in the library at the high school and he was just starting as a teacher. We'd email different words in the English language that we especially liked. He was a truly nice person to everyone. May God hold you close as you grieve until the loss feels less enormous and you can find comfort in the blessings that Brad was yours, he loved you all, and may your memories keep you until you meet again. My thoughts are with you.

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**Donna Thompson** - August 18, 2020 at 11:39 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. You have my sympathy. You are in my thoughts and prayers .

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**Cinda Barnes** - August 18, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ We were so shocked and saddened to hear about Brad. Our deepest sympathies to the entire Hames family. We have very fond memories of him and we're thinking of you all.

Love,  
Chris & Karen Clifton

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**Chris Clifton** - August 18, 2020 at 12:20 PM

BU

“ Some people leave a lasting imprint on the world. Brad was one of those people. He was always there, with his family, when a friend needed help. He always had a smile and was ready to enjoy a good time, a couple of beers and good music with Tracy his many friends. He was very proud of his family and their many accomplishments, always striving to encourage the kids be the best they could be and to succeed in life. There are never the right words to express feelings during a time like this. Tracy, Alex and Alysa we hope you realize how much friendship and support are pouring out for all of you. We are here for you now and will be here for you in the future days to come. Hoping you find peace soon and that all the doubt about the future and tears turn to happy memories soon.

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**Buffy and Kim Ubben** - August 18, 2020 at 06:30 AM

AJ

*Tracy, Alex, Alyssa*  
*It is hard to put into a few words just what Brad meant to the Ackley community and the AGWSR Schools. Your family has been fellow friends, teachers, coaches, painting partners, and just great people! We remember when you both started teaching here in Ackley----both single, then you found each other and created the Hames family. We have been blessed by having your family in the Ackley Community.*

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**AI & Dixie Jones** - August 18, 2020 at 10:38 AM

DL

*Brad was definitely an asset to the community, school, etc! Enjoyed working with him in Booster Club! Enjoyed all of our conversations! He will be missed greatly!*

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**Dave Lutterman** - August 19, 2020 at 02:02 PM

JE

*Tracy, you and your children are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Judy Enersen*

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**Judy Enersen** - August 19, 2020 at 05:23 PM

TH

“ *Tracy, it's hard to put into words how much you and Brad mean to Us and our family. May God give comfort in this time of loss. Bless you and the kids. Tom & Brenda*

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**Tom Heinz** - August 17, 2020 at 07:34 PM