



Louis Ryan Hugg Jr.

December 9, 1934 - March 1, 2024

Frankfort - Louis Ryan Hugg, Jr, age 89, passed away on Friday, March 1, 2024. Louis was born in Paducah, KY on December 9, 1934, to the late Louis Ryan Hugg and Ethel Sears Hugg.

He graduated from Saint Mary's Academy in Paducah and earned a BS in Architecture from the University of Cincinnati. Louis worked with several architectural firms before opening his own from 1965-1988. He was a principal with Johnson-Romanowitz, and then retired from his career as Construction Branch Manager with the Kentucky Department of Education. In 2008 the KY Society of the American Institute of Architects presented Louis with the Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Hugg served in the Army National Guard as a Combat Engineer and Armor crewman from 1959-1965.

Louis is survived by a son, Jason (Sonya) and a sister, Johanna Elgin, and two step-grandchildren, two nieces and two nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years,

Virginia Rawlings Hugg; a brother, John M. Hugg, and daughter, Amey C. Hugg.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Frankfort, on Friday, March 8, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Charles Howell officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Bluegrass Council of the Blind.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-2403

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
72 Shepherd Way
Frankfort, KY 40601

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Tribute Wall

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“ here is a link to his funeral mass: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzZl6j6B2Lo>

jason hugg - March 11, 2024 at 11:10 AM

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Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - March 06, 2024 at 11:49 AM

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My deepest condolences and prayers for Jason, Sonya and the Hugg family. I was very fortunate to have been mentored by Louis as an intern Architect. He was a stellar Architect, person, teacher and employer. I could never put into words to totally express my gratitude as well as good fortune to have worked for and with him in those learning years. Thank you Louis Hugg for those years, memories and knowledge.

Dann Reilly

Dann Reilly - March 08, 2024 at 02:30 PM

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“ As many know, Jason and I dated for three years in a previous century. His family was so warm and welcoming. My first real memory of Louis was a hug when Jason got back from Desert Storm. It was the best hug I had ever received...it was more of a convenience of unspoken words. It made such an impression on me. This is what love really feels like! He gave me hugs and expressed love often. In his last days he told us he loved us many times and I got the last great hug from Daddy Hugg. So grateful to have known this incredible man. ❤️

Sonya Hugg - March 05, 2024 at 07:25 PM

“As some of you may know, Louis was my mentor and master architect. I did my apprenticeship in his office in 1982. He was the best architect I have ever known, and even better person. Much of what I have done in my humble career can be attributed to his great teaching and friendship.

As a young architect he gave me a lot of confidence. He once told me that I would be a fine architect someday. Coming from him, I'm not sure I have ever had such a compliment. Louis mentored many young architects, too many for me to remember. Gary Scott, I know, worked with Louis, and Stan Runyon who went on to work at Venturi and Rauch. Robert Venturi once told Stan, it was his great detailing and drawing ability that drew him to their office, which largely came from Louis.

When I first graduated from UK, I told Clyde Carpenter that I wanted to work for the best architect in Kentucky. Without hesitation he said you need to talk to Louis Hugg. When I visited Louis, he was very kind and generous with his time. He told me that his workload was too slim for me to come aboard. But, he took me back in his office and showed me a picture of the renovation of Rader Hall at Morehead State University, which won a Ky Society of Architects design award. The style was very much like a 4th year project in my portfolio. Louis said please come back in 6 months, and we will figure something out. I did, and it was the best year of practice I ever had.

I also got jazz lessons as Louis had a great jazz collection, he played every day. We also had lunch almost every day especially Chinese and Frischs, which Louis loved.

Later in 1993, when I joined the Department of Education, Louis was available, and I was fortunate to recruit him to be Branch Manager of Construction. I created a special position in HR, that was held by no other person in state government. If you had the pleasure of working with him, you know how wonderful he was. No

hard decision was ever made there, where Louis was not consulted.

Louis believed in a Renaissance architect; that we should be equally good at all aspects of the work. He was an amazing draftsman, designer, specification writer, field architect and student of the history of architecture.

There was nothing that Louis did not do well. I am blessed to have been his apprentice and even more so, his friend.

The practice of architecture has lost a great practitioner and one of its finest gentlemen.

God speed Louis Hugg, you shall always be in our hearts.

Sincerely Mark W Ryles AIA

Mark W Ryles AIA - March 05, 2024 at 10:48 AM