



## Rev. James M. Camacho

July 6, 1967 - June 26, 2013

### REVEREND JAMES M. CAMACHO

Pastor James Camacho, 45, of Hallstead, PA went home to be with his Savior, Jesus Christ on June 26, 2013. He is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Penny Brandon Camacho.

He is also survived by his beloved children, Rachel and Jordan Keefe, Leah and Jared Haynes, David Camacho, and Bekah Camacho; four grandchildren, Javi and Tobi Keefe, and Gabriel and Shiloh Haynes; his parents, Jim and Bonnie Camacho; three sisters; a brother; numerous nieces and nephews. James Camacho joined the pastoral staff of the South New Milford Baptist Church in October 2008. He and his family previously served with New Tribes Mission for 15 years as church planters in Paraguay, South America with the Manjui tribe.

Pastor Camacho longs to see people come to know Christ and see them obey and serve God out of a growing love for their Lord Jesus. "Listen, keep the main thing, the main thing."

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 30, 2013 at the South New Milford Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 3-4, prior to the service at the church, and following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may take the form of a donation to the South New Milford Baptist Church, Rev. James Camacho Memorial Fund, 2967 Harford Road, New Milford, PA 18834.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **30**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

South New Milford Baptist Church  
2967 Harford Road  
New Milford, PA 18834

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

NB

“ I remember when he flew his remote control helicopter with me.  
Sincerely, D.J Biskaduros.

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**Neal Biskaduros** - August 25, 2013 at 01:01 PM



“ WOW! What a shock! My deepest sympathy to Penny and the rest  
of the family!

*Martin Pinder*

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**Martin Pinder** - July 02, 2013 at 03:46 PM

MA

“ I, my mom, brothers, and sisters are all deeply saddened to hear of  
Jay's passing. We all spent so much time together growing up and  
were such a big part of one another's lives..... I don't know where  
the time went but love does not have a clock. Jay you will be missed  
by so many. Bonnie, Jim, Julie, Matt, Sarah, Christian, Penny and  
family, we send you our love, thoughts, and prayers and wish we  
could be there with you on Sunday to celebrate Jays' life. He was a  
gift to many and touched many lives....

*All our love -*

*Margaret, Trasey, Tweety, Phillip, Matthew, and Sheila*

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**Margaret Arpano-Hogue** - June 28, 2013 at 08:29 PM

MA

“ *Margaret Arpano-Hogue lit a candle in memory of Rev. James M. Camacho*



Margaret Arpano-Hogue - June 28, 2013 at 08:15 PM

ED

“ *Outstanding mentor and friend, I looked up to James as a teenager when he was only a few years older than me. I can think of no one more real, faithful, and funny - who as a young man had developed great insight and wisdom. We'll never forget James.*

Ed - June 28, 2013 at 03:05 PM

ED

“ *Going back 25 years, James is a unique friend and a mentor at the same time; unselfish, real, very funny, and most of all - faithful. NE Pennsylvania has lost a true asset, someone who'll never be forgotten. I hope to see joy in the reality that today James no longer has to experience pain and fear, only God's love and purpose. He is missed!*

Ed - June 28, 2013 at 10:56 AM

TF

“ *Our thoughts, love, and prayers to family and friends (and church family) today and in the tomorrows to come. Heaven's gain, Earth's sorrow. Rejoicing that one glories day we shall meet on that beautiful shore!*

the Woodruff family - June 28, 2013 at 07:56 AM

SJ

“ James was, above all, a man who loved God, a man who lived his life according to that love. He was a great coworker, a compassionate friend, and an insightful leader. His love for Penny and his kids was always an example to us. His sense of humor never seemed to fail. It was truly a privilege to know him and work with him.

*Steve and Ithie Jackson, Paraguay*

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**Steve & Ithie Jackson** - June 28, 2013 at 07:13 AM

JE

“ Words cannot express our sadness in learning of Jay's passing. It is incredible to think of all the good he was able to accomplish in his much too short life. We wish we could be there with all of you Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all.

*Love,*

*Dave and Jen Elwell*

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**Jennifer Elwell** - June 28, 2013 at 06:04 AM

ME

“ James and Penny were students at the New Tribes Training Institute in Cornettsville, KY while we were teaching there. They were a wonderful family! We have some great memories of our times together. Our prayers are with Penny and the family during this time. Mick and Ruth Evans - Berea, KY

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**Mick and Ruth Evans** - June 28, 2013 at 05:55 AM

TW

“ My thoughts are with you all during this time.

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**Trish Ward** - June 28, 2013 at 05:53 AM

RC

“ Jay was a man that truly searched for God in everything. I am sure that the Lord is saying well done thou good and faithful servant...You have done well.....I am very proud to say that he is my son.

*Rev Jim Camacho*

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**Rev Jim Camacho** - June 27, 2013 at 10:06 PM



“ Last year during VBS my son Joshua dislocated his shoulder while visiting family in Ohio. Mothers tend to over react and panic when their children are hurt and they can't be there. In my mind I had Joshua needing surgery, maybe months of therapy and many other made up outcomes. Pastor James prayed with us and made us feel if dealing with our needs were the most important thing he had to do that day. He had a way about him that allowed you to feel special and important when he spent any time with you. He had a wonderful sense of humor and smiled with his whole face. Pastor and Penny made my urchins feel loved and welcomed immediately. We will miss you but KNOW we see you again. I also know that I will see little bits of you in the kids at church and in my own kids. Thanks to both you and Penny for the many ways you have been a blessing to our family. You will be missed. To the Camacho family: We LOVE you and are praying for you. We mourn with you and we rejoice with you that he is whole, well and in the presence of his savior.

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**Sarah-Gary Stumbo** - June 27, 2013 at 09:33 PM

JW

“ We only know James mostly by reputation, but we know he will be sorely missed. We do remember him as a man whose joy came from sharing his love of the Lord. Rest in peace, James. Jean and Hank Whitmore

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**Jean Whitmore** - June 27, 2013 at 07:52 PM

DA

“ I'll never forget a time at CN when James put on a cooks hat and apron and came out in the dining hall at dinner time to make a "special" announcement. With him was a pot, which was actually the grease pot they used to drain fryer grease into, and which also was kept out behind the stone wall. James starts explaining that there may have been a little mishap with tonight's soup. James then reaches in with some tongs and pulled out a rat that had drowned getting his last supper. Just then three girls ran out to the balcony and donated their supper to the lawn. The look on James's face was priceless..."today the look" would say "somehow I saw that going differently in my head".

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**Dan** - June 27, 2013 at 07:50 PM

JL

“ We met the Camacho's when they served the Lord in Paraguay. We played volleyball at the New Tribes Mission house with whoever was in town at the time. Whenever Camacho was there, he ALWAYS made us feel special and loved! We always saw Christ shine through his smile. We'll miss it.

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**Julia and Nestor Lezcano** - June 27, 2013 at 06:57 PM



“ It was James whom, as a young missionary with Friendship Ministries, led me to the Lord on September 4, 1985 in a tent meeting at the Luzerne County Fair in Dallas, PA. It was James who gave himself like this so that many others would know our Lord and Saviour. My heart goes out to the family with love and heart felt sympathy. Rest in peace brother. I will see you in the rapture.

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**Mark Sovine** - June 27, 2013 at 06:50 PM



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**Mark Sovine** - June 27, 2013 at 06:50 PM

MG

“ James was a wonderful Godly man who loved life and loved people. He was a great example of humility and the love of Christ. It was a blessing for us to call him friend. He had such a way of putting everyone at ease, and sure knew how to make us all laugh! He is going to be greatly missed by everyone who had the chance to know him. Our prayers are going out for all the loved ones he left behind, but we rejoice in knowing James has been made whole again.

*Monica and Steve Gutzmer*

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**Monica & Steve Gutzmer** - June 27, 2013 at 06:39 PM

SA

“ Pastor Camacho showed me how great his love was for people when my husband (who had been very sick for 3 months in the hospital following heart surgery) and stopped in to see a few weeks ago. We told him we were praying for him, and despite his pain and suffering, his response was "I'm praying for you guys too.

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**Sara** - June 27, 2013 at 04:18 PM

CF

“ I will miss you Jay! My favorite part of summer growing up was when we would all get together at Avo's house. We never lacked for creative and fun games, especially "Happy Days." You always were Fonzie - and sure enough you grew up to own a leather jacket and a motorcycle :-)  
Your faith in the last months has truly been an inspiration to me and you have helped me grow in mine - even from a distance. I love you and will always miss you.



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**Cheryl Anne (Camacho) Forster** - June 27, 2013 at 02:50 PM

DC

“ James was a man with incredible insight and many gifts. He loved his family deeply, and he loved his Lord faithfully. He touched lives where ever he served. We were privileged to know him.

*Pastor Daniel and Peggy Crane, Paraguay and South Apalachin*

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**Daniel and Peggy Crane** - June 27, 2013 at 02:21 PM

MB

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**Marianne Brodrick** - June 27, 2013 at 02:15 PM

 Cheryl  
Pounds

“ So many memories from those long ago days on tour with Encounter Life Singers and James and Penny. One favorite memory was of a hot summer evening when the family was also at Camp of the Nations. We were all playing and laughing and I was wrestling with Matthew. James was like, 'no one gonna take my lil brother down'. Next thing I knew, I was flying over his head. I just got my first hint that he knew karate! The reason that is so memorable is cuz somewhere between leaving the ground and finding it again, my finger broke -- to this day my one and only broken bone. We were laughing so hard and just kept playing. Why is that a favorite memory? Because it was spending wonderful time with a wonderful family who from the day I met them were wonderful to me. James was a brother I never had. I can still hear his laughter and see him being silly about this or that with a goofy smile on his face. Haven't seen him in 27 years, but those days seem like yesterday still. And I plan to keep them especially close now. It is good to know that God cherishes him as his family did. That is the important thing. Love you always, brother James.

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**Cheryl Pounds** - June 27, 2013 at 01:47 PM

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Pounds

“ Cheryl Pounds sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James M. Camacho



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**Cheryl Pounds** - June 27, 2013 at 01:32 PM

KB

“ So thankful for the relationship I had with my uncle. No words can really express how much I loved my Uncle. He knew it, and that's all that really matters. He is my spiritual hero. Thankful for all the time I had with him and for all the time he invested into my own life, my husbands, and even my sweet little girl's. Miss him so much, but thankful he is no longer suffering! He is with the God he spent his life serving. What comfort we have in knowing one day, we will be with him again.

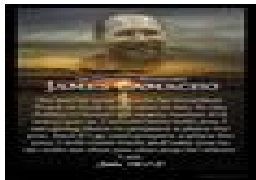


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**Krystal Brown** - June 27, 2013 at 01:25 PM

MM

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**Mike McHale** - June 27, 2013 at 12:54 PM

RM

*Our whole family is saddened to not be there tomorrow to remember James' life. Since schedule don't allow it to be so let me say that one of the first memories I have of James is how fast he picked up Spanish. Phenomenal gift of language. Our love and prayers to Penny, the children and grandchildren.  
RK for Joe & Ramona Kay Marquez*

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**Ramona Marquez** - June 29, 2013 at 09:33 PM