

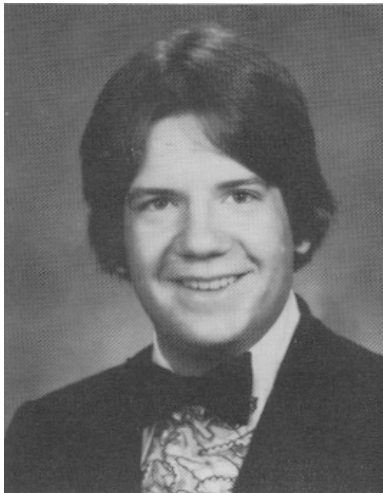
## Carl “Max” Hammond, Jr. Memorial Fund

*“Many of us dream, but fate permits few of us to experience the totality of a dream come true.”*

These words were chosen by Max Hammond to accompany his yearbook senior portrait. How these words echo in our minds as we remember this 1982 Grissom High graduate and former Grissom band student, who was a victim of the WTC attacks on September 11, 2001.

Many of you will remember Max as a friend and fellow classmate. He was a member of National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. He played trombone in the Grissom band and was a member of the Jazz band as well. He was an outstanding student in the sciences.

With permission from his parents, a special memorial fund has been created by the Grissom Band Parents Association, Inc. to honor Max’s memory as a member of the Grissom Band family. Donations to this fund will be used to purchase badly needed musical instruments that will continue to be used by Grissom band students for many years to come.



- Some of our students have marched with the same instruments that were used when their parents were in Grissom Band! In fact, several of our students currently use instruments that are probably older than their parents!
- We are still using the same Sousaphones that were purchased used from the University of Alabama back in 1969 when Grissom HS opened?

Grissom band is truly a family and the ties last far past graduation. Current band students identify with Max Hammond because he was one of them. Our Senior class has another reason – when they were freshmen, the Grissom Band Marched as lead band in the 1999 Macy\*s Thanksgiving day Parade in New York City.

They stayed in the World Trade Center Marriott Hotel and became very familiar with that vicinity. This summer the band students decided instead of getting the usual individual monetary credit for the car washes as they have in the past, instead they would donate all proceeds toward the Max Hammond Memorial Fund. In this manner they raised almost \$2000. They want to support this cause and to honor one of their own.

The Grissom band will present a very special concert for the community on September 11 at Grissom High School. Donations will be accepted at this concert to benefit the Max Hammond Fund.

All donations are tax deductible. Please make your check out to “Grissom Band Parents Association” and note that it is for the Hammond Memorial Fund. Any level of support that you are able to provide for this cause is greatly appreciated! Mailing address:

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