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Dear Rabbi Lamm,

Many thanks for your recent article concerning the naming of a newborn after a living person. Your article mentioned a family story which was often repeated by my father's, and after his passing by my Uncle Sol's, his older brother.

My grandfather's ^{1st} son was ^{1st} and advisor to the late Rav Haacol's ^{1st} son. It was my grandfather's tradition to name sons in memory of great Rabbis. Rabbi Jacob Joseph had suffered a severe stroke and was gravely ill. My grandfather was surprised when with the impending birth of his next child, the Rav Haacol's suggested that it be named after him. It was my grandfather who reminded the Rav Haacol's that of the ^{1st} son not to ~~name~~ give a name after the living. The Rav Haacol's affirmed the prevailing practice but explained the exception of his case:

Best wishes to you and your family for a year of good health and happiness.

Sincerely
Aaron