



Mr. William David Hamilton Sr.

September 25, 1934 - June 18, 2025

Mr. William David Hamilton, Sr., 90, of Washington, IL, passed away at 4:24 am on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, peacefully at his home.

William was born on September 25, 1934, in Russellville, AL, to James and Armentia (Robinson) Hamilton.

He was affectionally known by many names; Will, Willie, Bill, Hamp, and to some in the family, "Happy Jack", each one reflecting the different roles he played and how people saw him throughout his life.

William married Lois Smith on June 3, 1967 in Mobile, AL.

William owned and operated the restaurant Rib Heaven of over 12 years before retiring. Earlier in life, he worked as a machinist at Gales Products in Galesburg, IL. William was a devoted sports fan who followed professional, college, high school football, basketball and cheered on the Chicago Bears and the Atlanta Braves.

William liked a good joke and enjoyed talking to people, whether it was someone he knew or a stranger he met while out and about. Summer often found him outside, tending to his garden, showing special pride in his tomato plants. He also enjoyed getting out of the house, whether running errands,

shopping, or driving around town to see what was happening.

William is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lois Hamilton of Washington, IL; one son, William Hamilton, Jr. of Colorado Springs, CO; one daughter, Ericka Hamilton of Woodridge, IL; one brother, Anthony Hamilton; two sisters, Louise Wilder of Galesburg, IL and Ida Jane Howard of Tampa, FL and a host of nieces, and nephews, other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James Killis Hamilton and Bobby Hamilton and nephew, Michael Wilder.

A celebration life service will be held at 11 am on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at Simons Mortuary Chapel with a visitation one-hour prior at 10 am. Pastor Burke Anthony Cawthon, Sr. of Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C., Carbondale, IL will officiate. William will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens with full U.S. Army and Local Post 2 Veterans Military Honors.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.
Peoria, IL 61615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-2638
info@simonsmortuary.com
<https://simonsmortuary.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 25. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-2638
info@simonsmortuary.com
<https://simonsmortuary.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Mr. William David Hamilton Sr.*



Simons Mortuary - June 25, 2025 at 08:24 AM

PH

“ *Sending my condolences to Sister Hamilton & Family, my prayers are with you all... I'm great full to have the pleasure to vist your home & pray with Mr. Bill, we had a great conversation on and about his legacy, & his conversion to Christ , his rib business, his Love of the Atlanta Braves, but most of all, his Love for Wife and Family... And knowing that he will be reunited with them, Psalm 16:15 one day, Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints... THANK YOU KINDLY, Your Brother in CHRIST, Phillip Hickman*



Phillip E Hickman - June 25, 2025 at 09:27 AM

GC

“ *The Hamilton family have our sincere condolences. Kent and Velda!*

Gregory Kent Cawthon - June 24, 2025 at 10:11 PM



“ Corey Cornish lit a candle in memory of William Hamilton



Corey Cornish - June 23, 2025 at 06:16 PM



With deepest condolences and prayers to Lois and family ❤️

Sheila Williams - June 25, 2025 at 01:26 PM