



## William Otha Hamilton

February 3, 1934 - December 5, 2024

Bill Hamilton had a big presence and loved being the center of attention. He was always sharing his “words of wisdom.” He told fascinating stories, most of them true and a few of them embellished for his listener’s benefit. He loved poetry, reciting poems and leaving written notes with lines of poetry for his loved ones. He loved telling jokes and he kept his uncanny sense of humor until the very end. He was a generous man, and their home was a place where friends and family facing challenges could take refuge. It is difficult to imagine a world without him in it. His funny, kind, and loving soul will be missed significantly, but knowing that he is now with Jesus brings his family peace.

William (“Bill”) Otha Hamilton, 90, of Summerville, left his earthly pain behind and went to be with Jesus on December 5th, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Bill was born in Lexington, Kentucky to John and Mary (Timberlake) Hamilton. In 1951, he enlisted in the Air Force. Bill served 20 years before retiring, during which he served in Vietnam and Korea and was awarded several medals including the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was a loadmaster (technical sergeant, E6) and saw many parts of the world during his military service. He and his wife, Nancy, settled in Summerville upon Bill’s retirement from the Air Force, with their two children, Billie Jo and Larry. He attended Trident Technical College in the late 1970s. He went on to work the remainder of his career at Buchanan Mazda Volkswagen, which later became

Stoke Volkswagen, becoming service manager before retiring when he was 80. Though committed to his career, family was always his priority through the years.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, John and Elizabeth Hamilton; 4 brothers, Donald (“Don”), Charles Eugene (“Gene”), John (“Buck”), and Robert (“Sharpie”) Hamilton; and a sister, Betty Brewer.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nancy (Herme) Hamilton; daughter, Billie Jo Guyton (Robert); son, Larry Hamilton; grandchildren Ashli Guyton Lynde (Brandon), Fallon Guyton Campbell (Casey), Kimberly Heaton, and Eric Hamilton (Sarah); and great-grandchildren Grady and Liza Lynde, Marissa and Chloe Heaton, and Gibson Hamilton. He is also survived by his sisters, Mary Revelee, Sharon Ferderer, Kathy McKaskey, Christine Carr, Evelyn McCreary, Carol Jackowski, Judy Williams, and Roxanne Booth.

A visitation will be held at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 South Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483, on December 13th, 2024, at 10:30 am, followed by a service at 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers, please consider a tribute donation to Lutheran Hospice Lowcountry or Tri-County Veterans Support Network in memory of Bill.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 13. 11:30 AM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483

# Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Otha Hamilton



James A Dyal Funeral Home - December 12, 2024 at 04:17 PM

JC

*That was Beautiful*

James Coombs - December 13, 2024 at 01:14 PM

SF

“ Bill,  
*You were the brother some girls could only dream of!! You were always so kind and funny! I know Momma & Daddy was so very proud of you! I won't soon forget the time Nick & I shared with you, Nancy, Billie Jo and Larry when we were newlyweds! Your commitment to our country through two wars was very commendable!! You were a true patriot, a wonderful provider and a generous person! What more could a girl ask for in a brother! Your smile was contagious and your wit was unmatched!! I wish we could have seen more of each other! Our lives and career choices often take us in different directions but I will forever hold you in my heart until we see each other again in Heaven! I'll be looking for you and fully expect a huge hug!! I will always love you!! So long Bill ❤️ I know you are with the angels!!*

Sharon Hamilton Ferderer - December 13, 2024 at 10:06 PM

LI

“ My condolences to the family and friends of William Hamilton. I know this is a difficult time may God continue to comfort and strengthen the family during this time. May the fond and loving memories of William continue to comfort his family and friends. May you all have calming and pleasant thoughts during this time.

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**Lisa** - December 13, 2024 at 01:05 PM

RP

“ I grew up in Summerville and was across the street neighbors with The Hamiltons for several years before moving to Jedburg, but our Families have remained friends to this day. Time and distance never changed the WELCOME you ALWAYS got from Mr Bill! I used to call him Mr Hamilton until the day he told me just to call him Bill! He did buy Larry a Firechicken, as we called them sometimes, but I had a '69 bc of Larry's '67 Firebird. We also had a '68 Le Mans that my Mom drove until the 2spd Auto went out, so I used the engine out of it to get my '69 running. Bill was always willing to help us burgeoning motorheads with help or advice to keep our cars running! He was a VW Mechanic and kept my Mom's '69 Beetle running also, so well in fact, that I learned how to drive at 14 in that car and became an Airhead because of Bill Hamilton ! He was always ready to help me with advice through the years when I owned and drove multiple VWs and LOVED whenever I showed up in Summerville in one throughout my Air Force Career. Although I grew up Navy, I joined the Air Force because of ALL the GREAT STORIES we all heard Bill tell! You will be missed Mr Hamilton and I am glad I got to speak with you the last time we talked about my VW Thing. I'm so happy you accepted Jesus into your life and got baptized, so I'll See you on the other side! Rodney W. Pierce, USAF, Retired

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**Rodney W. Pierce** - December 12, 2024 at 10:53 AM

BG

“ *Brenda Hamilton Grimes lit a candle in memory of William Otha Hamilton*



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**Brenda Hamilton Grimes** - December 10, 2024 at 05:35 PM

BG

“ *Uncle Bill you will be deeply missed. I wish we could have got the chance to come visit one last time before you left this earth. You were a very loving man and kind man and always made us feel welcome. I'll never forget when you and your family came down to visit dad before his passing. Dad ask you to push him down to the altar at church and when dad looked over at you he said he seen the face of Jesus. At that time you had not known or excepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior. So to hear that you had excepted Jesus into your heart these last few years makes me so happy. Now you and dad can be together for eternity and the rest of the family that has Jesus in their hearts has that hope also. So give dad a big hug from me and I can't wait till we're all together once again as a family. It's not goodbye it's see you later 🥹*

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**Brenda Hamilton Grimes** - December 10, 2024 at 05:32 PM

BH

“ *Bill was such a wonderful, caring, man, he always had a smile when he saw you or a hand wave as you went by the house, Bill and Nancy were our neighbors for many a years, our kids all grew up together! Our hearts go out to all of you during this difficult time along with our thoughts and Prayers.*

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**Bill and Barbara Hickerson** - December 08, 2024 at 03:02 PM

GH

“ I remember Mr. Hamilton (Bill) and His Wife Nancy were practically my second Mom and Dad when I was a kid ,because I would always be over visiting their son Larry my good friend! Bill Would always be outside with us helping us to work on Larry's "69" Pontiac Firebird,I also remember the great stories he would tell us!,I remember Bill treated myself and Larry to see THE Movie "A Bridge To Far"at the old Terrace Theater on Rivers Avenue! He was such a great Guy and All Around Nice Person❤️

Gary Hickerson - December 07, 2024 at 07:12 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Otha Hamilton.



December 07, 2024 at 06:00 PM

BG

“ Daddy-there are so many memories dancing in my head. Christmas time when you would offer us a quarter to tell you what was in your gifts. 🎁 The time I was playing outside with tadpoles and cried that night because as a little 5 year old I was sure the tadpoles had somehow gotten under my skin. You saved me convincing me there was nothing under the tips of my fingers. The times we played games and there was a little cheating going on- not on my part. That must be genetic because one of your grand daughters used to cheat at games too. I have learned so much from you but the most recent lesson has been to be part of the solution not part of the problem. Thank you for your unconditional love and for teaching me how to successfully navigate life. I will miss you everyday but I will not miss the pain you were in. I love you always, Billie Jo

Billie Guyton - December 07, 2024 at 03:24 PM



“ 150 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**James A Dyal Funeral Home** - December 07, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Otha Hamilton.

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December 07, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of William Otha Hamilton.



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December 07, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ *I remember Bill very well when we were in the Air Force together. We were both loadmasters at Charleston Air Force Base. We flew several trips together. Bill always had some story to tell you. Rest In Peace my friend. See you on the other side.*

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**Darrell Parker** - December 07, 2024 at 10:50 AM

RP

“ ive known mr hamillton since 1974 he was allways fun to be around would allways make me laugh with his wit i will allways remember him as mr vw man love ya your friend ryan

ryan lynn pierce - December 07, 2024 at 10:46 AM

RG

“ I had the honor to have Bill as my father-in-law for a short 43 years. He was a wonderful man in every way. Lots of great memories like pulling a cookie out of his pocket at any time and sharing stories about his brothers and sisters growing up. He loved his wife, family, grandchildren and his son-in-law and it showed. I will think of my Dad-in-law always and how much I enjoyed being around him. Love you Bill

robert guyton - December 07, 2024 at 09:59 AM

SC

“ Sharon Conklin lit a candle in memory of William Otha Hamilton



Sharon Conklin - December 06, 2024 at 08:53 PM

SC

“ So hard to say goodbye to someone who has been a second father to me for almost 50 years. Such a wonderful soul. The stories he could tell! You rest now and save some of those silly stories until we meet again. With much love to the Hamilton family.

Sharon Conklin - December 06, 2024 at 08:52 PM

JC

“ I had the honor and privilege to meet William the other day. I held his hand and prayed for him. I was able to thank him for his service to our country. I joked with him about being in the Air Force, and me being from a line of naval service. Then I asked him to say hello to both my grandfathers and dad who were waiting for him to show him around.

*William you will always be in my thoughts, and I'm expecting to someday to be there with my dad and grandfathers to show me around*

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**James Coombs** - December 06, 2024 at 11:54 AM