



William "Bill" Anthony Hamilton Sr.

February 12, 1945 - March 10, 2025

William Anthony Hamilton, Sr. affectionately known as Bill, was born February 12, 1945, to the late James Curtis Reed Sr. and Velma Evabell Hamm however he was raised by his grandparents the late Anthony and Mabel Hamilton of Russellville, AL.

He graduated from Reedtown High School in 1965. There, he met his high school sweetheart, Mollie Ann Hillman. They married on March 28, 1968. To this union two beautiful children were born, a son William (Billy) Anthony Hamilton Jr., and a daughter Detra Claudette Hamilton.

After graduating high school, he attended Alabama A&M University Normal, AL and later enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1966, where he started as a rifleman and later became a Drill Instructor.

He went on to the Vietnam War and received the following medals and ribbons: Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm. He later received an honorable discharge in 1970.

He was a devout Christian and a faithful member St. Paul C.M.E. Church in Russellville Al. There he served as President of the Usher Board, Steward, and Trustee.

His career started as a pipefitter at Tennessee Valley Authority. He was employed at Reynolds Alloy, which later became Wise Alloy, as a maintenance pipe-fitter supervisor until he retired in 2011. He also served on the Russellville City Gas Board.

He became a member of Ensley Rising Star Lodge #47, where he served as Worshipful Master for a number of years. He was a charter member of Al Azhar Temple No. 195. He was a 32 nd degree mason member of the Consistory.

He departed his life peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on March 10, 2025. He is preceded in death by his mother, Velma Hamm, and father, James Reed, grandparents Anthony and Mabel Hamilton and aunts Mary Martin, Nannie Thompkins, Willie Mae Hamilton, Minnie Drone, Alice Hall, and Ann McCulloch. Brothers Norman Hall, James Curtis Reed, James Hamm, and Thomas Hamm Sister Jalie Dean Hamm-Mitchell.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Mollie, Son William (Billy) Jr., and daughter Detra. Grandchild Justin Lee Knight. His brothers Milton Hamm of Tuscumbia, AL Roger Hamm of Florence, AL, and Ronnie Hamm Sr. of Melbourne, FL. Sisters Norma J. Thompson and

Linda Reed, Carolyn

Reed of Buffalo, NY. Goddaughter Deborah Martin (Stevie) Florence, AL.

Special Grandchildren:

Deonna Douglas (Dominic) of Trussville, AL and Stephanie Johnson of
Tuscumbia, AL. Special cousin

Mary Grace Ivory of Dayton, Oh. Special friend William Scott of Hope Mills,
NC. Special daughter Carla

Cleveland of Birmingham, AL, A special cousin Richard Hillman of
Russellville, AL and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving
friends.

Cemetery Details

Luke Town

Clay Avenue
Russellville, AL 35653

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home
27305 Hwy 24 East
P.O. Box 502
Russellville, AL 35653
(256) 332-7772
<http://www.pinkardfh.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Bill and the late Rev. C. D. Hamilton was friends that enjoyed many great conversations and visits together. As an Order of Eastern Star Sister I remember the many St. John Day Fellowships we had with the Masonic Lodge Brothers. Memories warms the heart. Praying for the Hamilton Family. Sister Sheryl, Carla and Darryl.*

Sheryl Hamilton - March 14, 2025 at 11:37 AM

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“ *To Mollie and family, you have my sincere condolences. I am praying for you all. Bill was a very good person and there is no doubt.he is with the Lord. I pray God will send his comforter during this difficult time.*

*Virginia Thompson-Felder
Akron, Ohio*

Virginia Thompson-Felder, Akron, OH - March 14, 2025 at 01:48 AM

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“ *Solomon and Anthony your Ohio family sent a virtual gift in memory of William Hamilton*



Solomon and Anthony your Ohio family - March 13, 2025 at 09:47 AM

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“ *Chanel sent a virtual gift in memory of William Hamilton*



Chanel - March 13, 2025 at 09:42 AM

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“ *Molly, Billy and Detra
I am so lifting you up in my prayers. May God
provide supernatural strength and comfort
during this very difficult time,*



Tonya Beck - March 12, 2025 at 02:29 PM