



Billy 'Conn' Hamlett

July 3, 1942 - January 28, 2024

Mr. Billy Conn Hamlett, a life well-lived and deeply cherished, departed this world on January 28, 2024, at the age of 81. Born on July 3, 1942, in Hornersville, MO, to Troy and Aline Hamlett, his legacy is carried forward by his devoted wife of 58 years, Barbara Faye Hamlett, and his loving sons, Byron and Roger (Erica). He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren, Hannah and Joshua Hamlett. Conn was preceded in death by his parents, Troy and Aline.

A man of many talents and passions, Conn's journey was marked by a commitment to education, sportsmanship, and a rich tapestry of experiences. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Lipscomb University and a Master of Arts from Peabody/Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee. For 35 years, he imparted knowledge and wisdom at Goodpasture Christian School, where he taught Latin, Bible, AP History, AP European History, Art, and English, and served on the board for the past 16 years. His coaching prowess led the golf team to three state championships, and he was honored as the golf coach of the year. Beyond his professional endeavors, Conn's zest for life led him to explore various interests. He was a professional wrestler in the NWA, a competitive bodybuilder, author and a familiar voice on the radio as a personality and sports host on 1510 WLAC. His love for sharing stories and knowledge extended to serving as a local tour guide for Nashville and a global European tour guide.

As we bid farewell to this remarkable man, the following individuals have been

chosen to serve as pallbearers, a testament to the deep bonds of friendship and camaraderie shared with Mr. Conn Hamlett: Mr. Lin Sherrill, Mr. Michael Norris, Mr. Irvin Chamberlain, Mr. Lonzo Chamberlain, Mr. Gene Chamberlain, Mr. Terry Chamberlain and Mr. Joshua Hamlett.

These pallbearers, each a friend or family member, symbolize the strength of the connections that Conn forged throughout his life.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Phillips Robinson in Nashville, TN, and Powell Funeral Home in Kennett, MO. The service in Nashville will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at Madison Church of Christ, with visitation from 10 am to 2 pm and the funeral service beginning at 2:30 pm. On February 4, 2024 at 2:00 pm a graveside service will be at Memorial Gardens in Kennett, MO, with Powell Funeral Home handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Goodpasture Christian School in memory of Mr. Conn Hamlett.

Goodpasture Christian School

619 W. Due West Avenue

Madison, TN 37115

<https://www.givecampus.com/schools/GoodpastureChristianSchool>

May his legacy inspire generations to come, and may his family find solace in the countless memories they shared with him. May he rest in peace.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens Cemetery

1724 Southwest Drive
Kennett, MO 63857

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Madison Church of Christ
106 Gallatin Pike N
Madison, TN 37115

Celebration of Life

FEB 3. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Burial

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Gardens Cemetery
1724 Southwest Drive
Kennett, MO 63857

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Sending my deepest condolences and continued prayers to all of Mr. Hamlett's family. He was my favorite teacher out of many amazing educators. Thankful for such a positive impact he made upon me and so many others as a person and a life long learner. We will all miss him dearly.

With Love,
Leigh Ann Crigger Jernigan - Class of '87

Leigh Ann Jernigan - February 05, 2024 at 03:30 PM

FG

“ My condolences to the Hamlett family. Mr. Hamlett was the greatest teacher I ever had. I have often thought about him when I think back to my high school days. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Jerome Goodwin - Class of 76.

frank jerome goodwin - February 01, 2024 at 10:48 AM

KS

“ I am a teacher today because Mr. Hamlett made learning so much fun. He was a remarkable man and educator! My condolences, Karen Herod Schreck (aka Janis Joplin) class of 1985

Karen Schreck - February 01, 2024 at 10:10 AM

CF

“ Cole and Atkins family purchased the Fairest of A
ll for the family of Billy 'Conn' Hamlett.



Cole and Atkins family - January 30, 2024 at 08:35 PM

TK

“ Barbara and family

My words cannot begin to tell the love and respect that I have and Linda had for Billy Conn and his family. This Arkansas boy and I started to Lipscomb together in the fall of 1960. I watched him grow into a wonderful educator and become such a great benefactor to Goodpasture School and the community in which he resided. He used his strengths as a Christian , a husband, a father, a scholar, a teacher, a coach , a friend and a mentor to all who associated with him and came under his wings. I hear this with resounding fervor and purpose from all sectors. Your family has such a great legacy to sustain you and it will.

I can personally speak to what he meant and means to my family. We hope to see you soon as we celebrate his life.

In Christain love

Tom Kilpatrick

Thomas Kilpatrick - January 30, 2024 at 06:32 PM

RS

My family's deepest condolences and appreciation to the family and legacy of Conn.

ronnie sarver - January 31, 2024 at 12:02 PM



A real gentleman and a scholar! I really thought he'd live forever....and he will

Dr O. - class of 77

eric oliver - February 01, 2024 at 07:52 PM