



## David Carlton Hamby

February 19, 1944 - November 22, 2020

David Carlton Hamby went home to be with the Lord on November 22, 2020, with his family surrounding him. He was born in Hughes, Arkansas on February 19, 1944, to blessed parents James “Buster” Carlton and Mamie Vaughn Hamby. David grew up in the Colt and Caldwell, Arkansas area and graduated Forrest City High School in 1962. He married the love of his life, Janell Hall, in 1965. He was a member of the church of Christ. David was blessed with three daughters who consider him to be the best daddy in the world, ever. He went to all their school activities and ball games and forced them to watch an endless stream of musicals – from West Side Story to Fiddler on the Roof – and spaghetti Westerns. Through it all, he made them laugh and feel loved. David repeated this wonderful process with his grandchildren, who grew to love those old movies almost as much as he did. After high school, David started college in Chicago, Illinois and then went to work for Ma Bell in the 1960’s and retired in the 1990’s. After his retirement from Southwestern Bell, he and Janell started a construction company. As he grew older, David spent his free time playing with his grandchildren, going to the lake, reading a good book, spending time with his classmates and always telling jokes. Life changed for David and his family in 2015 with a stroke that left him unable to do so many of his favorite things. His family, loved ones and friends will forever miss his sense of humor and love of conversation. He truly never met a stranger. He taught his children to love the Lord and provided a wonderful example of what it means to be a Christian husband.

David is survived by his wife Janell Hall Hamby, who cared for him so devotedly the past five years; his daughters Candace and her husband Stephen Taylor of Fort Smith, Arkansas; Paige and her husband Eric Dillinger of Palestine, Arkansas; Courtney and her husband Jeffrey Bickerstaff, of Benton, Arkansas; his grandchildren Bailey Dillinger Tatum and husband Drew Tatum, Houston Dillinger, Maggie Laws, Grace Taylor, Hailey Taylor, Luke Bickerstaff, Kylie Bickerstaff and Jake Taylor; his sister, Sandra and her husband Raymond Benson of Caldwell, Arkansas; brother-in-law Lowell and his wife Mary Francis Hall of Palestine, Arkansas; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be held on November 24, 2020, at 1:00pm at Bell Cemetery in Palestine, Arkansas with a graveside service to follow at 2:00pm. Stevens Funeral Home in Forrest City, Arkansas, is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) to sign the online registry.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) or Bell Cemetery at 1280 Oak Street, Palestine, Arkansas 72372 in c/o Valerie Parker.

# Cemetery Details

## Bell Cemetery

Palestine, AR 72372

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

NOV 24. 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

NOV 24 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ so sorry for ya, ll loss may god be with ya, ll he will be missed always amen.



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**CAROL CUMMINGS** - December 04, 2020 at 05:21 PM

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“ When I went into the 9th grade at FC Junior High in 1958. David was absolutely the nicest young boy I met & it was a pleasure to know him.

*Praying for his wonderful family that God will hold them close & comfort them. We are thinking of you. Ann & Shelby Wright*

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**Ann Wright** - November 27, 2020 at 02:23 PM

PS

“ So sorry to hear about David's passing; We know that he will be missed by so many of the St. Francis/Monroe/Lee county area. RIP David! Paul and Gwenette Spears

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**Paul & Gwenette Spears** - November 25, 2020 at 12:49 PM

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“ Susan and I recall that David always had a smile on his face. Indeed, he loved to joke, tell stories and have fun, and He and Janell loved people and would do anything they could to help. He loved life, and lived his faith in the Lord, and it was easy to trust and look up to him. We love this family, and grieve with them in this loss. But brother David, has now been set eternally free from his stroke-burdened body and in that comforting thought, we rejoice with him on his victory in Jesus! Bruce & Susan Dabbs

Bruce & Susan Dabbs - November 23, 2020 at 11:25 PM

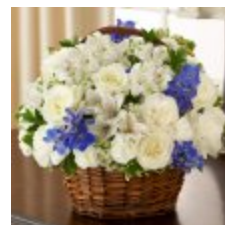
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“ So sorry to hear about David. Prayers for his family. He was a remarkable young man when I went to school with him at Forrest City. Heard a lot about through his sister Sandy. So thankful to know he was a Christian man and we will see him again.

Carolyn Peacock Henard - November 23, 2020 at 09:27 PM

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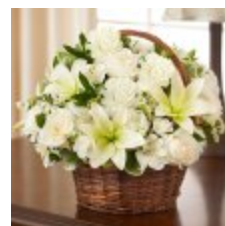
“ Barbara and Jason Atkins purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of David Carlton Hamby.



Barbara and Jason Atkins - November 23, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of David Carlton Hamby.



November 23, 2020 at 04:08 PM

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“ U.S. Attorney's Office purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of David Carlton Hamby.



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**U.S. Attorney's Office** - November 23, 2020 at 03:59 PM

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“ Our prayers and thought are with the whole family. Mr.David was a great man and always knew how to make anyone smile. Fly high Mr.David !!



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**Nona Bratton Armstrong** - November 23, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Carlton Hamby.



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November 23, 2020 at 03:43 PM