



Paul Pressley Hamilton

December 24, 1929 - September 30, 2014

Paul Pressley Hamilton, 84, of Sigel Pennsylvania, passed away on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 after a lengthy illness. His wife of 61 years, Anne Elizabeth Hamilton (Betty Anne), and children and grandchildren were at his bedside in Clarion Hospital.

Born on December 24th, 1929, Paul was the son of the late Walter Addison Hamilton and Beulah May (Marshall) Hamilton. Paul served as an infantry mortar man with the US Army during the Korean War, promoted in the field to the rank of corporal. He had a long and distinguished career as a Wildlife Biologist for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, from which he retired in 1988.

Among his many accomplishments was his unyielding defense of wild places including the Merrimack River in Missouri. In his retirement he worked tirelessly as an advocate for the mentally ill. He was a member of the Wildlife Society, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Pennsylvania, was a founding member of NAMI Clarion Jefferson Affiliates and past board president, state board member of NAMI Pennsylvania, a trainer for NAMI Family to Family Education, wrote and was awarded a grant for surrogate families for NAMI to help advocate for services for mentally ill persons, and he was a member of the Sierra Club.

Paul was most proud of his extensive family. He is survived by seven children: Kathleen A. Collier (Greg) of Florida, Paul P. Hamilton Jr. of New York, Adrienne M. Braun of New York, Charles A. Hamilton of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Mary Beth Hamilton (Steve Webber) of Harrisburg

Pennsylvania, Phil M. Hamilton (Colleen) of New York, and Thomas M. Hamilton of New Jersey. Also surviving are eight grandchildren: Sara M. Valdivieso (Roland), Greg (Danny) Collier Jr., Brian E. Griffin, Andrew P. Collier, Brandon Wing, Chauntae Sayles, Mallory Braun, and Nolan Braun; and two great-grandchildren: Andres and Elena Valdivieso.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Rebeckah Marie; a grandson, Spencer Wing; three sisters: Edna Baumgartel, Mary Lloyd, and Roberta Rohe, and one brother, Walter (Bud) A. Hamilton, Jr. Family and friends will be received from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2014, at Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion. Wake service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Friday in the funeral home.

Military honors will be accorded by American Legion Post 66 of Clarion at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2014, in the funeral home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion with Rev. Monty Sayers, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, presiding.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to NAMI-PA or the Sierra Club.

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Paul. I knew Paul through NAMI-Clarion and always appreciated his advice and support.

Debbie Stephens - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My condolences to the entire Hamilton family. Hold the memories dear and find comfort in them.

Caroline Murray - October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Anne and I send our condolences and best wishes to the Hamilton family. Your father was always a pleasure to see when he visited and he will be missed by everyone.

Kevn & Anne Denning - October 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ My condolences to all on the passing of Mr. Hamilton. My prayers are with you.

Richard Tauscher - October 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ After the darkest night, the light returns. Hang on to your memories and know that your friends are all thinking of you.

Eugene Reynolds - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Phil, Paul, and Colleen,*

I am so sorry to learn about the passing of your father. My heart goes out to you all, and to the rest of your family.

Rick

Rick Scarlett - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Tom, we wish you and yours our best wishes in this trying time. We're sorry for your loss.*

Bruce Herke & Betsy Hutchison - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Mary Beth I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. May you be consoled with the wonderful memories that you have of him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.*

Deb Wagner - October 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Tom, we are so sorry for your loss. We know that your father was very dear to you. May fond memories be of some comfort during this difficult time.*

~Melanie, Adam, and Charlie

Melanie - October 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Peg and I were saddened to hear of Paul's death. Please accept our condolences and sympathy. We were impressed and pleased on reading his accomplishments, in particular his activism with NAMI.

Peg and Earl

Earl and Peg Baumgartel - October 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ MaryBeth and family, please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your father Paul. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Dawn Sportsman - October 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ Phil and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Florinda Estrada - October 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ We send our good thoughts at this sad time. Wishing you all comfort and good memories.

Carol Ann and Andrew Blank - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Tom,

My deepest condolences to you and your family. Wish you all the best in this time of grief.

Jessica Gardner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM