



Virgil William Hamby

March 2, 2018

Virgil William Hamby passed away the evening of March 2nd 2018 in Hilliard Ohio.

He was greeted by his mother, Jessie, and father, Verdon Hamby; brothers, Virgil Hamby and James Hamby; son, Bobby Hamby, Clarence "Shorty" and Marie Hamby and Tom Hamby; Sister, Shiela and Willy "Red" Davenport; grand-daughter, Dustie Hamby and brother-in-law, Alton Thompson;

He is survived by sons, Jimmy "Slic" (Eva) Hamby and Kenny Hamby, Charles "Charlie" and wife Betty Hamby; daughter, Stacy Hamby; sisters, Theresa (Lester "Bill") Bennett, Patty Ann (Freddy) Anderson, Shirley Thompson; sister-in-law Betty Hamby and fiancée, Rosalie Walker.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Myranda, Kenny, Joshua, Brandy, Jennie, Drake, Marley, and Jade and great-grandchildren; Jamie Dale, Torie, Anthony, Justin, Raylee, and Tyler. He also left behind many nieces and nephews that loved him dearly.

Born Kenneth Lee Hamby, August 2nd 1931, in Eastland, Tennessee, he later legally changed his name to that of his deceased older brother, Virgil William Hamby, in 1973.

Throughout the course of his life, he loved to travel and called many places home. His joy in traveling meant his family enjoyed many surprise visits; he would show up unexpectedly with a vehicle full of instruments and was always welcomed with open arms.

V.W. was the consummate entertainer; able to play any stringed instrument captivating all audiences, large or small, with his music, wit, stories and the ability to weave adventurous tales. Thousands of evenings were spent with members of his family playing music and singing. Those memories will be cherished by his family and friends that experienced them forever.

V.W. loved his family and enlisted in the Army Sept. 1949, so he could send money back to his parents to improve his family's well being. During the Korean War, he served honorably and heroically. In 1952, during combat, he suffered grievous injuries from gunshots, phosphorous grenades and hand to hand combat. After his injuries, he was honorably discharged. Whereas he loved his county, he was never proud of his heroism during the war; he never spoke much about his time in the military and refused the medals that would have been rightfully bestowed upon him.

Although he was known by many names (Kenneth, Virgil, V.W, Tiger, Unkie, and Brother),

and was a rather private man when he wasn't entertaining, one thing is certain; he was loved and will be missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him.

Comments



“ Theresa Bennett

March 3 at 6:16am ·

My Nephew, Tim Hamby, wrote this fitting Tribute for his uncle, my brother, and his Brother, Jimmy Hamby.

I genuinely tried to think of an amusing story or anecdote to explain what I went through today... I got nothing.

I stood by my Uncle Kenneth's (also known as Virgle William, V.W, Tiger, Unkie, and Brother) and laid my hand on his chest as he took his last breath and passed away.

He wasn't in any pain or suffering, he just slipped away. I kissed his cheek, I told him I loved him. Then it was just over.

His son, Slic (some know him as Jimmy, but he'll always be my brother cousin Slic to me) saw to his father's care and best interest like a lion protecting a cub until the very last second of his fathers life.

It was an honor and privilege to be standing beside the man I called Unkie with the cousin I call Brother as Virgil William Hamby, my daddy's big brother left this world.

He often mentioned talking to my Dad in the present tense in the weeks before he passed away. I think tonight, my dad and Unkie are probably sitting together playing guitars (A Martin D35 and a Gibson StarBurst Humming Bird) and drinking coffee with Marlboro Red's stuck in the strings just below the tuning keys.

Rest In Peace gentlemen. Play Blue Eyes Cryin in the Rain or Folsom Prison Blues for me.... those were always my favorites.

Ps.... Daddy Sang Bass.

Jimmy Hamby - March 10, 2018 at 04:20 PM



“ Grandpa Being goofy with me. My hat. My shades. My beer. He was definitely one of a kind.



Michelle Clark - March 10, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Jimmy. Sending prayers for your loss and healing.
Michelle Dolby landenberger



Michelle Dolby landenberger - March 10, 2018 at 05:46 AM



“ Kenneth Lee Hamby# Junior. lit a candle in memory of Virgil William Hamby



Kenneth Lee Hamby# Junior. - March 10, 2018 at 01:50 AM



“ Thought of you when Pandora played this today

Kenneth Lee Hamby# Junior. - March 10, 2018 at 01:46 AM



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Theresa Bennett - March 09, 2018 at 03:36 PM



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Theresa Bennett - March 09, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ V.W. Hamby (AKA) Tennessee Slim. Old Harons Goat was always their favorite Uncle Song. They loved it when he would call them on their birthdays and sing to them.

Theresa Bennett - March 09, 2018 at 02:49 PM