



## Steven "Steve" L. Hamilton

March 19, 1952 - January 14, 2024

Steven L. "Steve" Hamilton, age 71, of Mattoon, IL., passed away at 1:48 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

A graveside service in his honor will be held at 1:00 pm, Monday, July 22, 2024, at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL; Reverend Gary Stephens will officiate. Military Rites will be performed by Mattoon VFW Post 4325. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Steve was born on March 19, 1952, in Mattoon, IL, the son of the late Lois (Hamilton) Pennington and William Pennington (stepdad). He married Melinda (Uphoff) Hamilton on April 19, 1986; she preceded him in death on August 10, 2023. Steve had several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and many cousins he visited and called when he was able. His nieces and nephews are Terry (Chris) Hamilton, Las Vegas, NV, Cheryl Ashby (David) Riverdale, UT, Jodette Hamilton and Todd Henry Hamilton, Greeley, CO. . Steve is preceded in death by his brother, Emery Edward (Todd) Hamilton.

Steve also had two special friends from Mattoon who provided endless support and friendship throughout his life, especially in the recent weeks of his illness. Steve greatly appreciated his friends, Gary and Tony Armes, and their exceptional help during his time of need.

Steve was a gregarious person who never met a stranger. He graduated from Mattoon High School in 1971. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Alaska as a dental technician. After four years of military service, Steve returned to Mattoon where he worked as an outside cable technician for Consolidated Communications. He retired after 35 years of employment.

Steve loved to cook and share his recipes with family and friends. He was a member of the Moose in Mattoon. He enjoyed classic country music and old-time rock and roll. Steve was also a fan of karaoke and pursued his hobby as a disc jockey.

Steve battled cancer for several years and bravely endured many treatments and setbacks. He was a man with strong opinions and convictions and an unforgettable personality. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Memorial donations in his honor may be given to the American Cancer Society at <https://donate.cancer.org> or the donor's choice.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## **Dodge Grove Cemetery**

917 North 22nd Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ 59 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home** - July 14, 2024 at 03:49 PM

KH

“ *Kimberly Heldebrandt lit a candle in memory of Steven "Steve" L. Hamilton*



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**Kimberly Heldebrandt** - January 26, 2024 at 10:18 AM

JT

“ *Steve spent a lot of time at my house, he was a good friend of my dad's. He was a jovial ole soul, they used to jam music all the time back in the late 70s and 80s. Godspeed!*

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**Jojo Roach (Turner,,)** - January 23, 2024 at 01:04 PM

KC

“ *Kathi Sewell Cobble lit a candle in memory of Steven "Steve" L. Hamilton*



**kathi sewell cobble** - January 17, 2024 at 02:22 PM

AL

“ *Steve & i grew up in Janesville as young kids. He loved to come and see Aunt Flossie & Uncle Leslie Walker. He was a fun kid growing up. He will be missed by all. Now in heaven he will be able to visit with family & friends. So long Steve your cousin & friend Alberta Walker Tinsman*

**AlbertaYinsman** - January 17, 2024 at 11:46 AM

TY

*I, like Alberta, grew up a summer in Janesville. I remember going to Steve's Mom's house to see if he could come hang out. Then we moved to Mattoon and Steve came to Mattoon later. He always called me his Walker Cuz, Tina! Rest well, Cuz, and say Hi! to the relatives in Heaven, I'm sure they will all reach out to you and give you lots of Hugs 🤗 your Walker, Cuz Tina Walker Yoder.*

**Tina Walker Yoder** - January 17, 2024 at 12:48 PM

PB

*I, too am a cousin to Steve. I remember visits to Janesville and spending time with Aunt Fossie ( back then Aunt Saucie Aucker) and Unkle Leslie. My family moved to Ohio in 1969, but until then Steve would come to our home in Mattoon & tease the heck out of me before school. RIP.*

**Paula Thompson Bento** - January 17, 2024 at 08:21 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your lose and God will welcome Steve into Heaven. I can only say that Steve was a friend that always had kind words when we met. I know these last few months was hard on Steve and he did not complain or change his outlook on life. He will be missed by many who knew him.

Clarence Kersey - January 17, 2024 at 11:15 AM

LB

I am so sorry for your loss. I knew of him at Consolidated and Moose very nice and friendly man. He is in good hands!!

Lilie Bragg - January 17, 2024 at 01:38 PM

CG

Rest in peace, friend. I'll always cherish the memories of times we spent together.

Cheryl Gilbert - January 17, 2024 at 05:21 PM

DM

Rest in peace Steve...was a very friendly and kind person...worked with him at Consolidated Comm. for years 🙏🙏🙏

Debbie Maycroft - January 19, 2024 at 06:28 AM

RU

“ Steve never met a stranger,avid dog lover esp for boxers.Steve enjoyed karaoke with friends,may he rest in peace.

Rick Upton - January 17, 2024 at 09:41 AM

JS

“ *Joyce And Tom Standley lit a candle in memory of Steven "Steve" L. Hamilton*



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**Joyce and Tom Standley** - January 17, 2024 at 09:29 AM

JS

*Sorry for your loss, Steve worked with Tom at Consolidated,*

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**Joyce and Tom Standley** - January 17, 2024 at 09:32 AM

SS

“ *Stacy Sewell lit a candle in memory of Steven "Steve" L. Hamilton*



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**Stacy Sewell** - January 16, 2024 at 05:51 PM