



Dr. William T. Hamner

October 22, 2017

William T. (Bill) Hamner, PhD. retired clinical psychologist, age 93, formerly from Norcross, GA. and Nashville, TN died on October 22, 2017 in Dunedin, FL. Dr. Hamner served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and was assigned by the Navy to serve as a medical corpsman with the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific. He was on Guadalcanal, the Marshall Islands, the Marianna Islands and saw action on Guam. He later received the BA degree from Emory University, Atlanta, and the PhD degree from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. He was engaged in the private practice of psychology in Nashville for eighteen years before his retirement in 1988. He was active in the Brentwood United Methodist Church in Brentwood, TN and the First United Methodist Church of Norcross, GA. Always interested in music, he sang in the Emory University Glee Club, in several church choirs, in the chorus of the Nashville Chapter of Barbershop Quartets, in the Nashville Symphony Chorus and in ProMusica of Nashville.

At Norcross First United Methodist Church, Dr. Hamner worked with the parish nurse as the founder and long-time volunteer director of a respite program, the Sunshine Club, for persons with Alzheimer's disease. He also founded and directed a volunteer musical group, the "Gerry-at-Tricks", to entertain residents of nursing facilities. This group with another director continues to perform.

Born in Camp Hill, AL, he was the son of the late Ben L. Hamner and Sarah

White Hamner. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Mary Alice Adams Hamner. Also surviving is a daughter, Beverly Hamner Burton and her husband, John Burton, Clearwater, FL., grandchildren: Brandt Burton, Clearwater, FL, Lance Burton, US Air Force, Las Vegas, NV, Blaire Burton Foubister and husband, James Foubister, and great-grandchildren, Amelia Rose Foubister, and Declan William Foubister of Bend, OR. Other survivors include a sister Margaret Hamner Utley, Greenville, S.C., niece, Susan Utley of Nashville, TN., nephew, John Utley, Greenville, SC., and his daughter, Lauren, Nashville, TN. He is also survived by a foster son, Ruben Rosales and his wife Valerie Rosales of Cambridge, MA and their family.

A graveside service for Mr. Hamner will be held at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Royston, GA at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 27, 2017. The family will receive friends after the serve at the Adams home place.

In lieu of flowers; memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Pruitt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Burch Street
Royston, GA 30662

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Miss Mary Alice & Beverly - I am praying for all of you as you adjust to Mr. Bill's home going. Mama & I always enjoyed visiting with Mr. Bill at your Class of '43 Reunions that the classmates had. So sorry that I won't be able to visit you or attend the service. Much love and prayers are sent your way. Katie Fleeman's Daughter -*

Kathy Lawson - October 24, 2017 at 11:12 PM