



DW "Tuff" Hamlet

August 13, 1928 - June 25, 2024

Deryll Wayne "Tuff" Hamlet, the son of William Bertram and Ethel Mae (Vest) Hamlet, was born on August 13, 1928 in Buffalo MO, and departed this life on June 25, 2024. At the time of his passing, he was 95 years, 10 months, and 11 days of age.

As a young boy, Deryll Wayne was nicknamed "Tuff" by his uncle. The name stuck and for the past 95 years he has lived up to his name. Tuff was raised and attended school in Buffalo MO. After graduation, Tuff joined the Army in 1951 and proudly served his country while stationed in Baumholder Germany. He was proud to serve his country and made many lifelong friendships during this time.

After returning home, he was united in marriage to Florene (Hammerbacher) on January 10, 1954 and together they purchased a 500 acre farm in Louisburg MO with a beautiful spring that runs through the middle of the land. "Tuff" and "Flo" had two daughters, Cheryl and Shelly. He was very proud of his family and his farm. Tuff was a member of the Lindley Creek Missionary Baptist Church where he was saved as a young man. Tuff never met a stranger and was a true friend and neighbor.

In 1968 he and 28 men formed the Louisburg Lion's Club and upon his passing, was the only living charter member. He served as the president for

many years and recently received the Lion's 55 Year Charter Monarch Chevron award for his 55 years of faithful service.

Tuff loved the Missouri State University Lady Bear's Basketball team where he had season tickets for over 30 straight seasons. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman.

Tuff was preceded in death by his wife Florene, his parents, his brother Rex Hamlet, his sister Clara Belle (Hamlet) Young and many other loved ones. He is survived by his two daughters, Cheryl and husband Don Roberts of Springfield MO, and Shelly and husband Brett Palen of Rogersville MO. He is also survived by his 5 grandchildren, Quinn, Shay, Alec, Beau and Clay along with their families. He also leaves many other family members and many friends who will all truly miss him.

Visitation will be held Sunday, July 7, 2024 between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM in the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home in Buffalo MO. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday July 8, 2024, also in the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Quinn Owensby, Shay Owensby, Alec Palen, Beau Palen, Clay Palen, Drew Keith, and Steve Peterson. Honorary pallbearers will be the Louisburg Lions Club. Interment will be in the New Hope Cemetery under the care and direction of the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Louisburg Lions Club c/o Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, 931 W Main St, Buffalo MO 65622.

Cemetery Details

New Hope Cemetery, Louisburg

40 New Hope Road
Buffalo, MO 65622

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo
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Service

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Herd Family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of DW "Tuff" Hamlet.*



The Herd Family - July 07, 2024 at 08:21 PM

BW

“ *Have the opportunity to know, tough real well, except through my husband, Jack. They were very good friends and love to share their memories when they were in the service it was my privilege to get to meet him I could see he was much loved by all that knew him.*

Barbara White - July 06, 2024 at 11:02 AM

SK

“ *Sincerely, Beth Keller purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of DW "Tuff" Hamlet.*



Sincerely, Beth Keller - July 06, 2024 at 10:10 AM

SK

“ *Sincerely, Beth Keller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of DW "Tuff" Hamlet.*

Sincerely, Beth Keller - July 06, 2024 at 10:10 AM

DK

“ *Deb and Gary Kukal purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of DW "Tuff" Hamlet.*



Deb and Gary Kukal - July 01, 2024 at 01:02 PM

MH

“ *As I pulled into camp this past Friday evening, little did I know I'd share as many stories of my uncle Tuff, as I did in the next 36 hours. You see I've been on an annual trip to a small fishing stream in Missouri w/ a college friend and his family since my college days. Upon arrival I told Joe of Tuff's passing and we reminisced of past hunting trips he'd shared w/ my uncle and I. Throughout the remainder of Friday night, then again Saturday evening around the campfire after a day on the river, and even on Sunday morning before an early departure, I found that every time I turned around, some little something was said that brought out another story of my good friend and uncle Tuff. Beit sharing w/ the younger boys of how he and Ronnie Melton first started snaring suckers, moving on to snagging them or netting and the smell of fried taters and onions as we'd come down the river from setting the net and them awaiting us to toss on the bull fries, or of the days of filling silage ditches, a method seldom used these days. As everyone gathered round the fire on Saturday night, it was heartwarming as my friend Joe took a moment out to gather the attention of all the boys and tell them of my uncles passing and of the few times he'd met him, yet shared a true common bond. The campfire was therapy for me this past weekend and the stories abounding.*

Mike Hammerbacher

Mike Hammerbacher - July 01, 2024 at 08:24 AM

SF

“ I've known Tuff for many years. I have many memories of lots of fun and many wonderful conversations.

Sue Fisher - June 27, 2024 at 05:50 PM

DM

“ I met Tuff when I joined the Lion's club. He and his family "adopted" me . I dearly appreciate his friendship and help through the years. A lot of good memories.

Dave Meier - June 26, 2024 at 09:34 PM

PH

“ Prayerful thoughts-Gai and Reggie Hale purchased the Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet for the family of DW "Tuff" Hamlet.



Prayerful thoughts-Gai and Reggie Hale - June 26, 2024 at 03:08 PM

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Prayerful thoughts-Gai and Reggie Hale - June 26, 2024 at 03:08 PM

DS

“ Tuff and family was to my brother good to him. Tuff will be missed dearly

Debra Sutton - June 26, 2024 at 01:34 PM

GH

“ So very sorry to hear of Tuff's passing.

Ginger (Potter) Hill - June 26, 2024 at 10:23 AM

WS

“ Tuff was always there to listen to you and help

William Sutton - June 25, 2024 at 08:39 PM