



Thomas Gilbert Hamilton

January 2, 1942 - July 29, 2019

Thomas Gilbert Hamilton (Tom), 77, of Griffin, died Monday, July 29, 2019 at his home.

Born in Topeka, KS, January 2, 1942, he was a son of the late William Gilbert and Bernice Pauline Smith Hamilton. He graduated from Northwestern University where he also received a Master's degree. A member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Mr. Hamilton was also an honorary member of D.E.R.U. Fraternity. He was General Manager of Specialty Eggs, Inc., an Eggland's Best Franchisee and was Owner and CEO of Strategic Dimensions, LLC.

Mr. Hamilton was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Griffin, where he was an Elder of the church.

Survivors include a son, Edwin Gilbert Hamilton(Ted); a daughter, Margaret Bea Hamilton Thompson (Peggy) and husband Mark; four grandchildren, Megan Shyanne Hamilton, Elizabeth Payton Laffoday, Madison Taylor Thompson and Abigail Catelyn Thompson; former wife, Judith Kinnear Hamilton; brother-in-law, Kenneth Edwin Kinnear, Jr. (Kim) and wife Karen and their family, Hadrian, Chelsea and Eric.

Memorial services for Mr. Thomas Gilbert Hamilton will be conducted

Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 11:00 AM from the Chapel of Haisten McCullough Funeral Home with Reverend Drew Elling officiating. Enurnment will follow in Westwood Gardens.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 10:00 AM until the service hour at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to First Presbyterian Church of Griffin, 1349 Old Macon Highway, Griffin, GA 30224, in memory of Tom.

For online condolences please visit www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com.

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn, Griffin, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Gilbert Hamilton*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *I have had the privilege of doing business with Tom ever since 2012 when I purchased Griffin Trophy and Embroidery. He was such a nice man and we always looked forward to him coming in the shop. He was a details person and took great care to make sure everything was just right, and always in a kind manner. He would even bring us eggland's best coupons from time to time. He will be greatly missed!*

Angelia Blalock - August 05, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ *So sad to hear of Tom's passing. Had the pleasure to know Tom for many years. My condolence's to his family and friends - know he will be dearly missed!*

Todd Feltman

Todd Feltman - August 05, 2019 at 09:53 AM

CB

“ I knew Tom for many years from grade school through high school, mostly through shared activities at First Presbyterian Church in Topeka, KS. In fact, he was my first husband and I, his first wife! When I was 15 or 16 and Tom, a year older, the church celebrated its centennial with a "wedding," in which Tom wore a Union soldier's uniform and I wore a beautiful white satin wedding gown and a lace veil from the Civil War era. David Belden and Louann Thielman (sp?) were our attendants. On our first anniversary, Tom sent an Happy Anniversary card to me, his wife. To me, that card exemplified Tom's droll sense of humor. I remember that his mother was one of the choir mothers, who helped us into our robes before and after the service. I thought she was quite sweet.

To Tom's family, I offer my deepest condolences and fond memories.

Carla Bowman

Carla Bowman - August 02, 2019 at 06:15 PM

GS

“ Over the years, I worked with Tom and for Tom. He was an outstanding gentleman and I know I am a better person for having known him. He always thought well of others and tried to see the best in everyone. I will miss him but I know that he is playing golf on that great course in heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with Judy and Tom's family.

George Smith - August 02, 2019 at 08:28 AM

JW

“ Our deepest condolences to Judy and Tom’s family. Jimmy worked for Tom and he was a gentleman’s gentleman. We know the Egglund’s Best family will surely miss his leadership. Jimmy and Lisa Wilson

Jimmy Wilson - August 01, 2019 at 06:59 PM

RT

“ I was so very blessed to have Tom as my next door neighbor, dear friend and Golfing Buddy. Although separated by a number of years in age, we shared the same sense of humor and our conversations about business and politics out in the front yard certainly united us. Tom had more class and character than most anyone I have ever met and I will forever cherish the times I was lucky enough to spend with him. I miss him so much already. My sincere condolences to Judy and the family.

Rob Thomas.

Rob Thomas - August 01, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Gilbert Hamilton .



August 01, 2019 at 08:36 AM

JE

“ Nearly 3/4 of a century of shared memories with Tom starting in kindergarten in Topeka and continuing through high school-- made all the more memorable when Judy and the Kinnear family came into the picture [or, rather, the other way around] first at Northwestern and later in Indianapolis. A special guy and a wonderful friend [and family friend]. Hugs for Judy and the entire family.

Jon Ekdahl [and Marcia Opp], Chicago.

Jon Ekdahl - July 31, 2019 at 11:02 PM

DG

“ Devastated to hear of Tom's passing. An absolute "prince of a man" who was loved and cherished by all who knew him. An unselfish and gracious man who brought light to everyone he touched...One whose sense of humor and love for others was so evident. Although I left the egg industry almost 15 years ago, Tom has insisted each year that I should attend the golf tourney to renew our friendship and connection with others in the industry whose friendships I have grown to cherish and I love him for that. A truly great loss for us...and another gain for heaven. God bless your sweet soul, Tom. You will be dearly missed. This year's Symposium we dedicate to you... and to the precious memories we will all have of you. Godspeed my friend.

Danny Glymph - July 31, 2019 at 09:14 PM

RD

“ My deepest sympathies to Mr. Hamilton's family and friends. I am an Egglund's employee located in Philadelphia. Tom and I often spoke on the phone. I will always hear the sound of his southern accent when he called for me. He never needed to identify himself, being from Philly I always knew it was him and his calls were always so pleasant, kind and uplifting. I am sad that we have not spoken in quite some time now. Rest peacefully Tom, you will be missed dearly.

Regina

Regina M DePaul - July 31, 2019 at 08:35 PM

WS

“ What a great man. I am a business associate, the company I work for supplies cartons for Egglund's Best. I am so glad that the business relationship resulted in my crossing paths with this man, who became a dear friend. Truly a man of genuine character. He touched many lives. To his family, my sincere condolences. I was so looking forward to seeing him on 8/12 for the annual Symposium. That is my birthday and his event fell on my birthday every year. He always recognized that during his pre-golf announcements and it meant a lot to me.

*Bill Sturdivant
Pactiv*

William Sturdivant - July 31, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ Angela Rosenquist purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Gilbert Hamilton .



Angela Rosenquist - July 31, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ Gosh darn it Tom! We were just getting started! (He would have laughed at that one. :-)).

Our condolences to your family. You were such a hard-working guy with a big heart and an unforgettable sense of humor - and storytelling! One of the best last-minute rally team dinners ever with a group of us he set up at some crazy little Italian restaurant in Myrtle Beach called Luigi's Trattoria. Tom knew the guys, and we had one of the funniest and most memorable group dinners on record! It started in the morning with three of us, and by dinner I think there were nine or ten of us laughing and sharing stories at a big round family table with cheesy Italian decorations everywhere.

I always looked forward to seeing Tom over the last 15 years - mostly crossed paths at CFIC, NFRA, or other industry events. He was a mentor to me, and a friend. He's one of those people where even though you walk into a conference sea of 1,000 people, you wonder, yeah, but where's Tom? I gotta go see that guy and say hello!

I will miss you my friend!

Angela Rosenquist - July 31, 2019 at 04:23 PM

Jl

“ Tom was a very knowledgeable businessman and I feel very blessed to have worked with him on Egglands Best. His passion for his work and life showed through in everything that he did.

James R Allen III - July 31, 2019 at 03:08 PM

PB

“ Tom was a great friend and an avid supporter of Southern Crescent technical College and its culinary arts program. He chaired our advisory committee for several years and his contributions to the program were priceless. We will miss him.
We join his family and friends during this time of mourning.
Kind regards, Chef Patrick Boutier

Patrick Boutier - July 31, 2019 at 01:44 PM

DO

“ Dan & Vicki O'Driscoll purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Gilbert Hamilton .



Dan & Vicki O'Driscoll - July 30, 2019 at 10:14 PM