



Melvin Hamm

October 11, 1934 - August 29, 2008

Melvin Hamm, 73, of Burleson, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, August 29, 2008.

Memorial Service: 10 a.m., Monday at Lucas & Blessing Funeral Home, 518 SW Johnson Ave., Burleson.

Melvin was born October 11, 1934 in Ropesville, Texas, the son of James Luther and Lethie Burrows Hamm.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Raymond Hamm, and by his sister, Florine Worsham.

Survivors: Wife, Sarah Shaffer; sons, Russell Clay Rusty Hamm, Christopher Fulk; daughters, Cynthia Kay Hawkins, Melanie Ann Sumner, Cynthia Jean Hutzel, Cheryl Ann Sparks; grandchildren, Charles Kory Hawkins, Ethan Randall Hawkins, Kelvin Ray Sumner, Sandra Hutzel, Tonia Hutzel, Chet James Jacobs; great-grandchildren, Amethyst, Logan, and Lena Hawkins, Jacob Hutzel, Kameron Burkett; brother, Edwin Hamm, and by his sister, Madine Fairbairn.

Donations may be made to American Hospice, 131 S. Westmeadow Dr., Suite 300, Cleburne, Texas 76033.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Still think about you and miss you every day... guess you already know that.

Sarah - September 28, 2010 at 09:23 AM

SA

“ Still miss you sooooo much.

Sarah - July 23, 2010 at 01:29 PM

SA

“ Hi..Sunday (your 75th) was kinda tough. Even though the last few years we didn't do much on birthdays, we at least were together. Cinz & Sandy took me shopping Sat. to get a new outfit for Chet's wedding, then out for an early dinner. Sandy & Kameron came over Sun. afternoon & kept me company. Kamee's constant chatter helps but doesn't take the place of Berni. The kids, grands, and greats are really good about keeping me involved in things. The wedding is Oct.24. I'm flying out Oct.20 and coming back Oct.27. I'll enjoy the time with family, but am kinda anxious about the traveling alone part. Doesn't sound like me, does it? Lately I'm getting real cautious about doing a lot of things. Still working on unpacking, hanging pictures, etc. Came across the Coors plant pictures. Remember those...the guys were mooning Coors? Love and miss you...more later.

Sarah - October 13, 2009 at 09:46 AM

SA

“ Hi you. It's moving day. Can't talk long now. Getting the last-minute things done before the movers get here. I really miss Berni. Took her to her new home last night. I was crying so much almost changed my mind. You know how she hangs on when going to the vet? Well, that is what she was doing then. Cinz & family took me to dinner to cheer me up. Helped some. It seems so strange not having her here, but just couldn't keep her any more and no one else for her to live with. You understand. My hip & legs have really been bothering me bad. Even with the pain pills still hurt all night. more later. love you.

Sarah - September 24, 2009 at 07:26 AM

SA

“ Hi, it's Sunday morning. Had the yard sale Fri. & Sat. Glad it's over. I'm really pooped. Made enough to help with the move. Such a lot of things in the garage. So many things that I really didn't want to sell but I can't use them and no room to store them. Sandy was such a huge help sorting, setting up, selling, etc. It was especially hard selling your tools. We tried to make sure that they went to guys that needed tools for work & appreciated their tools like you did. Wish that there had been time for you to do that. The storage space is limited at the new house. We all call it "the cottage" since it is so small. Can you see it? It is painted green & might be hard to see among all the trees. It has lots of flowers & grass all around, a little fenced patio on one side with stepping stones, bird bath, etc., a teeny front porch. Gail (the landlord is maintaining the yard) so I don't have to worry about that. The house is just the right size for me since it is getting hard to walk very much. I use the walker a lot in the house & a cane when I go out. At the grocery store I can lean on the cart for support. After I'm all settled in guess I'll have to have that surgery on my hip. Can't delay it too much longer. Ethan seems to like his new place. He is such a good kid, wish things were different with him...you know what I mean. Gotta sign off now. Berni has to go out. She usually sleeps on your side of the bed at night and in her bed during the day. We all miss you so much. Jacob & Kameron still talk about Grandpa Mel. Love you.

Sarah - September 20, 2009 at 08:05 AM

ME

“ Hello Dad,
Been writing thoughts to you other than here. Mostly due to they have been long thoughts. Going to see your Cindy this coming weekend. We are going to meet up with a cousin. Catch up etc... It's been too much down memory lane as of late. You on my thoughts... There are so many WHY'S. Never any answers.

Melanie - September 20, 2009 at 05:09 AM

SA

“ Hi. Been busy cleaning out garage... such a lot of stuff, memories, etc. Had a yard sale at Sandy's. Got rid of a lot of things. More to go. Still shredding old papers. I'm having yard sale in two weeks. Ethan got moved. Gave him bed, TV.,etc. My new house is so cute... just the right size for one -- wish it was for us. Giving gifts to you from M&M and Cindy back to them. By for now. Love...

Sarah - September 10, 2009 at 12:45 PM

SA

“ It's been a year... I'll soon be moving from this house. Still miss you so much. Sandy, Tonia, and families are out here now. More later. Love...

Sarah - August 31, 2009 at 03:17 PM

SA

“ It's the 27th...almost a year. Late update on trip to AZ. Had a great time there, but then my left lung collapsed on the way home Of course I didn't know what had happened. Next day (Mon.)Dr. sent me straight to ER. They put in a chest tube and I was in hospital for 7 days. It was really comforting to have Cinz at the same hospital. All the CT scans and X-rays since show that my lung keeps improving. Of course, I had to quit smoking -- after 58 years!! Madine keeps in touch. She seems to be doing OK. But you know Madine... she's like the Energizer bunny. Love ya.. later.

Sarah - August 27, 2009 at 10:14 AM

ME

“ Your Cindy was able to go and get most of her belongings from CO this past weekend. She had a long hard trip. I'm sure she had thoughts of Mom that stressed her out. She came down with one of her headaches. I didn't go with her. I had just came back from a trip from Albqu. Can only take so much time off from work. Don't know how Rusty is...I'm sure you can check in on him. Just float on over and take a peek. LOL.
Sarah gave us a scare. I'm sure she has talked to you about it. Glad she is on the way to recovery. It's her choice if she wants to make life style changes. Rest well. Talk soon

Melanie - July 21, 2009 at 06:36 PM

ME

“ Hello Dad,
I have been hurt again. It's my fault. I let my guard down and let someone in. Adding another layer of miss trust and making it harder to let some one near me. I know you know what I mean... We both took a lot of time to get to know a person. Before we would let them start to enter the layers of boundries.
First...worked so very hard to travel. The trip was known of, events changed and I was given the push off of having to get last min. transportation. Next was a promis that we were family. As it turns out I'm the part of family that's not part of the family. Am I being sensitive... yes only due to what the past has tought me of whats coming next. No don't feel bad... I will always have a warm spot in my heart. Great warm and loving stories to tell and pass the time away once there isn't any day to day adventures.
Love you Dad, rest well

Melanie - July 09, 2009 at 12:07 AM

SA

“ It really twisted my heart watching your van going down the street for the last time. We sure had some good times traveling in that van didn't we. Remember Spokane? Never could get it to keep running. Put in 2 new batteries, but still wouldn't start right and stay charged -it was electrical system problems. Then everything started going wrong with mine and I was afraid to drive it, sooo trading in was the only option. Couldn't have gotten such a good deal without Tony. He traded both vans in on a used Town & Country, really low miles and looks like new. It should last me for as long as I'll need it. The trip to AZ is getting close. Cinz, Jacob, and I are flying out. Tony is driving out later and we'll all come back with him. I am so glad they are here. It really helps. Miss you.

Sarah - June 13, 2009 at 01:55 PM

ME

“ All is well. Except I should be sleeping right now...LOL

Went to the Bone/Joint Dr. today to see why my left shoulder wasn't getting any better. Other it was really bad, got better but never better than it was before the Appointment. Got a shot and some exercise's to inflect more pain on to myself. LOL As if...glad you got yourself to feel better...but we can't have that...you must perform these 10 exercises to bring your pain leavel up to past a 10.

I have Vercitus...my bone bumpers are inflamed for some reason. See Dr. in 2 months. I may make an appointment to see a Chiropractor. Maybe that Dr. will help vs. "Just give her a shot and see how much more pain she can take". LOL

We had a wonderful time with our company over the holiday weekend. Got some work done in the back yard.....It was said I was a bit grumpy. Well lets just twist your arm back wards get a nice burning/hurt going on, and see how nice you are. Then while your still in pain, Oh I don't know.....lets poor some concreat to put the BBQ gril on Apx 9' x 4'. My job was to keep the poored in cement leaveled as more was poored, and to smooth out the serface before it started to cure. Grumpy...your damm lucky I was of any help at all. I'll give you Grumpy. LOL There were 4 of us working on the slab and one three yr. old needing to be watched. This was Sat AM started at 6 AM and was done enough to stand upright about 8 AM. Mike and I had all the prep work done a week before the company arrived. Cleaned out the area, but up the frame etc... Day of the mixing and pooring all that was needed was to get Duffy's poo out of the framed area.

Melanie - June 02, 2009 at 02:45 AM

SA

“ Hi. Just finished watching Marley & Me. Remember some of the things we went thru with eless and Berni? Keep hearing Waltz Across Texas; also Could I Have This Dance... Remember when you requested that for the first time. Lots of good memories. Will be seeing the rest of the kids, grands, and greats in July. Its so different without you. Miss you, love you.

Sarah - May 21, 2009 at 10:24 AM

MS

“ Hello Dad, Having a sleepless night. Hope all is well with you. This may make you happy. Mike and I are selling our Motorbikes. Mike has already sold his. We have had some nibbles for mine. Havn't had the time to ride and enjoy them. We have been working so hard...you know its good to be employed at this time. Family news. Talk to Cindy when I can. Talk to Rusty once in a while. He has his hands full with the family. Still trying to plan a trip to see Sarah. Haven't talked to Mike...but July is looking like a good date on my end. Could pend on my Bike selling or not. Can't show it if Im not here. Love and Kiss's

Melanie S - May 10, 2009 at 03:59 AM

ME

“ Hello Dad,
Have you had a chance to check in on the family events? We should be keeping you entertained. By now you should have a box of popcorn and inviting friends over to watch the soaps that are going on. LOL.
Miss you. If you get a chance tune into Rusty & his family. Rusty must be going through alot...

Melanie - April 16, 2009 at 05:36 AM

SA

“ Wonderful news! Chet has surprised all his doctors and is out of his 12+ day coma. He is sitting up in a chair and is ready to start PT. Not talking yet because throat is still sore from having tube down for so long. More later.

Sarah - March 04, 2009 at 10:25 AM

MS

“ Hello again.
Forgot to give you the details. Mom died of several things wrong with her. Cancer be a large part of the problem. Colon cancer, breathing problems, and other health issues. Died Feb. 27, 2009 a bit after 9am. Mountain time. Is time measured in heaven something like here on earth?
Love you

Melanie S - March 02, 2009 at 08:32 PM

MS

“ Hello Dad, By now you may of met up with Mom. She has left us here on Earth. I do hope she has found peace and is seeking out old friends and the family members she would like to visit. Aunt Doris and I took care of what we could. Mom wasn't prepared. She kept saying she was going to be better. If you get a chance. Come on down stairs here to Earth and check on us. Love you

Melanie S - March 02, 2009 at 08:28 PM

SA

“ *Bad news. Cheri's Chet had a bad cycle accident 2/19... still in coma. Everyone is upset but also worried about Cheri. I don't know what to do or what to say. Words alone don't really help. I'm trying to decide whether to go to Tucson for a while. What can I do? Gene and Chris and families are there for support. Chet has got to wake up! He's only 25, and he has been doing so good with his life. He wore his helmet, which helped. I miss you. Six months now. You didn't say too much but you were here to let me talk things out.*

Sarah - February 27, 2009 at 08:22 AM

ME

“ *Hey Dad,
Sorry I havent had the chance to put my thoughts in to words. You know I have been talking to you. The Holidays were hard with out you. So many memorise...some still bring a smile. Beging to get more bits and pices of your new life with Sarah and family. So glad you were able to find some joy in your life. Your new family was lucky to have you as part of the family. So glad you were able to help and provide employment for them. Sarah is a wonderful person. More later.*

Melanie - January 24, 2009 at 11:17 PM

SA

“ *It doesn't get any easier. Xmas is finally over...the first one. All the kids, grands, and great-grands helped. Miss you.*

Sarah - December 25, 2008 at 10:59 PM

MS

“ Hey Dad...Hope you had a great Thanksgiving. Thought of you and still thinking of you pre Christmas. We had some interesting Holidays. Sure hope the fun memories are in your thoughts.
Love you

Melanie S - December 23, 2008 at 12:07 AM

SA

“ Our first Thanksgiving apart for a bunch of years. Christine (Chris's daughter) is spending the holiday with me. Tonia & Jessica (new baby)came out to spend a week at Cinz's. Christine, Cindy & Ethan, and I are going to Cinz & Tony's. Mark&Dar, April & family will be there too.Melanie & Mike went to Vegas. It will feel so different this year. My favorite Golden Oldie station plays Waltz Across Texas every day. The other day they played Lovers Live Longer. Remember that one? Love you..

Sarah - November 27, 2008 at 11:26 AM

SA

“ Mel, just have to pass this on... even the little ones love you, remember you, and miss you. Jacob told me yesterday that when they close their eyes and have a moment of silence in school that he always remembers Grandpa Mel like he was before he died, and says a prayer for you. I miss you. So many little things to remind me of you.

Sarah - November 10, 2008 at 01:45 PM

MS

“ Dad, do you remember 1964 Phx State Fair? This was quite a trip for the family. We got all dressed up and were heading to the Horticultural Building at the State Fair. Cindy and I in our little dress's, Rusty in a good shirt and jeans. The three of us Cindy 6, Rusty 3, and I being 4 at the time didn't even know what a State Fair or the Horticultural Building was.

Upon are arrival to the Horticultural Building and to our excitement we each were given a balloon. We three walked all around the inside of the building and sneaking a bit of time on our own to explore while you and Mom talked to several different people. It came time to go and all five of us are walking down a road/walkway in front of several buildings. With the three of us so very happy with our Blue, Green and Red balloons holding our balloons by the ribbon in our little fist. Our little fist just under shoulder height in an upward away. The three of us knew there were some High School age boys behind us and they were having a few loud laughs. A few building down the way the three of us each discovered we were holding empty ribbons due to the older Boys had cut our balloons free. Who knows how long with our little fist were up in the air holding empty ribbons. At the time, the three of us could have just cried at the loss of something as simple and wonderful as a balloon. Now it's a funny memory that got sprung up by the State Fair being Open and being here near Phx.

Love You Dad.

Melanie

Melanie S - October 25, 2008 at 08:55 PM

MS

“ Hi Dad, Sorry I didn't get to your site on your Birthday...I did send some happy thoughts your way. Miss you and hope your able to find something to do up there. Lots of Love

Melanie S - October 19, 2008 at 10:38 PM

SA

“ *Mel, it's your birthday. It's been over six weeks & I still find myself saying "Hey, Mel." When does that stop? 28 years wasn't long enough. Berni still looks for you & misses her walks & her naps with you. I'm trying to get on but some things are making it difficult. I miss you so much.*

Sarah - October 11, 2008 at 10:06 AM

MS

“ *Hey Dad,
I have so much to say about the visit I took care of over this past weekend. Maybe you can hear my thoughts and help me get past them. Miss you and hope your able to do the things you have been always wanting to do. Love you*

Melanie S - September 18, 2008 at 11:34 PM

MS

“ *Hey Dad,
I guess you know that I went and saw Mom. She took the news different than I thought. There are a few more things to take care of as you know. Don't worry we are all looking out for you. Sure wish I had some one looking out for me as well as I have looked out for everyone else. I'm so tired of giving and taking care of things and having to say NO when yet another favor is asked.*

Melanie S - September 16, 2008 at 05:42 PM

RH

“ Dad we really didnt have that much time together, but what we had together I well allways hold in my heart in my toughts. I love you and you well always be in my hearth

you go and have fun in the eather side we will see each eather again someday lets hope not in the near future

your loving son Russ

Russ Hamm - September 09, 2008 at 08:44 PM

MS

“ Hi Dad, Going to CO this weekend. To let you know who the news. Should be there Sunday. Can you look over us during this visit?
Love you

Melanie S - September 08, 2008 at 09:46 PM

MS

“ Hey Dad,
Tought about you today...saw something cool for your birthday and then I remembered...
Your still in our thoughts

Melanie S - September 07, 2008 at 10:13 PM

MS

“ Hello Daddy, I know your thinking of Cindy on her Birthday. I know she's thinking of you. Hope she gets a chance to talk to you.
Love Melanie

Melanie S - September 04, 2008 at 11:44 PM

ME

“ Hey Dad, My thoughts of you are still with me today. A great bunch of people came Monday to see you off. We wanted to talk and tell wonderful stories of how each of us knew you. I thought I could...but when it came time. I wanted to keep our wonderful adventures to myself. I know this sounds bad...but I will all ways remember and shair our good times as time go's on. Love you Dad

Melanie - September 02, 2008 at 01:10 PM

AM

“ Though we didn't know you well, you touched our hearts. You will be missed. I'm sure we will continue to share warm memories of you through Melanie and Mike.

God Bless
The Archibeque Family

Art, Mary & Mateo - September 01, 2008 at 11:28 AM

MS

“ Best Father-in-law any man could ask for, love and peace, Mel.

Michael Sumner - August 31, 2008 at 09:41 PM

CH

“ Hi Daddy!! I know you are watching over all of us, Miss you more than I can say

Cindy Hawkins - August 30, 2008 at 11:35 PM

SA

“ Berni keeps watching you. She really misses you too.

Sarah - August 30, 2008 at 11:31 PM

MS

“ *Love you Dad. Miss you already.*

Melanie Sumner - August 30, 2008 at 11:29 PM