



Stephen Anthony Hamer

July 7, 1934 - July 5, 2023

In Loving Memory: Colonel Stephen A. Hamer (ret) USAF

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It is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of Col. Stephen A. Hamer (ret) USAF, who passed away on Wednesday, July 5, in Haymarket, VA, just two days shy of his 89th birthday. A devoted husband, father, and distinguished military officer, Col. Hamer's absence leaves a void that will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him.

Col. Hamer is survived by his wife of three joyful and inspiring years, Jacquie, his sister Sheila and his sons and their wives Timothy P. and Sherry, Stephen M. and Carol, Kevin A. and Sharon, Brian C. and Noelia, Peter J. and Jennifer, and Kenneth W. and Cindy. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years, Mary Patricia (Patty) and his son Daniel A.

Born in Teaneck and raised in Hohokus NJ, Col. Hamer's adult journey began with a 2 year enlistment in the United States Army leading to an appointment to the inaugural class of the United States Air Force Academy of which he was the 50th graduate in 1959. His service to our country lasted over 30 years including two tours in Vietnam, embodying the values of honor, duty, and integrity throughout his military career. A dedicated pilot, his love for aviation

ran deep, and he captained numerous military and civilian aircraft. Even after his retirement from active service, Col. Hamer continued to share his passion for flying by working as a commercial pilot for more than a decade.

In addition to his military commitments, Col. Hamer was a man of faith. Guided by his strong religious beliefs, he and Patty, his late wife, demonstrated remarkable devotion to their Catholic faith. They tirelessly supported and volunteered at numerous Catholic school and parish events, ensuring their children received a well-rounded education and a strong spiritual foundation.

Col. Hamer's memory will forever inspire and shape the lives of generations to come. He leaves behind a legacy of unwavering commitment, intelligence, courage, and love. He was not only a dedicated father and husband but also a cherished grandfather of 23 and great-grandfather of 17.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at Pierce Funeral Home on Center Street in Manassas, VA, on Thursday, July 13 between 7-9pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, July 14, at 11am at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 23331 Sam Fred Rd, Middleburg, VA 20117. The burial service will take place Tuesday, July 25, at 10am at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, honoring Col. Hamer's dedication to his military service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the following charities supported by Stephen Hamer:

Wounded Warrior

Oblates of St Francis DeSales

American Life League

VHL Alliance

Tunnel To Towers

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **13.** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church
23331 Sam Fred Road
Middleburg, VA

Graveside Services

JUL **25.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Air Force Academy Cemetery
USAF Academy
CO 80841

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.*



July 13, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ *The Spiegel Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.*



The Spiegel Family - July 12, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *The Spiegel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Anthony Hamer.*

The Spiegel Family - July 12, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.*



July 12, 2023 at 11:04 AM

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“ COL (ret) Johnnie & Kimberly Edmonds purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



COL (ret) Johnnie & Kimberly Edmonds - July 12, 2023 at 05:41 AM

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“ Jack & Betty Hamer's family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



Jack & Betty Hamer's family - July 11, 2023 at 11:04 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



July 11, 2023 at 05:22 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



July 11, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Anthony Hamer.

July 11, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



July 11, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ From Your Lancaster Catholic Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



From Your Lancaster Catholic Family - July 10, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ From Your Lancaster Catholic Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Anthony Hamer.

From Your Lancaster Catholic Family - July 10, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



July 10, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Anthony Hamer.

July 10, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ Thank you for your service Colonel. Rest in eternal peace as you soar with the angels.

Tom Slowinski - July 09, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon Hamer - July 08, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



July 08, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



July 08, 2023 at 08:04 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



July 07, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



July 07, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Anthony Hamer.

July 07, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



July 07, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ The Henry's - Zach, Olivia, Oliver, Luca purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Stephen Anthony Hamer.



The Henry's - Zach, Olivia, Oliver, Luca - July 06, 2023 at 05:02 PM