



## Gerald R. Hamric

February 13, 1928 - December 19, 2015

### Obituary of Gerald Hamric

#### Gerald R. Hamric

Born February 13, 1928 in Gadsden, AL, entered into the gates of heaven December 19, 2015.

In his early years, he worked at the Goodyear plant in Gadsden. Shortly after graduation from Crossville HS, he began working for Stromberg Carson, traveling across the US installing telephone equipment. While working a job in Leesburg, he met the love of his life, Irene. Convincing her that his job there would soon be finished and he would be sent to another city, they married March 30, 1956. Together they traveled with his work making lifelong friends along the way. As the birth of their daughter Carolyn neared, they settled back in Leesburg.

Their life together was full of love, church (they were charter members of Fruitland Park Baptist Church) and work. Gerald and Irene loved to sing, and could often be heard singing as they drove. They also shared a love for

children, often filling the car (or the church bus) taking them to church. Their life together was about helping and ministering to others. Early in the marriage, Irene was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis. Never letting it hold them back, he dedicated his life to taking care of her and any others that needed help along the way.

Gerald retired from Sprint at the age of 62 after 30 plus years of service. In his retirement, he was always busy, working in the vegetable garden, planting flowers, planning trips and always making sure Irene was taken care of.

Together they invited children from the Florida Baptist Children's Home in Lakeland into their home on weekends. They also cared for children of their church family. A kid at heart, Gerald taught all of them to swim and was one of them.

In the past few years, Gerald warmed his vocal cords again and was always willing to share a song to two.

Gerald is predeceased by his wife, Irene. His siblings, Martha (Mott) Patterson, Jeanette Thornhill, William (Bill) Hamric, Harold Hamric, Derwin Hamric, Cochran Hamric, Sara Byers, and Joyce Chandler.

He is survived by his daughter, Carolyn Hamric Haber (Lee), Grandson Matthew Haber of Odessa, FL and brother Royce (Bud) Hamric (Imogene) of Cornelia, GA. Many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, Dec 26, at 10 am, followed by the service at 11am. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Florida Baptist Childrens Home 1015 Sikes Blvd, Lakeland, FL 33815.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Gerald was a wonderful man, and we were privileged to know him and Irene. They were a blessing to many. I pray that many happy memories will bring you Joy as you remember your loved one. May Peace & Love comfort you. Joyce

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**Joyce Cleary, Tampa, FL** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ ###GESTURE###

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**Mary Ruth McClain** - December 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. Spent many hours visiting Irene and Gerald in their Fruitland Park home. A great Brother in Christ at the Baptist Church in Fruitland Park. Have lived in Lake Worth, Florida since my wife's death in 2009. God bless.

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**Loyal Whiteside** - December 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Carolyn, Glenda and family So very sorry I was not able to attend Gerald's service but many memories of your Dad and Mom flood my mind. From the beginning of the Fruitland Park Baptist Church through many years, what special friends they have been. Singing, laughing, and what a testimony they were to me growing up. God love them...Special, special Christians through health issues, good times and sad times. They never lost the Joy of their salvation and testimony to others of God's Love. In Christian Sympathy, Mary Ruth (Gamble) McClain

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**Mary Ruth McClain** - December 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

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**Mary Ruth McClain** - December 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Gerald was a very kind man. I worked with Irene in operator services many years ago, he took very good care of her. I always admired him for the kindness he showed her and others.

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**Valerie Lucas** - December 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Hamric as a child. So sorry to hear of his passing. He was a very nice man. I will keep his family in my prayers.

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**Melva Sue Searcy Unger** - December 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Gerald and send my condolences to the family. I worked with both of them at the phone company. Irene would always amaze me that even though her hands were not perfect because of her condition, she was one of the best operators. Gerald was there also and I would run into him. He was the nicest man and always helpful to others. He will be missed but now I'm sure he is with Irene and both are together forever. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Kathy (Orlando) Whelchel** - December 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Another heavenly angel!!! Gerald and Irene were at our wedding 56 years ago at the little Baptist Church in Lady Lake. These folks never changed they had love for each other and others. We have been blessed knowing them. Fred also worked with them at the phone company.

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**Judy & Fred Parker** - December 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Gerald was a kind loving man. When I was very young he would come get me and take me to Grandmother's house with him. He even let me sit in his lap and 'drive' the car. You were very fortunate to have had him and Irene as parents. May he rest in peace with Irene, grandmother, granddaddy and his brothers and sisters. May God grant you peace through the beautiful memories. Love you all.

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**Phyllis Huddleston** - December 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Carolyn, Lee, Matthew, Glenda and uncle Bud. So sorry for loss. Uncle Gerald was a very sweet, kind and loving person. I have many memories of him and Irene. When I was about 2 or 3 years old he would come get me and take me To Grandmother's house. He would also let me sit in his lap and 'drive' the car. May he rest in peace with Irene, grandmother and his brothers and sisters. May you be comforted by God's love and the beautiful memories. Love you.

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“ Carolyn and Lee, I light this candle for peace and strength for both of you during this time and through the holiday season. May God give the peace that passes understanding and realize that even though you are hurting and missing he is made anew and with Irene. Time will help heal some of the heart ache, but they will always be in your heart and memories.###GESTURE###

Joy S. Blount - December 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

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L. Pierce Standridge - December 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Carolyn, my prayers are with you and your family. Your father had a wonderful life. I imagine he is singing with your mom now in heaven. Love you my sweet friend.

Shelley Lukavec - December 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ Carolyn and family, our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Elvis & Tammy - December 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ So sorry for your loss... Both Gerald & Irene were such sweet people. Praying for peace & comfort for the family.

Ronda White - December 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Very fond memories of Mr. & Mrs. Hamric.

Randy Walker - December 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Brenda and Glenn Whittington

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“ Gerald R. Hamric

December 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Carolyn, I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Gerald. The obituary painted a wonderful picture of him and brought back many memories. Y'all are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Craig Chandler** - December 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I knew Gerald many years ago at First Baptist and he was a wonderful caring man and the love and care he had for his wife was very inspiring, Blessings and sympathy for his family

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**Kathy Pennypacker** - December 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Carolyn, I'm so sorry to hear of your father passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to you during these difficult times.

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**Robert Cook** - December 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Carolyn, I am so sorry for your loss. Reading about your parents I can see why you are the sweet person you are! Praying for you as you go through the process of saying good bye to your dad.

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**Susan Thomas Parker** - December 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM