



John Ray Hamblin

March 9, 1930 - December 22, 2019

John Ray Hamblin, a valiant disciple of Jesus Christ, devoted husband, father & grandfather; passed away Sunday evening, December 22, 2019, in St. George, Utah. He was born March 9, 1930 in Eagar, Arizona to Roland S. and Josephine Wiltbank Hamblin. He was the middle child, being about 10 years younger than the oldest two siblings, Ida Rohrer and “Buzz” Hamblin and about 10 years older than the youngest siblings Wayland and Ellis Hamblin.

He attended school at Round Valley High School in Eagar, Arizona and then attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah; where he met his eternal sweetheart, Donna Ashton.

Ray served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Northwestern States Mission. Upon completing his mission, he and Donna were married on August 15, 1952 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Ray was a genuine cowboy. He was a rancher and raised cattle along with being a Seminary & Institute Teacher for the Church Education system for 33 years. He taught in St. Johns & Eagar, Arizona; Missoula, Montana; & Davis County, Utah. He loved his students and always had a great story to tell! His storytelling spilled over into his life and family, keeping the kids, grandkids, nieces & nephews in stitches. He later wrote his stories in his and Donna’s life histories, and published 2 books about outlaws & cowboys!

He and his Sweetheart served as ordinance workers in the Bountiful LDS Temple for 18 years and in the Palmyra, New York LDS Temple for 15 months.

Together they served 4 senior missions in Barbados, West Indies; Roanoke, Virginia; St. George, Utah; and Palmyra, New York.

Ray served as Bishop, Counselor, Stake Young Men's President, Counselor in the South West Indian Mission, along with many other callings.

He was a great example to all his family of service, love, and giving. He taught by example through temple attendance, faith, and a strong testimony of the Savior Jesus Christ. He lived what he preached without words.

He is survived by his wife, Donna and his three children; Kevin (Edith Ann) Hamblin, Arcata, CA; Kristi (Brent) Simonson, Pocatello, ID; and Glenn Hamblin, Fruit Heights, UT; as well as 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and his two brothers, Wayland Hamblin, Rio Rancho, NM and Ellis Hamblin, St. George, UT. He was preceded in death by his Father and Mother and older siblings, Roland L. "Buzz" Hamblin, Safford, AZ and Ida Rohrer, Eagar, AZ.

A Funeral-Memorial Service will be held at 24 South Country Lane, Fruit Heights, UT on Friday, December 27, at 1:00 pm.

The Funeral will be at 11:00 am at the Morningside 2nd Ward, 900 South River Road, St. George, UT; with a viewing 1 hr prior, on Monday, December 30, 2019. Interment to follow at the Santa Clara Cemetery

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 27. 1:00 PM (MT)

24 South Country Lane
24 South Country Lane
Fruit Heights, UT

Viewing

DEC 30. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Morningside LDS Church
879 S. River Road
Saint George, UT 84790

Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My name is William Barrett. I am the youngest grandson of Henry Barrett, a rancher in southern Apache County around 1900. Brother Hamblin wrote a small book titled "Outlaws of Apache County". In that book he wrote about the Prime Coleman - Henry Barrett Shootout on June 16, 1903. I was given a printout of this story by Brother Phil Brown (from St Johns) who was the head of the senior missionary office at the Church office building in Salt Lake City. My older brother Richard and his wife were senior missionaries in that office. I visited them there about 20 years ago. I am writing my Grandfather's life story and I have researched his life and found several versions of the Barrett-Coleman shootout story. The Barrett-Coleman Shootout is the central feature of our family. Everything changed that day for his descendants. I would like to give Brother Hamblin credit for his version of the story. If it is not too much trouble, does anyone in your family know the source of the information he used to write that story? He wrote some details I have not found in any other version of the story. I tried to buy a copy of the entire book, not neither Google Books nor Amazon have a copy for sale. If you have a spare copy, I would love to buy it. If you don't have a copy for sale, could you let me know the publisher and date so I can give Brother Hamblin proper credit.

My email address is: whbarre@gmail.com

Most of my family lives in the Phoenix area. I live in Edgewood, New Mexico, about 25 miles east of Albuquerque. My calling is Temple and Family History Consultant.

Thank you, William Barrett

William Barrett - May 17, 2024 at 05:31 PM