

*Funeral Service from*  
First United Methodist Church  
Shenandoah, Iowa  
Thursday, December 18, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

*Words of Comfort*  
Pastor Humberto Gonzalez

*Memory Register and Greeters*  
Family Members

*Ushers*  
Darrell Jones                  Corby Fichter

*Special Music*  
"Amazing Grace" - Sung by the Quartet  
"Till We Meet Again" - Sung by the Quartet  
"Unchained Melody" - Recorded Music  
"I'll Fly Away" - Recorded Music  
*Organist* ~ Terry Stafford  
*Quartet* ~ Sue Jones, Elaine Broermann  
Nancy Bonefas and Joyce Baldwin

*Casket Bearers*  
Erica Price      Amanda Shore      Crystal Buckingham  
Nathan Crowdes      Maxwell Hamilton      Stephanie Hamilton  
Zach Crowdes      Ian Michels      Evan Michels

*Honorary Casket Bearers*  
Christian Price      Cameron Price      Lauren Buckingham  
Josie Shore      Mason Shore      Henry Crowdes  
Riley Crowdes      Charlotte Crowdes

*Military Rites*  
American Legion Post #88  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Place of Rest*  
Rose Hill Cemetery  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Memorials*  
Methodist Church Scholarship Fund, Elks Scholarship Fund,  
Or Optimist Scholarship Fund.



Edwin Ross (Pete) Hamilton, Jr., was born to Edwin Ross (Pete), Sr. and Mary Field Hamilton on February 19, 1931 in Shenandoah, Iowa. He grew up in Shenandoah and graduated from Shenandoah High School with the class of 1948.

He started working at Stockstill Service Station before he graduated and continued there after he was married and discharged from the service.

He enlisted in the Air Force on January 3, 1951, and was stationed at Lackland Air Force. He later was stationed at Seward Air Force Base in Tennessee and later at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque until being shipped overseas to the tiny island of Kwajalein.

Upon his return to the states, he was united in marriage to Joan "Reve" Reese on April 2, 1953 at the Methodist Parsonage in Albuquerque. They lived in Albuquerque until his discharge on December 10, 1953, at which time they returned to Shenandoah where he spent the remainder of his life.

In 1955, he took a job at the "Evening Sentinel" pouring "pigs" that were used in the linotype machines. He moved to operating a linotype, then became feature writer and police photographer and later moved to the Editor's desk. He especially enjoyed writing and wrote many feature articles including the daily memories of RAGBRAI that he gathered from other riders and his observations. He worked at the "Sentinel" for 18 years. He continued writing for family enjoyment and has left us with short stories--nonsense and fact.

He had a secret ambition to be a stand up comic. An unexpected desire by one who seemed so shy. He had a great sense of humor that was enjoyed by those who knew him.

In 1974, he took a job as purchasing manager at Imperial, Inc., a job he held for 22 years.

In his 40's, he and Joan took up golf and enjoyed the sport for many years. They played together and with friends and he enjoyed being part of the older men's group that traveled to many towns in the area.

He served two terms as a member of the City Council, a job that he was dedicated to. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Shenandoah and enjoyed being a part of the Quester's Sunday School Class for many years and later a member of the Forum Class. He served on various committees including the Finance Committee. He was a member of the Men's Brotherhood and worked for many years with the Helping Hands. Continues on back

He was a boy scout leader and enjoyed going with the troop on an expedition on the waters in northern Minnesota. He also went on several local camp outs including a memorable freeze out at Manti.

He and Joan enjoyed camping for over 50 years, visiting all 50 states and the Providences of Canada. They camped in 48 states. As grandchildren joined the family, they took one or two each year on a camping vacation. These were memorable trips that everyone enjoyed.

He was a long time member of the Elks Lodge, and was an officer many times. He prided himself in having his lines memorized for the meetings. He was honored as the Elk of the Year in 1989.

He joined the Optimist Club and enjoyed the fellowship for many years. He served as secretary and helped with many service activities. He valued his selection as Optimist of the Year Award.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Patrick Hamilton and wife, Ginny; brother-in-law, Richard Kowal; and great-granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth Price.

He is survived by his wife, Joan of Shenandoah; children, Sonia (Lou) Michels of Western Springs, Illinois; Steven (Lee-Anne) Hamilton of Edgerton, Kansas; Sandra Crowdes and friend Steve Harris and Shelly Hamilton of Shenandoah; sister, Mary Jane Kowal of Westchester, Illinois; grandchildren, Erica (Chad) Price of Tecumseh, Kansas; Amanda (Mark) Shore of Shawee, Kansas; Crystal (Jeff) Buckingham of Olathe, Kansas; Stephanie and Maxwell Hamilton of Edgerton, Kansas, Nathan (Sarah) Crowdes of Aurora, Colorado; Zachary (Courtney) Crowdes of North Liberty, Iowa; John (Allyson) Michels of Wichita, Kansas; Evan Michels of Chicago, Illinois; great-grandchildren; Christian and Cameron Price; Josie and Mason Shore; Lauren Buckingham; Henry and Riley Crowdes of Aurora, Colorado; and Charlotte Crowdes of North Liberty, Iowa; and many other relatives and friends.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

**Please join the family immediately following the service at the church for fellowship and lunch down in the church hall. The graveside services will follow the luncheon at 1:00 p.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery.**

*Services Entrusted to  
Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home  
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