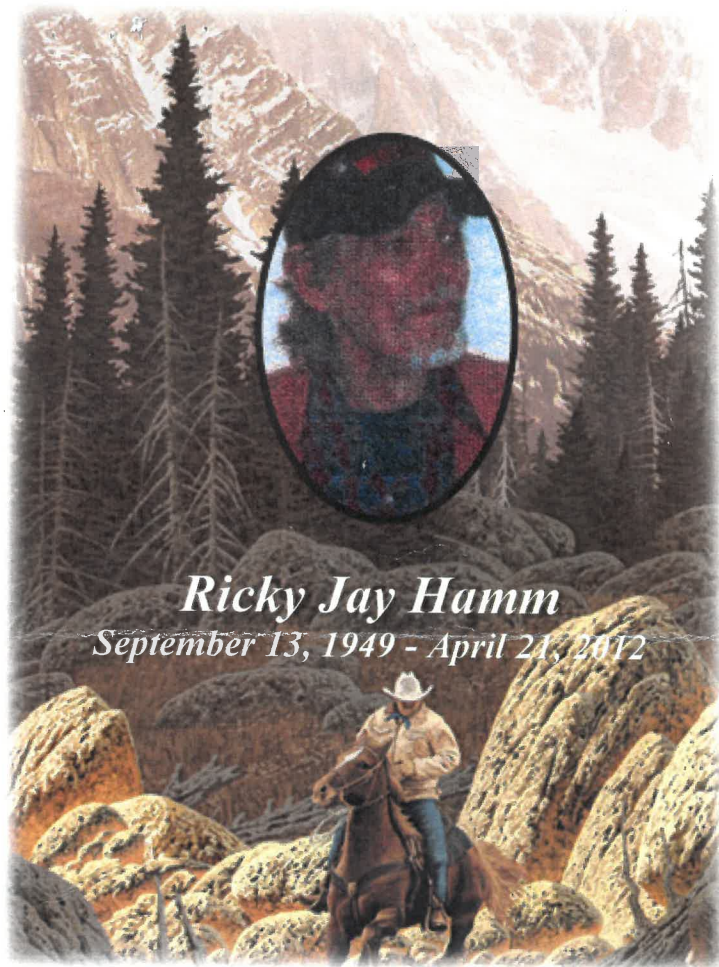


Ricky Jay Hamm was born September 13, 1949 at the Hand Hospital in Shenandoah, Iowa. His deceased parents, Clifford R. and Freda Blakesley Hamm, owned and operated Hamm's Appliance for many years. Rick's stepmother Dorothy Olmsted also preceded Rick in passing. Rick attended Shenandoah schools and then college at Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, where he majored in psychology.

Rick was by all accounts a talented drummer and this was his passion from an early age. He played for the high school concert and marching bands as well as with several local bands, once appearing on television in Omaha, Nebraska. At age 15 in 1965, he joined The Green Giants and traveled extensively throughout the Midwest. Their single release "Pity Me" and "You're Going to Lose That Girl" went to Number 3 in the St. Joseph, Missouri area. The Green Giants were inducted into the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame in August of 2003.

After college, Rick moved to Nashville to pursue his music career. He played for a number of country stars including Waylon Jennings and Barry Sadler. About two years ago, and after the death of his father in Shenandoah, Rick and his old cat Buddy moved to his brothers' ranch near Collbran, Colorado. While there he drummed for the Al Reid (country) Band, which included his brother Jerry, and he really enjoyed that until health problems prevented him from continuing.

Rick's unexpectedly passed away at the ranch on April 21, 2012 at the age of 62. Due to various circumstances, his return to Shenandoah was delayed until August 15, at which time he will be laid to rest with his parents. He is survived by his half-brothers Jack and Jerry in Colorado, by three stepsisters, Kathy Olmsted Backus in Omaha, Nebraska, Judy Olmsted Byers in Des Moines, Iowa, and Darlene Olmsted Adams in Sevierville, Tennessee, and by other relatives and many friends. Everyone who knew Rick liked him; he was always described as "a really nice guy". He will be missed by all.



*Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

Amen.

In Loving Memory
Ricky Jay Hamm

Born

September 13, 1949
Shenandoah, Iowa

Entered Into Rest

April 21, 2012
Collbran, Colorado

Age

62 Years 7 Months 8 Days

Graveside Services Held

11:00 A.M. Wednesday, August 15, 2012
Rose Hill Cemetery Shenandoah, Iowa

Words of Comfort

Rev. Rick Sleyster
Shenandoah Presbyterian Church

Final Resting Place

Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa

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