



Everette "Roy" Hamilton

May 15, 1933 - January 7, 2022

Everette "Roy" Hamilton, age 88, of Rudyard, Michigan, died on January 7, 2022, unexpectedly at his home. He was born on May 15, 1933, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Merrill and Florence (Smith) Hamilton.

Roy's first love was his family; second was his love of coaching sports and golf. He graduated from Pickford High School in 1952 and attended college for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He served from 1956 until 1958 and then he continued his higher education. He graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in physical education and then went on to obtain his Master's Degree in Education from Northern Michigan University. He taught physical education and coached sports at Rudyard High School. He served as the Athletic Director for many years. Roy is fondly remembered as, "Coach Hamilton" to hundreds of young students who participated in Cross Country, Track and Field, JV/Varsity Basketball and eight-man football.

He was Michigan's Class C coach of the Year and was the only coach to win UP Finals in classes A/B, C and D Divisions. He served on the Board of Directors of Munoscong Golf course for many years.

Roy also taught Driver's Education for many summers. He loved having friendly competitions with his old coach, Web Morrison. He was an avid golfer up until nearly three years ago; he played golf into his 86th year.

Roy enjoyed designing and building barnwood furniture after he retired. He owned a small woodworking shop on main street in Rudyard. He made many friends while attending craft shows throughout Michigan.

Roy is survived by his wife, Judy Hamilton of Rudyard; son, Guy Hamilton of Austin, Arkansas; daughters, Heather Hamilton of Austin, Texas and Tara (Jeff) Ross of White Lake, Michigan; grandchildren, Jace, Nevada, Anika, Everet, and Lilyauna; and brother, Arvid (Theora) of Florida, along with many great friends.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Joyce Alley.

A Celebration of Life will be held July 30, 2022, from 12:30 PM until 3:30 PM at the St. James Lutheran Church, in Rudyard.

Interment will be at Cottle Cemetery, in Pickford, Michigan.

Memorials may be made out to your charity of choice in Roy's honor.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Cottle Cemetery

5431 E Townline Road
Pickford, MI 49774

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

JUL **30**. 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

St. James Lutheran Church
11118 W. 3rd Street
Rudyard, MI 49780

Tribute Wall



“ *Everette "Roy" Hamilton*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Everette "Roy" Hamilton*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Everette "Roy" Hamilton*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM

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“Happy journey, dear friend. You will be missed by both a Terry and me. So much of your life was intertwined with ours. First of all through teaching together and the Camp. It was amazing to watch you guys get ready to hunt the deer, it was that important. For me, it was through my dearest friend, Judy. We go back to the early 60's, teaching together, getting married, having fun, just hanging out. And then we had our children at the same time. Many are my memories, such as heading out to the Well as soon as school was called early. There were no snow banks big enough to stop us. I remember the smelt catching and the smelt fries at the Well. There are so many more memories. Later, in our old age, we stayed close. We shared a table at the holidays and always had so much to say. Roy, you were funny. You frequently made us laugh with a hilarious comment. I loved the passion and enthusiasm you showed for your retirement artistry, creating wonderful barnwood masterpieces. There was always something new. I will miss putting you out of your chair when I visit on Monday nights. I appreciate you giving Judy and I the time to visit and share the moments of our life. Guy, Heather, and Tara. I am so sorry for your loss. I couldn't love you more. I am sorry for your grandchildren's loss as well. There's never enough time. And Judy. I am just so sad that you must go through this. But you are not alone. You are loved by family, and friends. I am here for you.

Mary Barry - January 17, 2022 at 02:28 PM

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“Coach Hamilton was a great man that had a huge impact on his community. Many of us couldn't comprehend or appreciate it until years later. Those days were the best and they were made so by coach Hamilton, Mrs. Hamilton and their kind. Thank you both!

Eric Sparkman - January 12, 2022 at 09:55 PM