



## Willis James Hamilton

August 20, 1949 - March 20, 2025

Willis James Hamilton, age 75, of Storm Lake, Iowa died March 20, 2025 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will take place Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 25, 2025 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Memorials may be directed to the Lake Preservation Association or Caring Paws Rescue. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Willis was born August 20, 1949, the son of James "Bones" R. and Jean (Edson) Hamilton. He was baptized in 1949 and confirmed in 1963 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake where he remained a lifelong member. Willis attended grade school at St. Mary's Catholic School. He then attended high school at Storm Lake Public School, graduating in 1967. Willis went on to graduate from Creighton University in 1974 with a Juris Doctor. His life work was dedicated to serving as an attorney.

On November 26, 1976, Willis was united in marriage to Joan Berry at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The couple was blessed with two children: Leah and Zach. He later married Juanita Raveling on September 19, 1992 in Las Vegas,

Nevada. Together, they were blessed with Elias and Aristotle.

Willis was a member of the Iowa Trial Lawyers, Iowa Bar Association, Iowa Association of Workers Compensation, and the Lake Creek Country Club. In his free time, Willis enjoyed golfing and playing cards. He was a big Chicago Cubs fan and looked forward to Iowa Hawkeyes football and basketball games. More than anything, Willis treasured time with his family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish Willis's memory include his beloved wife: Juanita Raveling of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Leah (Chris) Clausen of Norwalk, Iowa; Zach Hamilton of Lee's Summit, Missouri; Elias Hamilton of Storm Lake, Iowa; Aristotle Hamilton of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Hayden and Fletcher Clausen; Miabelle Hamilton; brothers: Steven (Diane) Hamilton of Storm Lake, Iowa; Tim (Terri) Hamilton of Des Moines, Iowa; sisters: Martha Hamilton of St. Paul, Minnesota; Theresa (Chuck) Watkins of Vergas, Minnesota; Mary (Keith Kenny) Hamilton of Schaller, Iowa; Maggie (James "Chip") Hamilton-Beyer of Knoxville, Iowa; nephew: Jason (Melea) Raveling of Storm Lake, Iowa; extended family and many friends.

Willis was preceded in death by his parents and brother, James R. Hamilton Jr.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **25.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Funeral Mass

MAR **26.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake  
320 Seneca Street  
Storm Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Willis James Hamilton*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 25, 2025 at 11:11 AM

TI

*My deepest sympathy for the family and friends, never ever forgotten always in my heart 🙏*

Tim - April 08, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Service Recording*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 26, 2025 at 02:53 PM

SF

*My step dad, Lyle Waddell, was a good friend of Willis's dad, Bones. He spoke highly of the Hamilton family.*

Susan Freese - March 30, 2025 at 09:34 AM

BB

“ *Bob and Mary Beal lit a candle in memory of Willis Hamilton*



Bob and Mary Beal - March 25, 2025 at 07:18 PM

PM

*Willis was a great person, I'm so very sorry for your loss, may he rest in peace, prayers for all, Gods Blessing of Peace for All 🇺🇸🙏. Pat Mauch*

pat mauch - March 26, 2025 at 06:14 PM

MF

“ *I have enjoyable memories of a friend and lawyer in Willis. What a good person. My condolences to his while family.*



Mary Farrell - March 25, 2025 at 06:12 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 25, 2025 at 06:02 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willis James Hamilton.*



March 25, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ *Condolences to the Hamilton Family. I greatly enjoyed my Willis conversations and working with him and against him on cases. He had fun stories and a good lawyer. He will be missed!!*

**Abby Walleck** - March 24, 2025 at 10:16 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willis James Hamilton.*

March 24, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Willis James Hamilton.*



March 24, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *BC MacDonald & Concept planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willis James Hamilton.*

**BC MacDonald & Concept** - March 24, 2025 at 12:30 PM

BC

“ BC MacDonald & Concept purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willis James Hamilton.



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**BC MacDonald & Concept** - March 24, 2025 at 12:30 PM

DD

“ Dick and Becki Drahota planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willis James Hamilton.

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**Dick and Becki Drahota** - March 24, 2025 at 12:05 PM

DD

“ Dick and Becki Drahota purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Willis James Hamilton.



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**Dick and Becki Drahota** - March 24, 2025 at 12:05 PM

NR

“ Nat Thomas, Thomson Reuters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willis James Hamilton.

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**Nat Thomas, Thomson Reuters** - March 24, 2025 at 11:33 AM

NR

“ Nat Thomas, Thomson Reuters purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willis James Hamilton.



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**Nat Thomas, Thomson Reuters** - March 24, 2025 at 11:33 AM

LM

“ I am sorry for your loss. Willis was my attorney and helped me through some tough things many times I needed help. He was always so kind and had my back. He will be missed by so many. RIP Willis.

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**Loreen Moneypenny** - March 24, 2025 at 11:01 AM

LM

“ Loreen Moneypenny lit a candle in memory of Willis Hamilton



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**Loreen Moneypenny** - March 24, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willis James Hamilton.

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March 24, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Willis James Hamilton.* ”



March 24, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ *connie roche lit a candle in memory of Willis Hamilton* ”



**connie roche** - March 23, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ *Sandy and Jean lit a candle in memory of Willis Hamilton* ”



**Sandy and Jean** - March 23, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willis James Hamilton.* ”



March 23, 2025 at 09:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willis James Hamilton.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willis James Hamilton.

March 23, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Willis James Hamilton.



March 23, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ *Steph Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Willis Hamilton*



**Steph Mickelson** - March 23, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ Willis was a friend and an excellent lawyer. He will be missed by all who knew him. My deepest condolences to the family during this difficult time. Prayers for all



Val Ensley - March 23, 2025 at 09:07 PM



“ Thinking of you, Crickette and Julian purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willis James Hamilton.



Thinking of you, Crickette and Julian - March 23, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Willis James Hamilton.



March 23, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Willis Hamilton



Peg Flynn - March 23, 2025 at 06:56 PM