



## Dr. J Hill Hamon

July 30, 1931 - May 8, 2010

Dr. J. Hill Hamon, Sr.

Services for Dr. J. Hill Hamon, Sr., 78, will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday at LeCompte-Johnson-Taylor Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Tuesday 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

He passed away Saturday May 8 at the Markey Cancer Center. His wife, Elizabeth (Libby) Cox Hamon survives. He was the son of James and Elizabeth Hamon of Danville, Ky.

He served in the Navy as a fighter pilot. He attended the EKV, masters at UK and PhD at the University of Florida in avian paleontology. His first faculty appointment was at Indiana State University until 1968 when he came to Transylvania University in Lexington. He taught there until 1995 when he retired.

He was a biologist, a photographer, a printer, a papermaker, a calligrapher, a musician, a geologist, a writer, and above all a lively and concerned teacher. He became nationally known for his work as a miniature bookmaker, distinguished for their beauty of graphic design and perfect execution. He became a private press printer at his own Whippoorwill Press.

Hamon, a keyboard enthusiast, shared his special interest in the work of Beethoven, Schubert, and other composers through occasional public recitals, both solo performances and in duets with colleagues and students. Another love of his was photography including black and white darkroom and digital. In addition to his wife Libby, he is survived by three children, David, Lexington

Ky., Deborah of Frankfort and J. Hill Hamon, Jr., (Ruth Ann) – also of Frankfort; and 2 grand daughters, Kristy and Lainey.

# Tribute Wall



“ Libby and family, I am so sorry about your loss. You know the Class of 1948 all loved J Hill. we will forever miss him. My Prayers are with you. Love you##imported-begin##BettyCrouch##imported-end##

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“ J. Hill was responsible for a turning point during a very tough time in my life . One day when distributing comparative anatomy tests, he smiled and said "I just know you are going to do great!" It progressively dawned on me that if this guy believed in##imported-begin##LeighGillies##imported-end##

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“ Betty and I have good memories of J. Hill and will forever remember the good things that he did at Transylvania. We wish the family the best in this difficult time.##imported-begin##JamesMiller##imported-end##

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“ I surely messed this up. As info on his condition came through the AAPA grapevine, i would swear I was going to get a nasty card to send the dirty old fart! But I didn't make it.

*Ironically enough, we're celebrating Dad's 90th birthday on Wednesday, s##imported-begin##LindaDonaldson##imported-end##*

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“ I just found out about J. Hill's death today (Wednesday, the 12th), but it was too late to come to the visitation and funeral. I just wanted to express Tim's and my condolences to the whole family, especially to Libby - we miss you and you are in our tho###imported-begin##LibbyTaylor##imported-end##

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“ J. Hill was a man of many talents and a wonderful friend. His erudition, his wit, and his camaraderie will be remembered and missed by all who knew and admired him.###imported-begin##JimBirchfield##imported-end##

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