



## Homer Hamby

August 6, 1937 - February 25, 2013

Homer R. Hamby, of Kingston, our precious husband, father, grandfather and friend, went home to be with our Lord on Monday, February 25, 2013 after a short battle with cancer. He died peacefully, surrounded by members of his family.

Homer (or Papa and Poppy as he was known to our family and most friends) was born on August 6, 1937. He spent his early years with his family in Kentucky. His family moved to Dayton, TN and he lived there until completing his undergraduate college work at Bryan College. He then moved to Memphis, TN where he attended the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. He was a member of Rho Chi Honor Society and graduated with highest honors.

He was a pharmacist and owner of Kinser Drugs in Kingston, TN. He has served his friends, family and community for 50 years as of February 15, 2013. His contributions to his community and support of all manner of events benefiting his home town were numerous. These contributions were surpassed only by the concern and compassion he showed to his many loyal friends and customers he served at the pharmacy.

He was member of South Harriman Church of God where he served as trustee, choir director and beloved Sunday School teacher. His heart and life's desire was to serve Jesus Christ and point others to Him. Nothing in the world

was more important to him than others knowing and loving Christ. He was also a member of the Gideons International and took great pleasure in giving bibles to students and others so they would hear and see the Word of God.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Donna P. Hamby.

He is also survived by his daughter, Vanessa O'Briant

His Son, Cameron Hamby and wife Jena, his son Kevin Hamby and wife Kelly.

His grandchildren are Mary Katherine (Kate) O'Briant, Peyton O'Briant, Collin O'Briant, Rachel Hamby, Allison Hamby and Josie Hamby. He is also survived by siblings Lillie Shelton, Bernice Henderson, Dora Lester, Mary Webb, Emma Lee Standifer, Larry Hamby and Bill Hamby.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harve and Arvie Hamby, brothers Howard, Eugene, and Bobby Hamby, and his son in law Michael O'Briant. Pall bearers will be Peyton O'Briant, Collin O'Briant, A.J. Brown, Larry Hamby, Bill Moore and Cameron Bruse.

Visitation will be at Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston on Friday, March 1, 2013 from 5pm till 8 pm. Funeral services will be held on Saturday March 2, 2013 at 2:00 pm at South Harriman Church of God. Burial immediately following at Kingston Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Gideons International.

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Dear Donna and Family - We are so very sorry to learn recently of Homer's passing. My memories of him goes back to my teen years, when he drove his dad down to our home to see brother, that was Uncle Harve's term for my dad. I saw what a quiet and genteel nature he had at these visits. I will always remember him as true to his spirit and nature, never changing. I loved him for his wonderful care of his mother and father. He was so patient. By the way, his passing was on our anniversary. I can never forget. Love you,  
Shirley

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**Shirley Hamby May - Soddy-Daisy, TN - First Cousin - August 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

AM

“ I remember Mr Hamby knuckle knocking me... He was so sweet to me. I will give him flowers... I will always remember him.

*This is Allye's mom..... she was upset when she found out about his passing today.... he was so sweet to her and all the kids... what a blessing he was! Our prayers are with you all...*

*Robin and Allye*

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**Allye Conner - TN - student at midtown - May 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

DC

“ Homer and his good friend Gene Burgess were such a great influence in my life and they never knew it. Their Christian witness was a blessing to me . Glad I am a Christian now and I think of Homer and Gene quite often.

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**Duane Roach - bartlett, TN - member of same pharmacy class - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

PF

“ Donna and family: We were very sad to learn about your loss of Homer. He was always so kind to us at the pharmacy and at church. We will miss seeing him and know he will be missed by all who knew him. We are thinking of you and the rest of your family. Peggy Abbott and family

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**peggy abbott - kingston, TN - friend** - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Homer never changed much since I met him as a teenager until the last time I saw him less than a year ago. He stayed close to the same size, his radiant smile was just the same as was his sincere handshake and his warm hug. The light of Jesus Christ shone forth in his eyes and in his heart and he always had a kind word of encouragement. By marriage, he became my "cousin" and remained that for the rest of his life. I truly think Homer Hamby was the best man I ever met and Donna was "blessed and highly favored" to be chosen as the love of his life and faithful companion. He was a wonderful example of a Christian, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a brother, a businessman, and a friend..My sincere sympathy and heartfelt grief is with all of the family today.

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**Glema Hughey Walker - Dayton, TN - friend** - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Mr.Hamby was a true Man of God as revealed in his great life as a health care professional ,family man,servant to his church and community. His kindness and gentle spirit are characteristics I remember entering the drug store always welcomed with a smile and firm handshake. His great family is also testimony to his priorities in life.

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**Chip and Debbie Ladd - Knoxville, TN - Friends of children** - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I loved Homer very much. I loved to hear him sing. He sang at my wedding. I used to baby sit the twins and Vanessa. My mom was very close to them too.  
I know Homer lived for Jesus Christ while I knew him. He was one of the most patient men I have ever known. I love Donna and the kids very much and hate they are having to go through this. I lost my husband many years ago and the hurt and healing can only happen through Gods strength.....we can't do it on our own.....Love to the Hamby family....

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**Lois Spence - Rock Spring, GA - Good friend who sang at wedding - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ We were very saddened to learn of Homer's passing. He was such a wonderful person and so kind to each of us when we came into the store. Always greeted you with a smile, and was willing to do what ever he could to help you. Homer was a true man of God. He showed that in the way he lived his life. May God grant each of you comfort and peace at this difficult time, and know each of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love

Johnie, Doug, Kaye Hixson & Linda (Hixson) Moses

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**Johnie, Doug, Kaye Hixson & Linda (Hixson) Moses - Ten mile, TN - Friend - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

BF

“ Donna,  
I am so sorry for your family's loss. Although separated by distance, I have always felt close to you and Homer. God bless you and your family.

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**Bruce Harvey - Murfreesboro, TN - Old Friend - March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

CT

“ Dear Cam, Vanessa and the Hamby family. We are saddened to hear of the loss of your father. He will be missed. We send our sincere sympathy and prayers for you and your family. George and Carolyn Russell

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**Carolyn Russell - Kingston, TN** - March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Hamby Family, I'm truly sorry for the loss of a great man that will be dearly missed. We will continue to keep you all in our prayers

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Sincerely,  
Moore Family

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**Stacey Moore - Friend** - March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Donna and family:

*I was saddened to hear of Homer's passing. Homer was a good person who, in both his personal and professional life, set an example of how one should treat others.*

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**Betty Cochran - St. Charles, MO - Former neighbor** - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Dear Family, Our hearts go out to all of you. When we heard the news of Homers death, We were heart broken, just as we were when we got the news he was very sick. When we moved to Tennessee from North Carolina 30 years ago, I walked in Kinser Drug one day to get our medicine and met one of the most caring people I knew. From that moment, we felt we had new family in Tennessee. We knew Homer was a christian man. When I would walk in the door at Kinser, I would hear Homers voice say, Hi Mary! How are you today, with a big smile on his face. We love you all. We will never forget such a caring man. God be with you all and give you peace. Love and Prayers, Mary Ann Newton

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**Greg, Mary Ann Newton and Family, - Athens, TN - Friend** - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Donna, and all of Homer's family,  
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Homer was always so polite, kind, and friendly to me. He was one of those people who was always a joy to see. A big smile was usually always on his face. That smile was lit from within by the light that comes only from a deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I can only imagine that he and Marvin have already hugged each other in God's beautiful Heaven. Love in Christ, Peggy Coleman Denton

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**Peggy Coleman Denton - TN - family friend** - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May you find peace and comfort.

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**Tori & Brian Miller - Mobile, AL - Kevin's sister/brother-in-law** - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Donna and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Homer was a man of genuine character with a huge heart who met everyone with a smile. He will be greatly missed.

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**Vicki Hix - Harriman, TN - friend** - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are so saddened to hear of Homer's passing. Our thoughts and prayer's are with you and your family at this very difficult time.

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**Jerry & Teresa Davis - Harriman, TN - Friend** - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Kevin, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God be with you and the Hamby family.

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**Donna Crabtree - Harriman, TN - Co-worker to Kevin** - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Since I was a little girl, your family has been entwined with mine. You all gave me in your trust in my first job - babysitting Cam, Kev and Van. Mr. Hamby has always been there for me, as well as others in my family. I remember waiting for Daddy many times when he went in to pick up something at the store, and he and Mr. Hamby got into a discussion. We have always been together in some form, and we always will. I find comfort in knowing we will see both our dads again soon. My love to you all. Patsy

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**Patsy Blanchard - Kingston, TN - longtime friends** - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Donna, Children and Grands:

*We will always cherish the time spent together with you and Homer in The Gideons International and our continued team work along with other former and current Roane County Gideons to give the Gospel to men, women, boys, and girls all over the world. Homer is a lovely man whom we both love and the next time when either of us sees him, we will thank him for his sacrifices for Christ as we enter the Eastern Gate.*

*Love- John and Linda Brown*

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**John and Linda Brown - Crossville,, TN - Friend** - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *May God grant you and your family peace. We are praying for you*

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**Juanita Davis - Soddy Daisy, TN - friend** - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *As heaven celebrates, we will be praying that God's comfort and peace envelope you and lift you up.*

*Much love to you all!*

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**Mike and Darlene Kolodi - Kingston, TN** - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Our prayers go out to Homers family and to all that knew and loved Homer.*

*I have known Homer all my life. He has reached out and touched and helped most of in Kingston at one time or the other. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Bree Shooster, Sara Lankford, Jessica Shooster and the little on - Kingston, TN - friends** - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mom and I just wanted to express our love and sympathy to Homer's family. Mom worked for Homer at Kinser Drugs for years and thought of him as family. Praying for God's peace and love to you through this time.

Christy Schariter Bivens and Dottie Schariter - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Donna and Family, Our heart's are deeply sadden over the loss of Homer, a great man of friendship and faith. He will be truly missed with his laughter and special teaching of the word of God. He was a special Sunday school teacher and we loved listening to him. Homer was a Great neighbor that would do anything for anyone. A comforting word, a hug or just listening when you needed to talk. He will be missed. And we know he is looking down and watching us with God beside him. Our thought's and prayers are with you and your Family. May God bless you.

Bob & Blanche Young - Kingston, TN - Longtime Neighbors - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Aunt Donna, Vanessa, Cam, Kevin and family,  
My heart is aching for the loss of Uncle Homer. He will be deeply missed. There is no other man like Uncle Homer. His love for his family and for everyone is like no other. The one comforting thing at this difficult time is knowing that he is in Glory now and with our Father. What a joy it must be for him as he is rejoicing right now in the presence of the Lord!  
I love you all. Angie (Little Bit), Tyler, and Alexa (Littler Bit)

Angie Crone (Deaton) - Onsted, MI - Great Niece - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Donna, children and grandchildren:  
We were sorry to hear of the news of Mr. Hamby's passing. Many years ago when you worked with us we remember your wonderful stories of your husband and children.  
Even though many of us have lost touch with you over the years, on behalf of The Henry Center, we would like to express our sincere condolences. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this sorrowful time.

*The Henry Center Staff and children*

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**The Henry Center - Harriman, TN - former coworker** - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Donna and Family,  
  
We are so sad for the loss of Homer, but, know he is rejoicing in Heaven with our Lord and his family loved ones there. Our prayers , thoughts, and love will always be with you and family.

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**JoAnna & Paul Byrd - Dayton,, TN - Friends** - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I remember when we lived in Ten Mile we used to get our meds from his Pharmacy for years, Every time we walked in the store he would go out of his way to say hi or say something to make us laugh, But when it came to our medicines he would explain what they were for, the importance of taking them on time, He was a very good man, If any one makes it into heaven. Homer I know you will. See you on the other side my friend, But for now, We will miss you dearly.

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**sharon and Rickey Daniels - Rockwood, TN - friends** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ To Donna & Family. This is from Kathy Saint Blair & Alma Goins Woodard. We are so saddened by the loss of Homer. It has been so long since we have seen all of you but I am blessed with wonderful memories. I am so proud to call him family. He was always a wonderful family man and child of God. I know the angels in heaven are rejoicing but this breaks our hearts. Donna we love you and will be praying for your peace and comfort and strength to face the days ahead. Homer Ray will be truly missed. Much love to you all.

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**Kathy Saint Blair - Trenton, MI - Cousin** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ How my heart sank when we got the one call that Homer had passed. That was one man whose heart was for God ever, only and always. My heart is grieved at the loss we have all experienced by his departure. Having said that, I know, that we grieve not as those who are without hope because we know we will see him again when the last trump sounds. This happened too fast for us to process and prepare for the loss. May the peace of God which passes all understanding guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus until such time as the Holy Spirit breaks through and comforts your mourning heart.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. I hope and pray the Lord brings your comfort right quickly. My Love, my concern, and my prayers are with you Donna. Homer was more than a candle he was a bright flame of the light of Jesus.*

*Love, comfort, hope, grief...*

*Sherry*

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**Sherry McMillen - Harriman, TN - friend, sister in the Lord** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

YF

“ Mrs. Hamby and Family, sorry for the loss of your love one you all are in my thoughts and prayers may you find comfort in your loving memories.

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**Yolanda Sanders - Knoxville, TN - Friend** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ There are no words to describe a more perfect man than Homer. I was in his Sunday School class at Harriman Church of God. His words of wisdom meant to much to my heart. At times when I needed it he would give me a hug and whisper words of encouragement in my ear. He always told me to keep my music up and keep singing my songs. He was a man of great character and most definitely a servant of the Lord and one with qualities beyond what I can describe. Heaven is a beautiful place and Homer talked about it often. I am only imagine what he must be experiencing now. I extend all of my love to the Hamby family.

*Marsha Newman*

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**Marsha Newman - Kingston, TN - Friend** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We are very saddened to learn of Homer's passing. He was such a wonderful person and so kind to each of us every time we came to Kingston to visit our mother/mother-in-law, Carzell Payne who worked for Homer for years and years at Kinser Drugs. Words cannot describe how caring he was to Carzell in her last years but we will ever be grateful and our sympathy goes out to each member of Homer's family.

*Martha and Austin Payne - Lenoir City, TN*

*Ann (Payne) and Gene Officer - Cleveland, TN*

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**Martha Payne - Lenoir City, TN - Friend** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ In all the many years our families have crossed paths this is by far the hardest. Homer has always been God's servant and lived every aspect of his life accordingly. He was one of the most freely giving and gracious men I've known. He was a man of wisdom, principles, and abundant love. It was truly an honor to know him. I'm sure God welcomed him with "Well done, my good and faithful servant." My prayers are with each of you as I know how difficult this is. We Love You.... Lisha and family

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**Lisha Harvey - Kingston, TN** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Donna-I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Please don't hesitate to call me if there is anything I can do.

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**Karen Cooper - Knoxville, TN** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Donna and Family,

So sorry to hear of your loss. You and Homer will never be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with you....

Love you all!

Sandra

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**Sandra Calbaugh - Kingston, TN - friend** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ So sorry to hear of Homer's passing. There are no words to tell you how much we loved and respected him. He was always there, to comfort others, and lift them up. Every time I hear "Job", I think of him. Truly a man of God, with the same faith as Job. He will be surly missed in this world, but welcomed with open arms in Heaven. Please know you are in our thoughts, and prayers.  
The Miles Family, Nashville

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**Ginny Miles - Nashville, TN - friend** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ On behalf of the Paul Rose family, we offer our sympathy to all the family. Homer has been our druggist ever since he came to work with Marvin at Kinser Drug. He was a kind and gentle man who went out of his way to help any way he could. He will be greatly missed.

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**Margie Rose McCloskey - Kingston, TN - Customer** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Homer Hamby was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, and set an example for us younger men. We will miss him and never forget him.

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**Joe & Karen Marasco** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Donna, Kevin, Cam and Vanessa,  
I did get to see Homer after his birthday and tell him how much he has meant to me down thru the years. I can only say that when I think of Jesus, Homer Hamby comes to mind. You all are a wonderful family. My life has been made better knowing Homer and all of you. I am so sorry for your loss and for all of us in this community who knew him. All who came in contact with him were "touched by an angel".

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**kim Henley Kennedy - Kingston, TN - friend** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Leave a condolence or a memory.

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**Daniel Scarbrough - Greer, SC - Friend** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Donna, Vanessa, Cam and Kevin, words are sometimes hard to find in times like these, so many sweet and wonderful memories of our two families spending special times together over the years. Please know that all of you continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant each of you strength and comfort during this difficult time....love & hugs always.

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**Jeanie & Tony Brown - Kingston, TN - family friend** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Donna, Vanessa, Cam, & Kev:

*Margie and I are so very sorry to hear of Homer's passing. He and you guys have all been like family for so long. Homer has been one of the most loved and respected people I have ever had the honor to know and he will be greatly missed. Please accept our deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to you and all the rest of the family.*

*Bobby & Margie Hodge*

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**Bobby Hodge - Kingston, TN - Friend** - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM