



John William Hamilton

October 8, 1933 - June 19, 2024

John William Hamilton of Aliquippa passed away in his home on June 19, 2024. John spent his last Father's Day surrounded by his children and some grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Alice M. Hamilton. John was born on October 8, 1933 to Floyd and Mary Hamilton. He was the 7th of 9 children raised on a farm in New Galilee. He attended McAnlis School and was a proud graduate of Wampum High School. Following graduation, he served in the US Army for four years, with the challenging duty station of Helemano Radio Station, Hawaii, along with his uncle Charlie and his brother Paul.

John met his lifetime sweetheart Alice Chickering while at Fort Devins, Massachusetts. They attended Nyack College for one year before marrying in July 1957. They spent their whole marriage living in this area, including 55 years at their house in Aliquippa. John had several jobs during their early years; driving school bus, house painting, and selling insurance. In 1967, he moved to Aliquippa where he was a 23 year employee in the Tin Mill at J&L Steel. Following an early retirement, he started a second career as a bus driver for the Hopewell School District. Both John and his wife Alice loved driving sports teams and field trips for the district. In his final career move, John drove participants in Help-a-Person (HAP) to their day programs. That name alone captured the whole essence of John – helping others.

There are few people who have not ridden on a bus with John, or had their house painted by him, or ate his fudge, or definitely heard his jokes. John and Alice enjoyed traveling to see family and friends across the country. They attended Crestmont Alliance Church and then Pathway Church in Chippewa. Over 100 people attended his 90th birthday party in October 2023.

John is survived by two sisters Mildred Steinecke and Alice Thompson, sons Glenn Hamilton and Duane Hamilton, daughters Anita Hamilton and Sandra Hamilton, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandsons, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. He will be missed every day.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 21 from 3-7pm at Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home, 2026 McMinn St., Aliquippa. Funeral service will be at Pathway Church at 239 Braun Rd. in Chippewa on Saturday, June 22. Visitation will be from 10-11 am, with the service at 11:00 am followed by a light luncheon. Attendees are encouraged to wear bright colors – John LOVED colorful clothing.

Cemetery Details

The National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home, Inc.
2026 McMinn Street
Aliquippa, PA 15001
(724) 375-0496
mastrofrancescofh@gmail.com
<https://www.mastrofrancescofuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pathway Church
239 Braun Road
Chippewa, PA 15010

Visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 am until time of service at 11:00 am

Interment

JUN 25. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM.

The National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

Tribute Wall

BD

“ Never forgot the time when the “bus broke down” and you took us all to get doughnuts. RIP.

Brian DeLisio - November 26, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John William Hamilton.



June 21, 2024 at 02:26 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of John William Hamilton.



June 21, 2024 at 09:26 AM

TF

“ The Burgess Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John William Hamilton.



The Burgess Family - June 20, 2024 at 09:49 PM

CS

“ Chug & Amy Shafe purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John William Hamilton.



Chug & Amy Shafe - June 20, 2024 at 09:32 PM

CB

“ Chick-fil-A Jimmy Carter Blvd purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John William Hamilton.



Chick-fil-A Jimmy Carter Blvd - June 20, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John William Hamilton.



June 20, 2024 at 06:11 PM

KC

“ Keith & Janice Chickering planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William Hamilton.

Keith & Janice Chickering - June 20, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of John William Hamilton.*



June 20, 2024 at 05:52 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Anita Hamilton - June 20, 2024 at 01:14 PM



“ *Ken and Susan Thornburg purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John William Hamilton.*



Ken and Susan Thornburg - June 20, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *Love, Jim, Arlene, & Karen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John William Hamilton.*



Love, Jim, Arlene, & Karen - June 20, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John William Hamilton.



June 20, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ *McCracken family* purchased the *Sweet Tenderness* for the family of John William Hamilton.



McCracken family - June 20, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ *Jim & Laura Woods* purchased the *Basket Full of Wishes* for the family of John William Hamilton.



Jim & Laura Woods - June 19, 2024 at 07:25 PM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Sandra Hamilton - June 19, 2024 at 06:10 PM