



Gerald E. Hamlett

January 26, 1940 - May 29, 2025

Gerald E. Hamlett, age 85, of Versailles, was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. He was born January 26, 1940, in Oran, Missouri, a son of the late Finus and Jewel (Woods) Hamlett.

On May 27, 1961, in Jefferson City, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Mary (Hovis) Hamlett. They recently celebrated sixty-four wonderful years of marriage.

Gerald founded the United Pentecostal Church in Versailles on April 15, 1967, where he served as Pastor for the past fifty-eight years. He also owned and operated Office Business Equipment in Versailles for fifty years along with his wife, Mary and daughters, Melodie and Darla.

Gerald had a passion for missions and served as the Global Missions Director for the Missouri District United Pentecostal Church for many years. He also played an active role in supporting the Versailles Nutrition Site for twenty-five years serving on the board and also as president.

He was an avid reader and enjoyed spending his time fishing and eating at his favorite buffets and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Gerald's love for the Lord was the cornerstone of his life. His ministry extended far beyond the pulpit and his business. Whether visiting the sick, comforting grieving families, mentoring young leaders or assisting others with business equipment, Gerald was a living example of Christ's hands and feet. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and pastor. His legacy is one of unwavering faith, selfless service and unconditional love. Those that knew Gerald, knew he truly believed, "we're closer than close". Well done, good and faithful servant.

In addition to his wife, Mary, he is survived by his daughters, Melodie Reineke and Darla Palmer and husband Terry all of Versailles, Missouri; grandson, Nathaniel Reineke and wife Isabel; great-grandson, Luca Reineke; sisters, Shirley Casey of Niles, Michigan, Barbara Alexander of Versailles, Missouri and Alice Adams of Shelby Township, Michigan and many nieces, nephews and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Jackie Hamlett, Gary Hamlett, Margaret Bickings, Mary Yant and Betty Bickings.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, June 1st, at the United Pentecostal Church in Versailles. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 2nd, at the United Pentecostal Church. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. Following the graveside service, a dinner will be held at The Legacy Barn, 16755 Highway 52, Barnett, Missouri 65011. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to UPCI Global Missions.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pentecostals of Versailles (A United Pentecostal Church)
105 W. Cleveland Street
Versailles, MO 65084

Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Cindy LeMaster lit a candle in memory of Gerald E. Hamlett*



Cindy LeMaster - June 14, 2025 at 11:27 PM

WI

“ *WillaStafford lit a candle in memory of Gerald E. Hamlett*



WillaStafford - June 06, 2025 at 02:18 PM

VS

“ *Gerald was a very special person. Always a sweet man when he came to our office. He will be missed. Sorry for your loss. He's home now.....*



Vinita Stathopoulos - June 02, 2025 at 02:09 PM

PC

“ *My condolences, so sorry for your loss. He truly was a man of God. His life he lived told it all. He was a awesome speaker. Lifting the family up in prayers.God said "Well done they good and faithful servant...well done"*



Patricia Chism - June 01, 2025 at 12:40 PM

DL

“ He was q special Pastor! He made it home for eternity. Fly High Brother Hamlet!!!

Donna Langley - May 31, 2025 at 01:26 AM

GI

“ Gerald was a stand up guy.

Gary Imler - May 30, 2025 at 11:04 PM

MH

He was one of the greatest pastors I ever had,

martha Hoover - February 25 at 05:31 PM

MG

“ Marleen Gerber-Baket lit a candle in memory of Gerald E. Hamlett



Marleen Gerber-Baket - May 30, 2025 at 09:39 PM

TC

“ Teresa Capps lit a candle in memory of Gerald E. Hamlett



Teresa Capps - May 30, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ Pam Hill-Ramey lit a candle in memory of Gerald E. Hamlett



Pam Hill-Ramey - May 30, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ Derek And Camilla Iman lit a candle in memory of Gerald E. Hamlett



Derek and Camilla Iman - May 30, 2025 at 03:53 PM



I thank God for Brother Hamlet starting the church. Because of Brother Hamlet church my husband John delong was delivered from cigarette smoking and received holy Ghost. Pentecost Sunday years ago. God Took the whole desire away.

Jeanie Delong - June 01, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ Linda Daniels lit a candle in memory of Gerald E. Hamlett



Linda Daniels - May 30, 2025 at 03:00 PM

TS

“ *What a great man. You all will be in Our Prayers.
Tim and Joy*

Timothy Scott - May 30, 2025 at 01:16 PM

AH

“ *Adelia (DeeDee) Hutchison sent a virtual gift in
memory of Gerald E. Hamlett*



Adelia (DeeDee) Hutchison - May 30, 2025 at 12:25 PM

KS

“ *We at Nate's Concrete Pumping in Eldon are sincerely sorry for
your loss. We have always enjoyed doing business with him and
very much enjoyed our conversations. He will be missed.*

Kim Scrivner - May 30, 2025 at 12:18 PM