



Philip A. Hamm, Sr.

April 16, 1942 - May 2, 2015

Philip A. Hamm Sr., 73, of Greenport, NY passed away Saturday, May 2, 2015.

Born April 16, 1942 in Hudson, NY he is the son of the late Grace (Becker) Hamm and the late Henry C. Hamm.

He grew up with many brothers and sisters playing throughout the neighborhoods of Hudson as a child. He would also take adventures along the banks of the Hudson River gathering snakes and snails. As well as an occasional turtle much to his mother's dismay and the turtle's.

As he grew so did his interest in 50s pop culture and cars in general. He could often be found on Route 9 Saturday nights in Greenport drag racing his friends back when it was a much less traveled road. His tooling about the county inevitably took him to other towns. One being Chatham where he met his wife of 51 years, Lucille, on one Elvis speaker filled evening.

As a young father he took his kids to many of his old haunts as a child. Telling stories, in retrospect, of fanciful woe and exaggerated peril to keep the young ones away from dangerous places along the banks of the Hudson river. All the while instilling a great appreciation for nature and the machines that occupy it.

He ran his own garage, 'Phil's Auto Body Shop' for over 40 years. The business started out of the family garage often filled with dust and fumes until dark. Then he took the business to Green Street in Hudson where he was able to work on many cars at once and have a small crew lending a valuable hand. A crew made up of close personal friends. The business finally ended up on Route 9 in Greenport where he worked out the remaining years of his career passing on his skills.

Philip is survived by his wife, Lucille M. (Tiffany) Hamm, two sons Phil Hamm (daughter-in-law, Donna M. Coons) and Jeff Hamm as well as grandchildren. Of his siblings only one sister survives Marian (Hamm) Bishop as well as many nieces and nephews. His brothers and sisters that have passed are Grace (Hamm) Phillips, George Hamm, Frank Hamm, Lillian (Hamm) Cunningham, Rose Mary Hamm and Henry Hamm.

Calling hours are Thursday, May 7, 2015 from 4-6pm at Bates and Anderson.

Grave side service is for family.

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