



James Curtis "Geish" Hylton

September 23, 1944 - December 10, 2025

James Curtis "Geish" Hylton, age 81, of Richlands, Virginia, passed away on December 10, 2025, at the Raleigh Court Health and Rehab Center in Roanoke, Virginia, following an extended illness.

Geish was born September 23, 1944, in Buchanan County, Virginia, and was the son of the late Charlie N. Hylton and Virtie Elkins Hylton. He was one of those souls who never met a stranger and had such a zest for life that it was hard to contain. After High School, Geish enlisted in United States Army and proudly served his country. Fresh out of the military he attended Southwest Business College, Bluefield State College, and ETSU, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. His favorite job for over 24 years was as a truck driver, driving a commercial rig. Geish enjoyed being on the open road and traveling across the United States. His home base for over 20 years was Houston, Texas, when he was not traveling. Oh, the stories he could tell you about the many trips he experienced. Geish was an enthusiastic fan of race cars and the University of Tennessee football program. When he had the opportunity, he enjoyed playing golf and attending auctions and estate sales. Geish had attended the Worship Hymn church, and his soul may have left this earth, but his spirit will remain within our hearts. All of his family and friends will truly miss him.

Those who remain to carry on his spirit are

His daughter, Ashley Powell, and her husband, Rob of Haymarket, VA

Sister, Wanda Hylton Stanton, and her husband, John of Radford, VA

Close Friend, Ginger Falkenstein

Special Friends, Ann Dye, Patsy Green, Gilda Richardson

Grandchildren, Shelby Powell of Haymarket, VA, Taylor Thomas, and spouse,
Briar of Culpepper, VA

Great-grandchildren, Landon Thomas, Baker Thomas

Special thanks to the Salem Veterans Hospital and Raleigh Court Health &
Rehab Center.

The family requests that, in place of flowers, donations be made to the
Worship Hymn Church, P.O. Box 480, Pounding Mill, VA 24637

The funeral service for James Curtis "Geish" Hylton will be conducted at 2:00
pm on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in
Richlands, with the Rev. Doug Allen officiating. Interment will follow at the
Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be
Dennis Lankford, Ben Musick, Rocky Horton, Mike Stevenson, Tom Lawson,
Dean Slate, Jerry Elkins, and Jerry Conner. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dr.
Kevin Combs, His physical therapist, Dean Martin, Bill Spratt, Bob Elkins,
Bobby Meade, Lynn Dye, Patrick Jackson, and Terry McGaffee. Military rites
will be conducted by the Casey-Shortt VFW Post# 9640. The family will
receive friends on Sunday at the funeral home from 1:00 PM until the time of
the service.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands oversees arrangements, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

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Military Rites

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Casey-Shortt Post# 9640

Tribute Wall

BG

“ Thank you for your Service to the Country. RIP SIR

Blake R Gregory - February 03 at 02:24 PM

KS

“ Katrina Saxton lit a candle in memory of James Curtis "Geish" Hylton



Katrina Saxton - December 23, 2025 at 01:07 AM

RS

“ So very sorry for the loss of Jim. He was like an Uncle to me and I'm so blessed to have had him in my life. Rest in Peace! Much love to the family, especially Wanda who took care of him until the end!

Ryan Simpkins - December 19, 2025 at 10:04 PM

SL

“ Wanda and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May the Lord wrap His loving arms around you and give you strength and comfort.
In His love,
Sharon Powers Lowe

Sharon Lowe - December 15, 2025 at 01:31 PM

KJ

“ Karen & Raymond Jackson lit a candle in memory of James Curtis Hylton



Karen & Raymond Jackson - December 15, 2025 at 11:08 AM

KS

“ Prayers of comfort



Kathy Sneed - December 15, 2025 at 12:14 AM

KO

“ Wanda,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending all my love and prayers!

Kayla (Rife) Owens - December 14, 2025 at 09:22 PM

CS

“ Catherine and Katrina Sparkman lit a candle in memory of James Curtis Hylton



Catherine and Katrina Sparkman - December 14, 2025 at 08:38 PM

SC

“ Wanda and family. Geish and I were friends when we were young. Such friends as to let me drive his Corvette! You and your parents were friends also. You were a beautiful young lady. My sincere regrets at Geish' passing. Fond memories! Sandy Cole, 1307 Pulitzer Lane, Durham, NC 27703. Sandrycole@twc.com

Sandy Cole - December 14, 2025 at 02:41 PM

BJ

“ Bill and Naomi Joyce lit a candle in memory of James Curtis Hylton



Bill and Naomi Joyce - December 14, 2025 at 02:40 PM

DM

“ Dean and Shelia Martin lit a candle in memory of James Curtis Hylton



Dean and Shelia Martin - December 14, 2025 at 01:03 PM

PP

“ Wanda so sorry thoughts and prayers

Peggy Keen Pinkerton - December 14, 2025 at 11:38 AM

CH

“ Hi Wanda, I'm sorry sorry to hear about your brother. I can barely remember him coming home occasionally. Sending prayers.
Carolyn Hale, your former neighbor. Now living in Ohio

Carolyn J Hale - December 13, 2025 at 09:44 PM

DM

“ Gosh, I could spend a week posting about fun times with Geish. He was hilarious and you could not be in a bad mood around him. He would defend you if need be and he was loyal to his friends. I have many funny and fond memories of him that I will always cherish.
Rest in peace my friend. You will be missed.

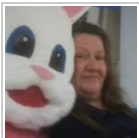
Dana Altizer Moats - December 13, 2025 at 08:12 PM

CM

“ Crockett (Pat) & Sandy Murphy lit a candle in memory of James Curtis Hylton



Crockett (Pat) & Sandy Murphy - December 13, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ Beth Elkins Hill lit a candle in memory of James Curtis Hylton



Beth Elkins Hill - December 13, 2025 at 04:49 PM

SM

“ *Sandy & Pat Murphy lit a candle in memory of James Curtis Hylton*



Sandy & Pat Murphy - December 13, 2025 at 02:11 PM

SR

“ *Sheri Rasnake lit a candle in memory of James Curtis Hylton*



Sheri Rasnake - December 13, 2025 at 01:24 PM

MS

“ *Mike Stumpp lit a candle in memory of James Curtis Hylton*



Mike Stumpp - December 12, 2025 at 11:13 PM

BN

“ *Bill & Vicki Stumpp Nuckels lit a candle in memory of James Curtis Hylton*



Bill & Vicki Stumpp Nuckels - December 12, 2025 at 11:11 PM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathy Judy P VanDyke* ”



Judy P VanDyke - December 12, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of James Curtis Hylton* ”



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - December 12, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of James Curtis Hylton* ”



TonyanEdgar Wicks - December 12, 2025 at 03:49 PM