



Hamel Oswald Suite

December 2, 1933 - August 11, 2020

Hamel O. Suite

Sunrise December 2, 1933 Sunset August 11, 2020

Quod minimum, minimum est,
Sed in minimo fidelem esse,
magnum est.

What is a little thing, is (just) a little thing.

But to be faithful in a little thing
is a great thing.

(from St. Augustine's De Doctrina Christiana, IV, 35)

On August 11, 2020, a man who faithfully took care of all the "little things," Hamel Oswald Suite, a loving and faithful husband, and deeply devoted father transitioned to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at age 86. Hamel's peaceful transition took place at his home in West Palm Beach, Florida in the presence of his loving wife, caregivers, and family.

Hamel was born on December 2, 1933, in Princes Town, Trinidad. He and his identical twin brother Noel were the pride of their parents, James and Hilda Suite. He was widely regarded as an extraordinary chef, who deeply enjoyed creating exquisitely decorated and sumptuous dishes for his family and friends. On April, 4, 1959, Hamel married his soulmate, Jean Mitchell. They raised 3 sons, Derek, Denzil, and Andre and warmly embraced their daughter-in-law, Darcel.

In 1970, Hamel left Trinidad for New York and paved the way for the family to join him. Throughout his life he worked in sales, insurance, management, and even started his own business, Hamos Marketing, and spared no expense to ensure his family's wellbeing and success.

His love for his family was what sustained him. Every year, without fail, his booming voice

bellowed out a baritone birthday serenade for each member of his family. Hamel absolutely loved Christmas and knew how to make the season special. His ceremonious, opening prayers at every Christmas meal, the copious gifts he lavished on family and friends, and his ability to bring everyone together in the spirit of fellowship over the holidays spoke of his love for God and his love for others as much as he loved his immediate family.

His signature expression of surprise was “Well, dog bite meh,” which would make everyone laugh—even though no one was quite sure what it really meant. This was just one of the many ways in which his tremendous sense of humor manifested itself.

Hamel’s powerful influence and legacy have impacted his sons success--with Andre receiving his Juris doctorate degree; Denzil receiving his Ph.D.; and Derek, receiving his medical degree.

Hamel’s deep love and impeccable devotion for his wife, Jean was always on display. Together, they shared over 60 years of marriage and raised three children who deeply love them. Hamel’s enduring love for Jean was made palpable by all the “little things” he did to honor her and care for her repeatedly and consistently over 6 decades of marriage. From preparing her breakfasts, to taking her to work, to making her every birthday and wedding anniversary a special occasion, to supplying his unsolicited opinions on fashion and decorative input in the home, Hamel could be counted on to always be there!

In sum, Hamel’s lifetime of devotion, all the “little sacrifices”, and his raw and unrelenting love for his family and friends were precious gifts from God.

Hamel is survived by his wife, Jean Suite and 3 sons, Derek Suite, Denzil Suite, and Andre Suite; daughter-in-law, Darcel Suite, and his brothers Steve Suite and Keith Suite, his sisters, Jean Baird, Marlene Mark, and Judith Mary Suite. He is preceded in transition by his sister, Irma Greene, and his brothers, Basil Suite, Selwyn Suite, Noel Suite, and Royce Suite.

Tribute Wall

P.

“ 1 file added to the album Webcast



Palms West Funeral Home . - August 28, 2020 at 09:54 AM

CW

“ Sincere condolences to the family.
Mr Suite was my Life Insurance Agent for many years, sharing good advice and financial service. Over the years I have mentioned his name several times. My family appreciated him. We send love and blessings to Jean, my dear friend. He is with the angels now. May he rest in peace.
Carol Wilson-Smith and family.

Carol Wilson-Smith - August 20, 2020 at 03:22 PM

SC

“ Our condolences to all in the family. Just want to say I will always remember the MAN SOUP that Hamel made especially for me each time I visited .It will live on as long as I am alive. He had a good heart. We just want to say Jean staying Gods love he will make you firm and he will make you STRONG. We love you both always.

Shirley Caesar - August 17, 2020 at 05:15 PM

AG

“ Althia Griffith lit a candle in memory of Hamel Oswald Suite



Althia Griffith - August 16, 2020 at 06:43 PM

MP

“ Auntie Jean, Derek, Darcel, Denzil, Andre and the family.

Please accept our condolences. Uncle Hamel will truly be missed. Every time, I would reach out to greet him with a kiss, he would graciously tell me he doesn't kiss ladies with grey hair. I knew my name wasn't on that list, so I would give him a kiss, and he would welcome it. I admire his hospitality and his love for the kitchen even from way back when, in Trinidad (before the family migrated to the U.S). We pray God's strength, His love and peace be with you all. Beautiful service today. SIP Uncle Hamel

Marcia & Metason Phillip

Marcia Phillip - August 16, 2020 at 05:45 PM

JB

“ Heartfelt fervent prayers

JEFFREY A BARRETT - August 16, 2020 at 05:17 PM

RB

“ It was a blessing from above to see Uncle Hamel .we went out to eat and we were taking pictures Uncle Hamel said "don't put it on Facebook"Auntie said "don't worry he is not on Facebook "Thanks to the family Suite I cannot find the words , Love you all never ending RIP Uncle Hamel .

Rosemarie Browne - August 16, 2020 at 05:08 PM

CD

“ Rest in peace my dear Uncle Hamel. I am so grateful that I was able to see you early this year. Your legacy of love for family will reign forever as it was instilled in us by your deeds and how you treated us all. Everytime I visited you, I saw my dad and oh how my heart ached. It aches now as you go home but the memories I have of you will last my lifetime and will be treasured. You did well by auntie Jean and your sons. You will be missed for sure.

Cheryl Durity - August 16, 2020 at 04:29 PM

DB

“ Dear Derek and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your dad is gone home from labor to rest. Beautiful tribute to your dad!

*The Barrett family.
We love you!*

Delores Barrett - August 16, 2020 at 04:15 PM

MM

“ Rest in peace, Uncle Hamel. Yours was truly a life well lived.

Mahesha

Mahesha Mitchell - August 16, 2020 at 04:01 PM

TM

“ My deepest condolences to auntie Jean and the entire family. Our thoughts are with you all.

Tyronne Mitchell - August 16, 2020 at 03:05 PM

DM

“ Miss Jean, on behalf of the ECW of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, we extend our heartfelt sympathies on the passing of Mr. Hamel. May his Soul rest in peace, may his Spirit be delivered on the wings of Angels to Abraham's breast.

Officers of ECW

Dale E McLeod - August 16, 2020 at 02:38 PM

JD

“ Words will never capture the true depth of love, joy, and legacy impressed upon us through the life of Uncle Hamel. His infectious laugh and joyous disposition will never be matched as he was truly "one of a kind"! Jesus just got THE BEST limin partner ever! He will certainly be missed until we see him again!

Jon Dornbush

Jon Dornbush - August 15, 2020 at 12:27 AM

DD

“ Hamel was a hero a father a mentor a warrior
Heaven has gained a true man of God and a great chef! Will miss him and his spirit of Joy

Darcel

Darcel Dillard-Suite - August 13, 2020 at 07:46 PM



Hamel was the embodiment of dignity, strength and grace. What a brilliant man, what a truly kind and generous man who took joy in doing for others. I enjoyed shrimp that he made especially for me, with such love and joy. He was funny, smart and his was a life well-lived. Bravo Hamel! You fought the good fight and even now in your transition you are inspiring me and others with the example of your life. I will miss you and the world will have one less treasure. Yet I will hold the blessing of having known you as one of the gifts in my life. Sleep well, great man.

Linda Bryant - August 15, 2020 at 12:42 PM



Rest in peace Uncle Hamel. You were indeed a joy to be around. And your food was epic!!! Thank you for being kind to me, Dad, and my siblings whenever we visited you and Aunt Jean. And thank you for bringing us laughter and joy.

Rest easy. Until we meet again.

Amanda Mitchell - August 16, 2020 at 02:28 PM



From Dad (Charles Mitchell):

Reflections on Hamel

HAMEL - A generous man – generous to the hilt – the one trait among the numerous that he will be remembered for – a great sense of humour among them.

He is a great loss to each and all of you as he surely will be to his extended family – daughter-in-law, brothers and sisters, brothers and sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and even those who met and knew him for only a brief period of their lives.

To his wife and children and equally to all who he knew and who knew him: HE WAS A GOOD MAN! In the fullest meaning of the word.

In this regard, he fulfilled his biblical and spiritual requirement of all who lived.

Hamel always wanted the biggest and the best for his family.

I have known him from my very early childhood and this is who he has always been – ALWAYS!

He will be sorely missed.

As he has gone on to join his Maker, his soul is now on its journey to eternal peace.

Love You All and join with you in your time of grief.

*Regards,
Charles.*

Amanda Mitchell - August 16, 2020 at 02:51 PM



It was a lovely service. May the spirit of daddy Hamel Suite rest in perfect peace.

Cynthia Barrett

Cynnthia Barrett - August 16, 2020 at 04:14 PM