



## Michael Richard Hamby

July 29, 1949 - April 24, 2016

Mr. Michael Richard Hamby, age 66 of Covington, died Sunday, April 24, 2016 at Rockdale Medical Center. He was born in Decatur, GA. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Richard and Sara Walden Hamby. He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Gale Hamby of Covington and sister and brother-in-law, Karla and Don Wood of Tyrone. Mr. Hamby graduated from Georgia State University with a degree in Journalism. He worked in the water filtration industry for about 30 years. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel with Pastor Joe Hughes officiating; the family will receive friends from 10 until 11 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Atlanta Humane Society, [www.atlantahumane.org](http://www.atlantahumane.org). Condolences may be submitted on-line at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens  
699 American Legion Road  
Conyers, GA 30012

## Service

APR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel  
699 American Legion Road  
Conyers, GA 30012

# Tribute Wall



“ Christmas is a time to reflect and to remember. I was thinking of family and friends this morning and for some reason I thought of my old friend Mike Hamby and thought about trying to contact him again. Well one thing led to another with the eventual outcome of discovering Mike had passed away last April. There are so many great memories I have of Mike as we were the best of friends throughout our days at Walter George HS and into our early adult years sharing our college experience at GSU. We lost touch over the years but my friend you will always remain in my heart. Sorry I missed your farewell but know I was there in spirit. Rest well my friend.

Love,

Jerry Waller

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**Jerry Waller** - December 26, 2016 at 01:10 PM

WS

“ I knew with Mike for many years, first with Chandler Wingfield, then with MBS and finally with Selecto. Although I was in VA, we were colleagues and friends. I was deeply saddened to hear about Mike. We had some good times working together. He was a good man and a good friend. I will miss him.

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**Wanda Smith** - May 06, 2016 at 11:42 AM

NI

“ I first met mike in 2006 on a visit to Selecto, he was one of those guys you instantly feel comfortable dealing with, trustworthy, honest, caring and kind, a really nice guy. He helped us out many times over the years since and always brought a smile to my face when talking with him. I was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family.  
Rest in peace my friend. Nigel - Aqua Safe Australia.

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**Nigel** - May 03, 2016 at 01:49 AM

AU

“ Mike has been part of my Selecto family for the last 15 years. Working with him was like talking with a friend. It was always a pleasure to see him with Gale at Christmas parties. I will miss him so much, my prayers are with Gale and the family.

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**Audrey** - April 29, 2016 at 08:12 PM


NL

“ Gale, I am holding you in my heart.

Neely

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**N L** - April 29, 2016 at 07:15 PM

 Nikki  
Justice

“ Thank you Uncle Hamby for the love and humor you brought into my life. My dad has shared many stories with every one ending with laughter. I know he'll miss the friendship and I'll miss the sharing of all that laughter and music. Sending hugs and much love to Gale, the woman that completed him so well. He will forever be with us as a tennis player that made you run so he didn't have to, a guitar player that played countless times (and even got to play with my daughter via telephone) , a lover of animals, music, movies, Mystery Science Theatre, and humor. I love that man. Thank you for being you. Rest easy Hamby.

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**Nikki Justice** - April 29, 2016 at 07:10 PM

RC

“ You were the big brother I never had and the best friend that I did have. I'm glad we had the chance to play our guitars together a few short weeks ago and that I got to talk to you one last time the day before you left this world but you will never leave my heart. Thanks for being my best man (both times) and allowing me to be yours when you married Gale. Thanks Gale for making his last years the best of his life, filled with the love and companionship he so richly deserved. Keep that thing tuned up so we can jam when we meet again on the other side. Your friend, your brother and your other soul mate, Rick Coltey

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**Rick Coltey** - April 29, 2016 at 06:28 PM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Scot Ward Funeral Services** - April 29, 2016 at 02:41 PM

SB

“ *Scott and Debbie Busby purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Michael Richard Hamby.*



**Scott and Debbie Busby** - April 28, 2016 at 10:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Richard Hamby.*



April 28, 2016 at 09:16 PM

CL

“ When hearing my colleague and friend Mike’s passing on Sunday, I was shocked and speechless and it was the worst moment in my whole life because in two days, I had heard my friend with a car accident and lost his daughter and now Mike’s passing.

*I talked to Mike last Friday before going home as we always do and just cannot believe that was our last conversation. Mike and I have worked together in past 15 years at Selecto. He was very professional as a customer representative. I really enjoy working with him. I am so sorry that we unexpectedly lost Mike, a valued member of the Selecto family. I will miss you Mike and wish you rest in peace.*

*I extend my deepest sympathies to Mike’s wife, Gale and family. Please accept my condolences during this difficult time.*

*Cang Li*

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**Cang Li** - April 28, 2016 at 02:47 PM

CM

“ Comercializadora Vaznu Mexico purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael Richard Hamby.



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**Comercializadora Vaznu Mexico** - April 28, 2016 at 01:44 PM

MA

“*Mr. Mike Hamby was one of the last of a breed of people that actually cared for his customers (and Friends)! His knowledge, experience, wisdom and humor was felt throughout the HED family and the industry of water filtration. It is with a sadden heart that I have just learned about this. He will surely be missed and HED has truly lost a great friend and comrade. I do find Solace that he is now looking down on us with that great smile to guide us with his thoughts and prayers through the rest of our lives. We will meet again one day my friend!*

*Michael L. Arnold  
HED Food Service Equipment  
Rocky Mount, NC*

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**Michael L. Arnold** - April 28, 2016 at 01:18 PM

TO

“*Thinking of the family during this difficult time. Mike will truly be missed! Working with him the last 15 years has truly been a blessing, for we have had our differences as any family would, but at the end of the day we were family. I considered Mike to also be a mentor as well as a father figure and friend. I always gave him the respect that he deserved! I will miss you my friend! Rest in peace! Gale we will continue to pray for you, always remember that Mike Loved you more than anything. When you have a chance please read Psalm Chapter 23; Verses 1-6.*

*Tim Owens*

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**Tim Owens** - April 28, 2016 at 01:17 PM

IE

“ *I loved Mike. I did not have the opportunity to spend time with him & Gale in physical presence as much as I would have liked, due to distance.*

*Yet, whenever I would talk with him on the phone, it was like there was no distance.., and I was always instantly uplifted. He was one of the few people that I could talk about computer things with.*

*I do not think I will ever be able to watch a Nicolas Cage movie, without thinking of him.*

*I will miss Gale telling me, 'Mike is waving at you', when we talk on the phone.*

*Mike's loving presence in Gale's life is how I met him; first appreciated him.*

*Later, I was & am honored that he called me, 'friend'.*

*Farewell & safe journey, my friend.*

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**Idona Elizabeth** - April 28, 2016 at 04:30 AM

OP

“ Mike was my brother from another mother. I was honored to be called "Sissy" and I lovingly called him "Bubba". He couldn't have been more family if he had been blood. He was always there for me and my boys. They loved him dearly. He was one of the most talented men i know. I will always treasure the wooden acorn her turned from wood for me. He made me laugh, he consoled me, kicked my butt when it needed it, and most importantly he was the most loving, devoted husband to my best friend that anyone could hope for.

One of my fondest memories of Mike is the day he came into the store I was working at to "present himself" to Gale's "sister". It was his way of asking for Gale's hand. I was so touched that he did that. From that moment on we would be family.

My heart is broken. I will miss him always. I loved him more than I can say.



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Otter Peabody - April 27, 2016 at 07:08 PM

AM

“ Mike you beautiful incredible soul . Shine brightly. Know that you did brilliantly in this go round . Gale will be well tended to in your stead .



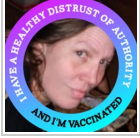
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Alonnie Milligan - April 27, 2016 at 06:47 PM

SB

*I love this picture. It is a look I can definitely remember. I always thought that we would all get together again (last time was in 2009). He will be greatly missed.*

Sharon Bronk - April 28, 2016 at 10:11 PM



“ *Though Mike and I never met outside of Facebook, we shared some of the best exchanges of wit and conversation that I have ever had. I cherished him as Curmudgeon Vivamus; my dear friend Gale's great Love & husband. I will always remember you, sir. I miss that voice and mind already.*

*As the old spiritual goes 'in the sweet by-and-by, will we meet on that beautiful shore...'*

*I'll catch you on the flip side brother.*

Tricia Smith - April 27, 2016 at 06:09 PM



“ *I only met Mike in person once. I am grateful to have had him as a friend on social media, he brought many smiles and laughter to me on days I needed it the most. sending much love and comfort to all of the family.*

Christi Wilson - April 27, 2016 at 05:59 PM

BR

“ *Sending Love and Strength to the family.*

Beth Rennie - April 27, 2016 at 05:29 PM

FD

“ With love to Mike, from all his friends at Forever And A Day ~  
Mike had a passionate connection to this Viking prayer. He recently  
read this prayer to us a couple of weeks ago. We would like to  
share it with you.

*Lo, there do I see my Father.*

*Lo, there do I see my Mother, and my Sisters, and my Brothers.*

*Lo, there do I see the line of my people, back to the beginning!*

*Lo, they do call to me.*

*They bid me take my place among them, in the halls of Valhalla!*

*Where the brave may live Forever!*

*Mike, you were such a sweet, loving man. We will never forget you.  
Know that we love your dear wife, Gale, and we will be here for her.*

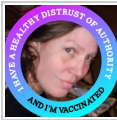
*Love always,*

*Tara, Sara, Hunter, Sherry and Michael*



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**Forever And A Day** - April 27, 2016 at 05:14 PM



*What a lovely picture of Gale & Mike.*

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**Tricia Smith** - April 27, 2016 at 06:11 PM

LI

“ Gale, we are thinking of you with a heart filled with compassion and love.

*Mike was such a special and warm person who is going to be missed by so many. May you forever hold on tight to all the memories.*

*Sending strength, from Danny & Sally Lincoln.*

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**Lincoln** - April 27, 2016 at 11:35 AM

CT

“ So many words so many ways to mess them up as you correct me Mr Journalism! Mike - master of the quick wit, saucy joke & quotes galore. I won't spell your name out but I will smile when the downloads begin! You will be missed my friend & we will all remember you. God bless you.  
Cynthia Tucker (Juan Hrobowski)



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**Cynthia Tucker** - April 26, 2016 at 03:06 PM

KI

“ We love you Mike, and will miss everything about you. Your laughter, your insight, your wisdom, and your crazy sense of humor. Many blessings on your journey. Kieran, Roger, Kathleen, & Kighla Thorpe

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**Kimberley** - April 26, 2016 at 09:52 AM

LM

“ I never played tennis with anyone with a harder serve or that made me run more! He pretty much beat me like a drum, but what a great sense of humor!  
Love you Karla, he will be missed. Lynn Mullinix

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**Lynn Mullinix** - April 26, 2016 at 06:31 AM