



Mr. William Cornelius Hamlett Jr.

January 22, 1948 - February 18, 2024

William Cornelius Hamlett, Jr, 76, passed away at his home under the care of Gentiva Hospice, on February 18, 2024. Will was born on January 22, 1948, in Henderson, NC, the son of the late William C and Dorothy Ayscue Hamlett. He graduated from Hartsville High School and went on to earn both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Biology from The University of South Carolina, followed by a Ph.D. in Zoology from Clemson University in 1983. He then held a postdoctorate, followed by a faculty position at the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo. In 1991, he joined the faculty of Indiana University School of Medicine, South Bend branch, where he retired as Professor of Cell Biology and Anatomy in 2009. In addition to teaching cell and developmental biology to medical students, he also did extensive research involving sharks. Organizing conferences in various worldwide locations for fellow researchers, he was able to experience many different cultures, fostering a lifelong love of foreign travel. In his retirement, he settled in Chapel Hill, NC.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Martha Dunlap Hamlett of Chapel Hill; daughter, Kathleen Hamlett of Elkhart, IN; son, Alexander Hamlett (Jessica) of Parker, CO; grandchildren, Alexis and Lucas Hamlett; and brother, Chris Hamlett of NC. He was preceded in death by his son, Hayes Hamlett.

Cremation will be handled by Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill. As a way of honoring his love of the marine environment, his ashes will be interred with

Eternal Reefs (www.EternalReefs.com) to help restore the ocean's reef structures. A Celebration of Life will take place at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The University of South Carolina Biology Department online at www.sc.edu or by mail to USC Office of Gift Processing, 1600 Hampton Street, Suite 736, Columbia, SC 29208.

Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill is caring for the family.

Cemetery Details

Private

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ *JoFrieda Padgett Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Cornelius Hamlett Jr.*



JoFrieda Padgett Kelley - March 03, 2024 at 07:17 PM

WW

“ *Wittie Waldron lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Cornelius Hamlett Jr.*



Wittie Waldron - February 24, 2024 at 12:49 PM

SJ

“ *Martha, I'm saddened to hear this news. I'm praying for God's comfort and peace for you and your family at this time and in the days ahead. Blessings.*
Sally Thrailkill Johnson

Sally Thrailkill Johnson - February 23, 2024 at 08:49 AM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Cornelius Hamlett Jr.*



carol elmore bryant - February 23, 2024 at 08:04 AM

CB

Martha: I am so sorry for your loss of Bill. Prayers and love to you and your family during this sad time. Blessings, Carol

carol elmore bryant - February 23, 2024 at 08:06 AM

EB

“ *My condolences to Martha and family. I was very saddened to learn of your loss. May all of you be comforted by the Holy Spirit as you mourn Bill's passing and celebrate his vast contributions to our world.*

Eddie Blackmon - February 22, 2024 at 10:52 PM

DB

“ *David And Beverly Mathis Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Cornelius Hamlett Jr.*



David and Beverly Mathis Byrd - February 22, 2024 at 09:34 PM

LH

“ *Martha and family, so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. May God give you comfort during your time of grieving.*



Larry Huggins - February 22, 2024 at 04:58 PM