



Fred McLain Hamlin

March 22, 2015

Fred McLain Hamlin, age 85, a resident of Albuquerque, NM died March 22, 2015 from acute respiratory disease. He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann of Albuquerque; children, David Hamlin of Edmond, OK, Jane Kellerman and husband, Bill, Nancy Sullivan and husband, Greg of Albuquerque; step-children, Michelle Castaneda of Santa Fe, NM, Stephen Edens of CanCun, Mexico and Shirley Scholz of Albuquerque; brother, Dr. W.T. Hamlin and Jan of Dallas, TX; niece, Kimberly Rostamo and husband, Robert and their two sons, Luke and Logan. Grandchildren are Rachel Hamlin of Tartu, Estonia, Heather Solenski and husband, Patrick. Step-grandchildren are Misty Reed, Nick Scholz, Zacery Morgan and Demetria Frangos. Fred had one great-grandchild and four step-great-grandchildren.

Fred attended school in Crane, New Mexico then transferred to Bridgton Academy in North Bridgeton, Maine. It was in Maine he learned the lumber business.

Lumber was Fred's calling. He worked for over twenty years for Duke City Lumber Company until it closed in the early 90's. His most enjoyable years with Duke City were as sales manager. Several of the salesmen credited Fred with their own successes. This experience gave him an opportunity to work with individual salesmen teaching them how to sell lumber. He loved to teach. "That was Fred's calling, to teach others," said Mickey Walker, one of the salesmen. "He gave us invaluable info to help us get started in the lumber business."

After Duke City closed, he worked for Bates Lumber Company and Plateau Lumber Company. Fred was never one to be idle. After he retired from the lumber business, he began restoring and building maple, butcher block top workbenches. He took pride in his work and made each one look like new. He built over 500 workbenches that he sold. He enjoyed talking to each one of his customers.

When Fred's health no longer allowed him to do the heavy work of building workbenches, he found another outlet for his work ethic. Being a natural born salesman, eBay became his next adventure. He sold hundreds of items in over ten years in the eBay business world.

Fred and Jo Ann traveled to many places. Australia, Alaska and France were some of their favorites. But, none of these places brought as much enjoyment as Las Vegas, NV. where they went numerous times.

Sports was another passion of Fred's, especially basketball. After he became ill, watching football, golf and basketball on TV were more important to him than ever.

When Fred and Jo Ann built their dream home, Fred spent days selling lumber and nights paneling the home. As always, he took great pride in his workmanship.

If selling was Fred's passion, as a young man, hunting was his love. He traveled as far as British Columbia to hunt, but in his later years, he admitted that seeing all the beautiful country was more important than hunting an animal.

Fred Hamlin was strong in his beliefs and determination. All who knew him will miss the twinkle in his eyes when he frequently expressed a Fredism such as "It'll never show on a running horse."

Fred was a man like no other man and will be greatly missed by all who loved him including his two beloved dachshunds, Sassy and Danny.

Services were private. Donations in Fred's name may be made to the Animal Humane Society of Albuquerque.

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ *David Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Fred McLain Hamlin*



David Hamlin - April 09, 2015 at 09:29 PM

DH

*Daddy,
I missed you while watching the NCAA basketball last week. Wish you were still here to talk about it. I think of you every day and will love you for all the days to come. - David*

David Hamlin - April 09, 2015 at 09:34 PM

JK

“ *Jane Kellerman lit a candle in memory of Fred McLain Hamlin*



Jane Kellerman - April 09, 2015 at 08:48 PM

JK

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Jane Kellerman - April 09, 2015 at 08:05 PM

JK

Daddy, I know how much you loved watching the Masters. And I always loved talking with you during the tournament. I'm watching it now in honor of you and miss so much calling you to see what you thought about each player and how they did today. You will be here with me in spirit and who knows, maybe you are watching it! So enjoy it and always know how much I love you and miss you! Jane

Jane Kellerman - April 09, 2015 at 08:24 PM

SK

“ Susan King lit a candle in memory of Fred McLain Hamlin



Susan King - April 05, 2015 at 12:05 PM

SK

Anthony and I find it hard to believe that Fred is gone. He was one of the most wonderful men we have known. He will be dearly missed.

Susan King - April 05, 2015 at 01:25 PM

JK

“ Jane Kellerman lit a candle in memory of Fred McLain Hamlin



jane kellerman - April 05, 2015 at 12:05 PM

JK

miss you so much

jane kellerman - April 05, 2015 at 12:07 PM

NS

“ Nancy Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Fred McLain Hamlin



Nancy Sullivan - April 02, 2015 at 08:45 PM

JK

“ Jane Kellerman lit a candle in memory of Fred McLain Hamlin



jane kellerman - April 02, 2015 at 08:44 PM

JK

Miss you so much! Can't believe you are no longer here with us! You will be in my heart forever!

jane kellerman - April 02, 2015 at 09:13 PM

NS

“ Nancy Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Fred McLain Hamlin



Nancy Sullivan - April 02, 2015 at 03:03 PM

NS

I was thinking about you today. Love and Miss you Daddy.

Nancy Sullivan - April 02, 2015 at 03:04 PM

NS

“ *I miss you Daddy!*
Love you,
Nancy

Nancy Sullivan - March 29, 2015 at 02:18 PM

LR

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our
deepest condolences.*

Luke Rogers - March 27, 2015 at 11:54 AM