



## Kye Kearns Hamlin

May 8, 1933 - February 7, 2026

Kye Kearns Hamlin, 92, of Okay, Oklahoma, passed away at his home on Saturday, February 7, 2026. He was born on May 8, 1933, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Henry and Elba Hamlin.

Kye's love for music began early when he joined the school band in fifth grade as a trumpet player. In high school, he transitioned to the trombone, a passion that continued into his military service. In March of 1953, Kye enlisted in the United States Army and served honorably until December of 1954. During his service, he played in the Army band, which appeared in several films produced in Europe during that time. His service allowed him the unique opportunity to meet several movie stars.

Following his military service, Kye built a respected career as a skilled mechanic specializing in marine equipment. He worked for many years at Terry Miller Pontiac as both a mechanic and later as Service Manager before retiring. With his expertise, he went on to own and operate his own marine repair business.

An avid outdoorsman, Kye had a deep passion for hunting and fishing. His hunting adventures took him to Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and Alaska, pursuits he continued until age 91. He also cherished a memorable fishing trip to Cabo San Lucas with his children. In quieter moments, Kye enjoyed watching WWE wrestling and made it known that those evenings were reserved.

Kye attended First Baptist Church in Okay and found joy in sharing meals

twice a week at the Okay Senior Center with friends old and new. He truly appreciated good food and good company.

May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him.

He is now reunited with his parents, Henry and Elba.

Those left to cherish Kye's memories are his children, Brenda Collins and husband Jim, Kye D. Hamlin and wife Erin, Ron Hamlin and wife B.J., Susan Myers and husband Clay, and Linda Overbey and husband Jimmy; grandchildren, Scott Hughes and family, Lindsey Yandell and family, Jody O'Neal and family, Brandon Schmittling and family, Amanda Johnson and family, Clayton Myers and family, Matthew Abel and family, and Mark Abel and family; extended family and many friends.

A viewing will be held from 10AM – 10:45AM on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, with his celebration of life following at 11AM at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Gibson with Pastor Ken Krepps officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at 12:30PM in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery where military honors will be observed.

The family of Kye Kearns Hamlin has entrusted his care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel  
1224 E Poplar  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

## Celebration of Life

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel  
1224 E Poplar  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

## Committal

FEB 17. 12:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Rd  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334



# Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Brenda C. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kye Kearns Hamlin.*



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**Brenda C.** - February 15 at 10:48 AM

CS

“ *Consuelo S. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kye Kearns Hamlin.*



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**Consuelo S.** - February 13 at 11:19 AM



Amanda  
Johnson

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Amanda Johnson** - February 11 at 07:18 PM



Amanda  
Johnson

“ *Amanda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Kye Hamlin*



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**Amanda Johnson** - February 11 at 06:50 PM



Amanda  
Johnson

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



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**Amanda Johnson** - February 11 at 06:49 PM

KJ

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Kye Hamlin Jr.** - February 11 at 08:41 AM

KJ

“ 7 files added to the album POP



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**Kye Hamlin Jr.** - February 10 at 10:06 PM