



## Dr. Jack D. Hill

August 2, 1938 - March 7, 2025

Dr. Jack D. (J.D.) Hill, age 86 years, graduated to heaven at Parkway Manor in Marion, Illinois on Friday afternoon, March 7, 2025, at 3:20 P.M., surrounded by his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather to his many family members which included three children, their spouses, twelve grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Jack was born August 2, 1938 to Herman R. and Nellie Lee (Dooley) Hill. He was an educator for almost fifty years, having served as a teacher in O'Fallon, Hurst, West Frankfort and Marion School districts (Illinois). He also served as Assistant County Superintendent of Schools (Williamson County, Illinois) under the late Lee Booth. A good part of Dr. Hill's career was spent in community college work, first at John A. Logan College, Carterville, Illinois in various capacities including many years as Vice President of Instruction. He also served six years as President of Shawnee Community College, Ullin, Illinois, until his retirement in 1995. Following that, he was named Executive Director of the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market, Herrin, Illinois, a position he held for ten years. He also served as Interim President of Kaskaskia College, Centralia, Illinois.

After graduating from Marion High School, Dr. Hill earned bachelors, masters and doctorate degrees from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois and a Masters of Ministry degree from Crown College of the Bible, Knoxville,

Tennessee.

Jack served in the United States Army, as well as the Army and Air Force Reserves, earning the rank of staff sergeant.

He married Mary A. DeBoe of Marion on June 14, 1958. The service was performed by the late Reverend Lee Swope at the First Baptist Church in Marion. This union produced three children: Terri Lynn (Rick) Parks of Crab Orchard, Illinois; Beth Ann (Keith) Harp of Tyler, Texas; and Michael Joseph (Regina) Hill of Marion, Illinois. He is also survived by a sister and brother-in-law – Martha and Don VanCleve of Paducah, Kentucky; a sister-in-law – Lori Hill of Steeleville, Illinois; and a sister and brother-in-law – Marsha and Alan Clemons of Marion, Illinois.

He is also survived by 12 grandchildren – Cassie (Josh) McKinney and Christa Parks all of Crab Orchard, Illinois; Amanda Peirce of Tyler, Texas; Brittnee Harp and Makayla Harp both of Tyler, Texas; Joshlyn (Carson) Shamsie of Yukon, Oklahoma;

Anna (Martin) Dodgen of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Christian (Chelsie Boswell) Harp of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Emma Harp and Cross Harp both of Tyler, Texas; Rachael (Kyle) Wolfe of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee; and Seth (Katelyn) Hill of Herrin, Illinois. 14 great grandchildren – Alexis Peirce, Mary Elizabeth Peirce and Elly Delgado-Charles all of Tyler, Texas, Alisyn McKinney and Rigley McKinney both of Creal Springs, Illinois, Carly Parks and Chloe Parks both of Crab Orchard, Illinois, Blakely Shamsie, Jordyn Shamsie, and Kendall Shamsie all of Yukon, Oklahoma; Isaiah Harper and Boone Harp both of Tyler, Texas; and Adeline Wolfe and Elaine Wolfe both of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by three brothers –

Raymond L., Johnny and Jimmy Hill.

Dr. Hill was an ordained Baptist minister and served as pastor at Ullin First Baptist Church, Springhill Baptist Church near Creal Springs and New Salem Baptist Church, also near Creal Springs. He preached revivals and filled many pulpits throughout the area.

In addition, he served as music director for many years at Victory Baptist Church, Crainville, Illinois. He was a member of the Victory Quartet, which ministered throughout southern Illinois. Dr. Hill also had a solo ministry which combined preaching and music directing for revivals and special church events. He was also an active song writer and published six southern gospel CD projects. His music has been heard throughout the four-state area. He had a popular radio program called the Happy Hills Old-Time Gospel Hour which was heard on WXAN, Ava, Illinois and WIBH, Anna, Illinois.

Dr. Hill was active in the community having served on the Marion Unit 2 School Board, as president of the Marion Unit Education Association, and on the Board of Directors of the former Tamms State Bank and the Southern Illinois Schools Credit Union.

In addition to music, he was at one time an active runner and tennis player. He continued to enjoy walking, gardening, spending time with his family and traveling with Mary.

A funeral service honoring the life of Dr. Jack D. Hill will be conducted Monday, March 10, 2025 at 12 P.M. noon at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Bill Schell will officiate.

Burial will be in the Friendship Cemetery near Goreville. Military rites will be

accorded.

There will be a time of visitation from 11 A.M. until the time of service at 12 P.M. on Monday, March 10, 2025 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Friendship Baptist Church, 1635 Friendship Loop, Goreville, Illinois 62939, Springhill Baptist Church, 3599 Palzo Road, Creal Springs, Illinois 62922, the Shawnee Community College Foundation, 8364 Shawnee College Road, Ullin, Illinois 62992, or to John A. Logan Community College, 700 Logan College Drive, Carterville, Illinois 62918.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to the staff of Parkway Manor in Marion, Illinois for the loving and tender care which has been shown to Jack during the past two years while he was a resident in that facility.

# Cemetery Details

## Friendship Cemetery

1635 Friendship Loop  
Goreville, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Service

MAR 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

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## **Military Honors & Flag Presentation**

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MAR **10**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Friendship Cemetery  
1635 Friendship Loop  
Goreville, IL

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ So sorry to hear about Dr. Hill. He was such an honorable man. We had the pleasure of spending a lot of time with him at many functions through the college and other functions in years past. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Carol & Randy George - March 24, 2025 at 12:10 PM

JB

“ Jody Boner lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jack D. Hill



Jody Boner - March 22, 2025 at 03:01 PM

TH

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember Jack's radio show on WGGH-Marion, Illinois, and the little choo-choo train (staffed with his grandkids) he entered into parades when he was running for office. Great memories of a great man!

Tim Hastings - March 21, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ My husband and I were fortunate enough to hear Bro. Hill speak and sing, too. He was always so very kind and friendly. We express our deepest condolences to Jack's family and many friends. Bobby and Debbie

DEBBIE HORN - March 16, 2025 at 09:12 PM

LM

“ *My condolences to Mary and family. Dr. Hill was a well balanced decent man who accomplished much, making a difference in people lives. His honesty and integrity is a lighthouse for all of us to look up to. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

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**Larry Mizell** - March 12, 2025 at 02:38 PM

BR

“ *Betty And Bill Ryan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jack D. Hill*



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**Betty and Bill Ryan** - March 11, 2025 at 08:22 PM

SC

“ *Beth and Joe - We are so sorry for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories of your dad while at HCA. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Shawna Duke Cowsert*



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**Shawna Cowsert** - March 10, 2025 at 09:22 AM

GG

“ *Greenwold, Conerty, Ryne, Mandi, & girls purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Jack D. Hill.*



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**Greenwold, Conerty, Ryne, Mandi, & girls** - March 09, 2025 at 05:46 PM

TH

“ *Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jack D. Hill*



Tricia Hartline - March 09, 2025 at 09:29 AM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jack D. Hill*



John Slack - March 09, 2025 at 09:04 AM

TC

“ *Trademark Construction purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dr. Jack D. Hill.*



Trademark Construction - March 08, 2025 at 07:14 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jack D. Hill*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - March 08, 2025 at 04:13 PM