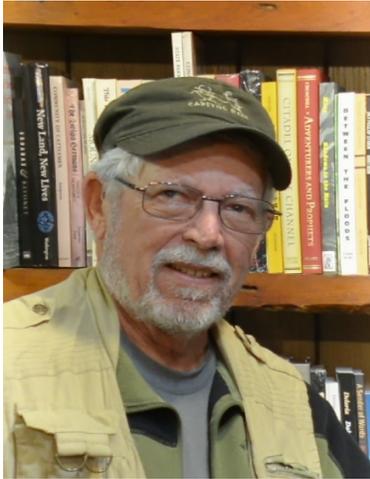


Hamilton Lee Hayes

## OBITUARY



Hamilton Lee Hayes transitioned from his body and went to the light on October 29, 2022, after a brief and sudden illness. He was 80 years old.

Hamilton (Ham) is survived by his loving wife and partner, Gloria (Glo) Harrison; son, Bradford Hayes and daughter-in-law Margie; daughter, Laura Miller and son-in-law Patrick; step daughter, Janna Cavanaugh and step son-in-law RJ; grandchildren; Carolyn, Brian and John, and step-grandchildren; Jordan, Rachel, Meghan, and Ryan (son of Glo's stepdaughter, Kerri). He was predeceased by his parents, Jack Hayes and Elizabeth Gentry, and a brother, Lamar Hayes.

Born in Rochester, NH on February 1, 1942, he spent most of his childhood in Palo Alto, CA, later moving to Austin, TX, where he graduated from Austin High School. Later, after graduating from M.I.T. with a degree in Geophysics, he spent the next 25 or so years in Holliston, Massachusetts, raising his family and developing a career in many aspects of the computer technology industry.

Hamilton moved west in 1992, meeting and later marrying his second wife, Glo, in 2002. Settling in Bellingham, WA in 1999, he and Glo found great joy in sailing the Pacific Coast waters of Puget Sound in *Piquero*, his 32 ft. sailboat. The sea was in Ham's soul, as was a love of knowledge, and throughout his life, he never stopped learning. Gifted with a great mind, he was a systems thinker able to see the bigger picture; a natural leader who could gently nudge others toward his views.

In his sunset years, Ham found his depth of wisdom and creativity. Having always valued service to his community and to humanity; his daily mantra, "I am here only to be truly helpful" led him to many opportunities to be of service, especially to children. International travel inspired him to raise funds for the building of a middle school in Cambodia (Bellingham Community School) and to work directly with the Arhuacan tribe in northern Colombia to help preserve their culture. At the time of his passing, he

was president of his H.O.A., as well as a volunteer teacher at Assumption Catholic School, just two of the many ways he served his local community. His love of photography led him to develop a program, IMAGEine MySelf, combining photography with self-discovery, now being delivered to middle school students.

His mission, shared with his wife, Glo, was to create a connected, compassionate community embracing love, compassion, non-judgment, acceptance, and always taking the high road - values that informed his life. His passing came too soon, and has left a big hole in the lives of his family, friends, and neighbors. What he stood for; however, will continue to inspire others. This is his legacy.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Details to be announced later, and/or contact Doug Banner at [dougbanner@comcast.net](mailto:dougbanner@comcast.net) for more information.