



## James W. "Jimmy" Hill

January 10, 1918 - April 22, 2014

Bluefield, WV – James W. “Jimmy” Hill of Union Street, Bluefield died Tuesday April 22, 2014 in a Beckley hospital

Born January 10, 1918 in Bluefield, WV, he was a son of the late James Martin Hill and Bessie Bowles Hill. Jimmy was a native of Bluefield and was a lifetime member of Trinity United Methodist Church where he served on the Council of Ministries, the Education Committee and the Pastor Parish Committee. He worked as a Merchandise Manager for Bluefield Supply Company for 44 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps where he had the distinction of being among the first troops to land on Japan near the Nagasaki area after the city was destroyed with the atomic bomb. He was discharged 1946 as Master Sergeant. Jimmy believed in being involved in his community. He was awarded the Riley-Vest Post No. 9 Distinguished Citizenship Award. He contributed more than 19,300 hours volunteering for 26 years at Bluefield Regional Medical Center and had a particular interest in the Lifeline Program; thus, earning him the nickname, Mr. Lifeline, installing 260 lifelines. Jimmy was a charter member of the Bluefield Civitan Club and served as president twice, and also served with the United Way. He helped with the Bluefield Community Christmas Tree for 47 years, and also volunteered with the Salvation Army for 67 years. He was a volunteer with the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce and was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by that institution in 1985.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife,

Hyacinth Hill and a daughter Debra Douthat brother, Roy E., Hill and sister, Virginia H. Jones.

Survivors include two daughters, Deedy Smith and her husband Terry of Rock Hill, SC and Ginny Hill of Bluefield, son-in-law David Douthat of Madison, AL, four grandchildren, Lori Stafford, Lisa Bradley, Ashby Gochenhour and Reid Douthat, five great grandchildren, Taylor Stafford, Colin Stafford, Benjamin Stafford, Celia Bradley and Isaiah Gochenhour.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday April 26, 2014 at 11:00 AM from the Mercer Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Susan Rector and Jimmy Hill officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10:00 AM until the service hour.

Burial will be at Monte Vista Park Cemetery where military graveside rites will be preformed by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers with honorary pallbearers being Joe Graham and Donald Farley.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial donation, if desired be made to Bluefield Salvation Army, 900 Highland Ave. Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of James W. "Jimmy" Hill.

# Cemetery Details

**Monte Vista Park Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

### Funeral Service

APR 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1231 West Cumberland Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mercer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James W. "Jimmy" Hill*



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**Mercer Funeral Home** - April 26, 2014 at 01:17 PM



“ *James W. "Jimmy" Hill*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *My memories of Jimmy were in CCU at Bluefield Regional, where for years Jimmy volunteered. When Jimmy was there I knew we would have a good day no matter how busy just because of his warm and funny presence. How he was loved by the staff and how he loved us. He kept our spirits up and told the best jokes. I can remember some of them quite well. I also thought the world of his precious wife. Jimmy touched so many lives in so many positive ways. I will always remember you Jim. Love, Crystal Green*

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**Crystal Green** - May 04, 2014 at 03:59 PM

MH

“ 8 files added to the album James Hill Flowers



Mercer Funeral Home - April 26, 2014 at 12:22 PM

CM

“ Jimmie was a true friend and a special person who always had a kind greeting and a smile. Our prayers are with the family and his extended family he had in so many places. Prayers, Revs. Charles and Sharon Miller oak Hill, WV.

Charles and Sharon Miller - April 26, 2014 at 07:47 AM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of James W. "Jimmy" Hill.



April 25, 2014 at 05:54 PM

JA

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Deedy and Ginny, and sorry for your lose. Your dad was a great friend to me and I will cherish all the laughs and time I spent with him. I am honored and a better person for having Jimmy in my life and his great family!*

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**Jack** - April 25, 2014 at 04:58 PM

TC

“ *Telemac Chryssikos purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of James W. "Jimmy" Hill.*



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**Telemac Chryssikos** - April 25, 2014 at 09:35 AM

KL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. May God comfort you all! Jim was a wonderful man and it was an honor to be his friend.*

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**Karla Long** - April 24, 2014 at 11:17 PM