



## Maurice "Pete" Hamp

April 15, 1949 - December 27, 2024

Maurice "Pete" Hamp, 75, affordable housing advocate, of Chicago's Graceland West neighborhood, passed away December 27, 2024.

Former President and Professional Representative who also sat on the Board of Directors for Voice of the People of Uptown. After 27 years he retired as an Employment Specialist at EZRA Multi -Service Center, an offshoot program of Jewish Vocational Services of Chicago.

Born and raised in a home of nine siblings in Tunica, Mississippi, Maurice graduated from Rosa Fort High School. He attended the University of Mississippi where he played the clarinet in the college band and studied accounting and broadcasting. It was here where he met his beloved wife Myra. The couple married and skipped out of Mississippi for Chicago where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Non-Profit Management from North Park University.

Maurice will be remembered for his LOVE of singing-- he sang all the time!

Beloved husband of 52 years to Myra. Devoted father of Myja, Marlon, and Marcus (Kelly Powers-Hamp). Proud grandfather of Eli Thelonious Hamp.

Brother of Dorothy (Zeno), Debra, Larry (Eugenia), Lamar, Ted, Ricky

(Sandra), and Philistia.

Preceded in death by his brother Johnny and parents Willie and Rose (nee McKnight) Hamp.

Visitation Saturday, January 4th from 1:00PM until 2:00PM at Lakeview Funeral Home 1458 West Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657. Service at 2:00PM, Repass from 2:30PM until 3:30PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to The American Heart Association: [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-318-1305 or [www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com](http://www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Lakeview Funeral Home  
1458 West Belmont Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60657

*Service will start promptly at 2:00PM*

## Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Lakeview Funeral Home  
1458 West Belmont Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60657

*Repass will follow the service and begin at 2:30PM until 3:30PM at Lakeview Funeral Home*

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Laverne Wright Harris lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Pete" Hamp*



**Laverne Wright Harris** - January 05, 2025 at 07:19 PM

EH

“ *Earlene Holloway lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Pete" Hamp*



**Earlene Holloway** - January 04, 2025 at 08:44 PM

EH

*I send my condolences to Maurice's family. Maurice was a classmate of mine at Rosa Fort High School in Tunica, MS. We graduated in 1967. God bless and keep you. My prayers are with you and may memories of him comfort you in times of sadness.*

**Earlene Holloway** - January 04, 2025 at 08:52 PM

LH

*My thoughts and prayers are with Maurice Hamp family*

**Laverne Wright Harris** - January 05, 2025 at 07:19 PM

MR

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Michael Rohrbeck - January 03, 2025 at 04:12 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Rohrbeck - January 03, 2025 at 03:36 PM

MR

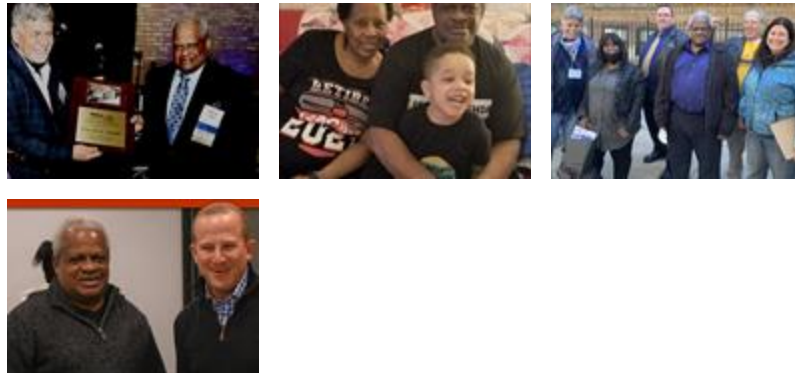
“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Michael Rohrbeck - January 03, 2025 at 03:33 PM

MR

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Michael Rohrbeck - January 03, 2025 at 03:16 PM

MR

To read more about Maurice's "Life Dedicated to Family and Community" on Voice of the People's web page, follow this link: <https://www.vophousing.com/maurice-hamp/>

Michael Rohrbeck - January 19, 2025 at 11:52 AM

SC

“ Sue C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice "Pete" Hamp.

Sue C. - January 03, 2025 at 02:24 PM

SC

“ Myra and family, I'm sorry for this loss. Maurice was the best of the best. I loved working with him at JVS. He was a guidepost for me as I was just starting out in life. He loved his family, he loved his friends, and he was an amazing human being. I will always keep his memory close to my heart. May you find comfort in your memories with him during this hard time. - Sue Crowley

Susan Crowley - January 03, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maurice "Pete" Hamp.

January 01, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Maurice "Pete" Hamp.



January 01, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ This one is tough for me.  
It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of our beloved friend, Maurice.  
We are heartbroken by this loss but take comfort in the wonderful memories we shared. We go back many years and the memories are unforgettable years of fun, foolishness and the breakdown to seriousness. We were both in Rosa Fort High School's Band, in the result of that, we both had a music scholarship to go to college, I will miss our conversations! Glad we were close. We will truly miss you  
Sincerely,  
Melvin & Reneé Taylor

Melvin Taylor - January 01, 2025 at 01:01 AM

DJ

*It is with heartfelt sadness of the passing of my dear cousin Maurice. We grew up as brother and sister even though we were cousins. We grew up in the Mississippi Delta and enjoyed growing up and attending Rosa Fort High School. At sometimes I visited him at Ole Miss where he played in the band and was the first Black in the band. Love and he will be missed. Love always, Doris Norwood Jernigan ❤️*

**Doris Norwood Jernigan** - January 01, 2025 at 01:18 PM

FR

*Some friends are for a season and some are for a lifetime. Maurice was one of my lifetime friends. We attended Rosa Fort High School in Tunica, Mississippi. He was one of the kindest young man I knew and we became very close. I will always remember him. Rest in peace, my lifetime friend.*

*I will be praying for Mrs. Hamp, the children and the entire family. Weeping may endure for only a night, but joy WILL COME in the morning.*

**Flo Roach** - January 01, 2025 at 08:22 PM



*My condolences to the family. I remember Maurice from working together at JVS. He was a very positive helpful resource. I will miss him even though it had been too long since I communicated with him. I know you lost a very special person. Rest in peace. JN 5:28-29*

**Kathleen Lynch** - January 02, 2025 at 07:55 PM

EG

“ *Erma Woods Guyton lit a candle in memory Maurice "Pete" Hamp*



**Erma Guyton** - December 31, 2024 at 06:22 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with Maurice at EZRA Multi-Service Center, where he proved to be an incredible human being and a true champion for those facing difficult times. Rarely have I encountered someone with such a big heart and unwavering persistence to guide and uplift others. Even after we stopped working together in 2012, Maurice would still reach out occasionally with a kind and thoughtful message on Facebook, a testament to his caring nature. My heart goes out to his entire family—I know how truly special he was. Thank you for sharing him with all of us. May his memory forever be a blessing.

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**Sara Shapiro Jiménez** - December 31, 2024 at 05:34 PM

JJ

“ Myra, please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your husband. His love and guidance will forever be a part of you, and his memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. “May the Lord give you and family comfort and peace in your time of bereavement” Your friend James A Daniel III

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**James A Daniel III** - December 31, 2024 at 04:57 PM

FG

Mrs Hamp,  
You are in my prayers and thoughts. May God give you strength and peace. Amen...  
Faye W. Grady

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**FAYE GRADY** - December 31, 2024 at 11:08 PM

GC

“ Myra Praying for you and your family.  
Gwendolyn Coleman 🙏

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**Gwendolyn C. Coleman** - December 31, 2024 at 10:28 AM

MT

*This one is tough for me. It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of our beloved friend, Maurice. We are heartbroken by this loss but take comfort in the wonderful memories we shared. We were both in Rosa Fort's High School Band. In the result of that, we both received music scholarships to go college. I will miss our conversations! He was such a Kind, compassionate & loving friend. So glad we're were close! We will truly miss you!*  
*Sincerely, Melvin & Reneé Taylor*

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**Melvin Taylor** - December 31, 2024 at 06:01 PM

DD

“*Firstly, I want to extend my sincere condolences to Myra and the family. I met Maurice in the Fall of 1967 at Ole Miss. We were Freshmen.*

*Maurice, along with Anne Withers were the first African American students to occupy a seat in the University of Mississippi Marching Band, under the direction of Dr. James Ferguson. Maurice was also one of the first African American students to be selected into the University's Naval ROTC Program. He was also in the first wave of Black Student to enter the College of Business, studying accounting.*

*Before leaving Ole Miss, Maurice would become the FIRST African American selected for entry into the campus Music Honorary Society.*

*"Hamp", as we called him, was a true PATHFINDER and TRAILBLAZER at the University of Mississippi in the late 1960's. He was an authentic original person. To his longtime friends, He was GOLDEN.*

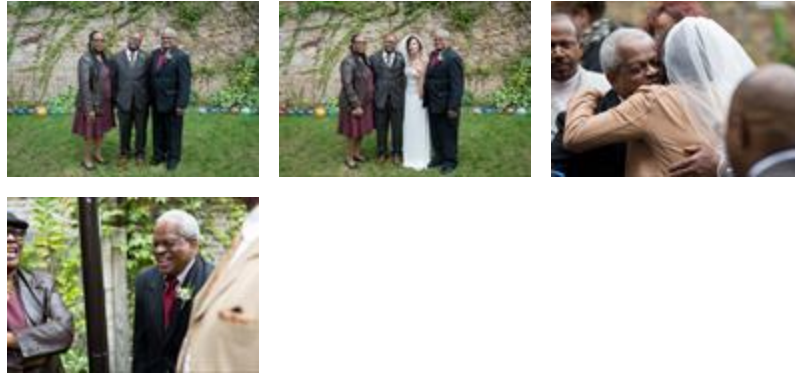
*Rest-In-Peace, My Friend*

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**Donald Dickerson** - December 31, 2024 at 01:00 AM

KP

“ *A wonderful grandfather and father in law. He will be so missed.* ”



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**Kelly Powers-Hamp** - December 30, 2024 at 12:22 AM

JB

“ *Joseph L. Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Maurice "Pete" Hamp* ”



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**Joseph L. Brown** - December 29, 2024 at 09:33 PM

JB

“ *Joseph L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Pete" Hamp* ”



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**Joseph L. Brown** - December 29, 2024 at 09:27 PM

JB

*Life teaches us to ",Let Go And Let God". God is our all and all.*

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**Joseph L. Brown** - December 29, 2024 at 09:31 PM

TW

*I so sorry for loss . I know the Lord is with all way. Terry Williamson*

**Terry Williamson** - December 30, 2024 at 05:11 PM

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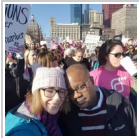
*Condolences to family and friends. Maurice forced me practice my clarinet in school, he is still best clarintist that i grow up with. I remember first meeting Myra and knew it was a match made in heaven. Maurice had a great heart and was a great friend. He will so be missed*

**Octavia Kinchloe** - December 30, 2024 at 05:59 PM

JB

“ *Maurice was one of the first students to join the Rosa Fort Band program. He became first chair clarinet player and scored superior ratings each year at Mississippi State Band festival. In 1967 he became the first Black student to perform in the university of Miss Band. He was a musical perfectionist. Peace and . Blessings to the family*

**Joseph L. Brown** - December 29, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ *5 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Marcus Hamp** - December 29, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Team Inclusive Funeral Care** - December 29, 2024 at 02:23 PM

EB

*Mr. Maurice Hamp, former President of Voice of the People for Affordable Housing in Uptown Chicago was a Mentor and Friend to me. I spent hours on the phone when he resigned and i was asked to succeed Maurice to be President. Its Poetic Justice that we closed on the HUPA project the will rehab 5 of our Building and 103 units of housing with our housing partners POAH a 25 million project that he helped VOP make happen. My sincere condolences to Ms, Myra Hamp, Myja, Marlon, Marcus and Eli and the entire family on behalf of the Board if Directors, Staff and our impotant Residents. Blessing Eric Butler Sr, Voice of the People President.*

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**eric butler** - December 31, 2024 at 03:48 PM