

# Press Release

## Tipton Community School Corporation

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#### Gift of Musical Instruments from Mr. Kenneth Hamilton

August 21, 2018

Mr. Kenneth Hamilton was born in Tipton, IN in 1922, and was a graduate of Tipton High School. While at Tipton High School he played trumpet in the band, and was the Grand Marshall. Ken also played the Flugelhorn, but never took lessons.

While in high school, Ken formed his own dance band which played at various music halls, and at high school dances in

Northern Indiana. Once, he left his only white shirt at the school where the band was playing. When he realized where he had left it, the band drove back to the school and broke in to retrieve the shirt!

While in high school he studied at Jordon School of Music. He likely took the bus or hitched a ride from Tipton to Indianapolis, as he did not have a car.

After graduating from high school he joined the Air Force. He was a pilot in the Army Air Corp, and flew reconnaissance missions over Japan after World War II to see if Japan was rearming. He always had his trumpet with him, and likely played in pick up bands, and for his own enjoyment. The trumpet you are now playing has been all over the world!

Ken was a high energy and fun guy with a great sense of humor. Ken was also a businessman. After leaving the service, he started Hamilton Displays in Indianapolis.

Mr. Hamilton died on April 8, 2018 and to honor his memory, his accomplishments, and love of trumpet music, his wife, Barbara is donating his trumpet and flugelhorn to Tipton High School for use by other young musicians at Tipton High School who share his passion.

Mr. Rik Stillson, THS Principal stated "We would like to thank Barbara Hamilton for her donation of her husband's, Ken Hamilton, trumpet and flugelhorn. We are always thankful and appreciative of our alumni giving back to THS. The horns will be put to good use and will be a source of pride for our band members that will play them."

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