

Vita

Jean Shepherd Hamm was born in Whitetop, Virginia to Billie R. and Geneva B. Shepherd. She has three talented younger brothers. After graduating from high school in Smyth County, Virginia, Jean received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Radford University. Jean is married to Robert Hamm, and they are the parents of two daughters, Joy and Courtney.

Jean has been a high school English teacher for more than thirty years and serves on the adjunct faculty of local colleges. This work not only was a labor of love, it completes the requirements for her Doctorate in Education, fulfilling a life-long dream.