



William "Bill" York

August 4, 1952 - August 21, 2016

William "Bill" Marion York, 64, of Kennesaw passed away Sunday, August 21, 2016.

Bill was born on August 4, 1952 and was the eldest son of the late Gus York Jr. and Margaret Brandenburg York. He was born in Rome but he and his family moved to Shannon, Carrollton, Athens, Macon, and finally arrived in Waycross. Bill, his sister Eleanor and brother Jim all attended Waycross High School. All of the moves led to a deep and abiding love for the State of Georgia. He spent his life working in and for the people of Georgia. Bill graduated from Georgia Tech in 1974. He was a true sports fanatic and loved his Yellow Jackets and Atlanta Braves. He stuck by his teams through winning and losing, preferring the good times and even sticking his hand through a ceiling fan when he jumped up with excitement over the Braves pennant win. He did not believe in the ideals of the fair weather fan, he was loyal to his teams, a trait that carried over into his relationships with family and friends.

In 1975, he married the love of his life, Maria "Ria" Fili. They had three daughters together, Meredith, Elizabeth and Catherine. Bill was always very proud of his girls. He loved to brag to anyone and everyone all about what his girls were up to. Bill was a strong man of faith who treasured his relationship with his Lord and Savior. He was active in his community and in his church.

Bill was diagnosed with colon cancer in May of 2012. Many times over the last four years, the doctors told him he only had a few months left. They did not know how stubborn and tenacious Bill could be. He fought for everyday that the Lord gave him and lived each one to the fullest. He was a walking miracle many times over. His family lost track of the number of times the doctors told them this was the end, but each time Bill and the Lord had different plans.

On June 18th 2016, Bill went to the hospital with side effects from the chemo drugs. He had been hospitalized since as he fought to recover, but his gastro-intestinal track had been very compromised from his long battle. He made the decision on August 17th that he

wanted to come home. Bill left the hospital that night and was so happy to be home. He got to spend time with his puppies. He also got to see his fruit trees in his victory garden. For his last few days he was surrounded by his A-Team: Ria, Meredith, Elizabeth, and Catherine. They were also very blessed to have the honorary A-Team member, his sister Eleanor, there with them. Bill was comfortable, peaceful, and thankfully without pain. On Sunday afternoon he quietly went home to the Lord.

Bill knew he was blessed and lived his life as a blessed man. He is survived by Ria, his wife of 40 years and three daughters, Meredith, Elizabeth and her husband Sean Powell, and Catherine; his sister, Eleanor and her husband Mark Easterlin; his brother, James and his wife Theresa York; and many more loved ones and friends. He touched many lives and will be truly missed.

A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00 am Thursday August 25th at Cheatham Hill Memorial Park Cemetery in Marietta. Following the service the family will receive friends from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in Marietta.

In lieu of flowers, a Memorial Account in Bill York's name has been opened at any Wells Fargo Bank to assist with the expenses from his long term illness. Please request to make a donation to the "Bill York Benefit Donation Fund".

www.mayeswarddobbins.com

770-428-1511

Cemetery

Events

Cheatham Hill Memorial Park

1861 Dallas Hwy SW

Marietta, GA, 30064

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Graveside Service

11:00AM

Cheatham Hill Memorial Park

1861 Dallas Hwy SW, Marietta, GA, US, 30064

Comments



“ My deepest condolences to the family please be assured that this is not God's purpose for to lose a dear loved one in death. When such a loss happens it is understandable one may ponder the question, Why? In times such as these I draw comfort from the following Bible passages that will supply needed comfort and hope: Psalms 34:18,19, Jeremiah 29:11,12 and Rev. 21:3,4.

rw - August 30, 2016 at 01:23 PM



“ Dear Ria and ladies, Please know how sorry we are for your loss. Bill truly was a wonderful "cousin-in-law". We know he is missed but probably really surprised Aunt Florrie when he showed up in heaven. Love through Christ, Joan & John Berry

JOAN BERRY - August 27, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ I was a classmate of Eleanor's in Waycross. Bill was a very nice friend. To the family may God comfort you. Bill will be missed but he is with his Heavenly Father.

Terry Varnadore - August 26, 2016 at 07:44 AM



“ Prayers for the York family. We are former high school classmates of Bill's. May God Bless. Sammy and Bonnie Gaskins

Sammy snd Bonnie Gaskins - August 25, 2016 at 06:31 PM



“ Bill and I were teammates on the Waycross High School track team. Bill displayed a lot of guts and commitment at every practice and in every meet. He always gave his best.

Winston Lee - August 25, 2016 at 01:45 PM



“ I am so glad that I got to know Bill when he was working in Waycross on the Phoenix Project. He was a delight and such a gentlemen. My condolences to his family and friends. Connie Oliver

Connie Oliver - August 25, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ From my first meeting with Bill (as a 1972 Iota Pi Kappa Phi pledge), to crossings paths in economic development activities to his last email, the quality, integrity, determination, and character (combined with a bit of fun) shone through. His firm handshake, caring questions about family updates and sense of purpose are what I remember so well. He cared so much about his family. Bill and I were in 100% agreement about the pleasures of watching/raising/losing hair over three daughters becoming great women AND Georgia Tech. We always agreed that Ma Tech (as Bill would say to me) taught us so much more beyond the classroom settings.

A great man who taught me it is right to stand for principles in business, family life, and friendship.

Sincere, heartfelt prayers for Bill and his family.

Bill Bryant

Bill Bryant - August 25, 2016 at 08:27 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" York.



August 24, 2016 at 01:20 PM



“ Mayor and Council, the City of Harlem, GA purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of William "Bill" York.



Mayor and Council, the City of Harlem, GA - August 24, 2016 at 10:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" York.



August 24, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ Truly godly,gentle giant of a man, with a presence and a balance like few I've ever met. Thoughts and prayers for his family and friends.
At your service,
Ted Lawson

Ted Lawson - August 24, 2016 at 07:25 AM



“ A wonderful,wise man of God that The Lord truly used to do Kingdom work. He was instrumental in our lives and he will be truly missed. I would love to share our testimony with his family one day. May God bring peace and comfort to you all. Rest assured the Lord has prepared a marvelous place for him now! May God truly Bless you all in your time of need. Lifting you up to the Comforter.

Robin Layton - August 24, 2016 at 06:55 AM



“ So sorry to hear about this. I often think about Bill and his commitment to his Lord. This world lost a good one. But, we know where this servant is. Well done good and faithful servant.

robert hay - August 23, 2016 at 11:44 PM



“ Bill and I worked together for many years. First when he was with Oglethorpe Power and I at the Department of Industry and Trade then later as a consultant. He was always so pleasant and professional. Our only disagreement was on sports teams.... RIP friend. Sending prayers for peace to the family. Wendy Leverett, Lincolnton, Georgia

Wendy Leverett - August 23, 2016 at 07:18 PM



“ A good man gone way too soon. Praying for you all.
Greg Griggs

Greg - August 23, 2016 at 05:33 PM



“ stephen neff purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" York.



stephen neff - August 23, 2016 at 05:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" York.



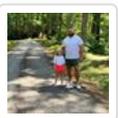
August 23, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" York.



August 23, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ The world lost a wonderful man this week. Bill was honest, hard working, loving, intelligent, and kind.

I was fortunate enough to get to know him, not only as a colleague, but as a friend over the years. Bill was much more than a business partner, he was a mentor and a role model.

You fought the good fight, Bill. Rest easy now.

Clay Turner

Clay Turner - August 23, 2016 at 01:26 PM



“ I worked with Bill while in Lincoln County and he was such a kind person and always had the most positive attitude. I will never forget him taking me under his wing as a young professional fresh out of college. He was supportive of me when no one else was. I considered Bill and colleague, mentor and most importantly a friend. I hope he knows what an inspiration he was to those who had the privilege of knowing him. Bill, you will be greatly missed! Rest in peace my friend!

Sincerely,
Ashley Swain

Ashley Swain - August 23, 2016 at 12:53 PM



“ Good guy and a good football player
Loved his family
Can you send me a link to Memorial Fund
Harold Smith

Harold Smith - August 23, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ Donations can be made by check made out to the 'Memorial Account for Bill York' and dropped off at any Wells Fargo location or mailed to P.O. Box 3056 Marietta, GA 30061. Unfortunately there is not a way to donate online. Thank you so much for your generosity. We are overwhelmed by the love and support we have received from everyone who cared for Bill.

Ria York - August 24, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ Ria, Meredith, Elizabeth and Catherine,

I worked with Bill at Oglethorpe Power and even after Bill left OPC we kept in touch for many years. Bill and I always enjoyed talking sports -- especially college football. Bill did love the Jackets and was a proud Tech Man. Bill made friends with everyone he met, and I consider myself fortunate to be one of those friends he made along the way. My deepest sympathy for your loss, and I pray that your memories of your beloved husband and father will bring you comfort during the days and weeks ahead.

Dennis Chastain

Dennis Chastain - August 23, 2016 at 08:34 AM



“ Dear Family,

So sorry to hear of your loss. Bill and went to high school and played football together. I know he has told you all how good as center he was(he was a good player and certainly as with all things he did very dedicated) . We have stayed in touch when possible and I will miss his friendship. You all brought great joy to him and you will continue to.

RIP Bill
Harold Smith
Waycross High Class of 70

Harold Smith - August 23, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the entire York family. I have fond memories of meeting Mr. York on a couple occasions and witnessed and admired the evident strong bonds of love he had for his family and that you had for him. I pray for comfort and peace for you all.

Clinton Aldridge - August 23, 2016 at 09:53 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the entire family. I will always remember Bill as one of the elder statesmen of the Pi Kapp house at Georgia Tech. I have nothing but fond memories of Bill from those days.

Jose Fernandez
Georgia Tech 77

jose fernandez - August 23, 2016 at 10:13 AM



“ Ria and family, sorry hear of your loss. May God give you His peace. Yours in Christ,
Grisela Pickett

Grisela Pickett - August 23, 2016 at 02:39 PM



“ Eleanor, old friend, I extend deepest sympathy to you and to Bill's family. May the peace of the Lord be with you all. Claudia Register WHS class of 1972
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claudia register - August 23, 2016 at 08:15 PM



“ With glassy eyes, I want to thank you Bill for being instrumental in changing the lives of me and my family as well as everyone who works here at Adrenaline Powerboats. You came into our lives at a Divinely ordained time to help us do the impossible and to orchestrate one of Gods miracles in our lives. There is no doubt that you are one of the most instrumental people I have ever met. Thank you Bill for all you did for us. I will see you again my friend!

Mike Layton - August 24, 2016 at 06:08 AM



“ Eleanor, may Gods mercy, grace and love surround you and your family during the loss of your Godly brother.

Robert Gattis-Class of 72.

Robert Gattis - August 25, 2016 at 04:22 PM



“ Bill was a dedicated Sunday School teacher and elder. While I'm saddened to hear of his death, I rejoice in the rich contributions he made to his church, associates, and family.

Rev. Don Esa - September 03, 2016 at 02:53 PM