



William Thomas "Bill" Duncan Sr.

February 18, 1932 - April 29, 2015

William Thomas Duncan, Sr., 83, passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. A native of Buncombe County, NC, Mr. Duncan was a resident of Kennesaw, GA.

A Memorial Service will be held 4:00 p.m. Friday at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in Marietta.

Whether you knew him as "Tommy" or "Bill," or "Mr. Bill," you knew him as a man of kindness, integrity, strength and graciousness. He was, indeed, a man of few words, but those words were carefully chosen, direct and to the point. He was wise and thoughtful and often saw the irony or humor in situations. He never missed an opportunity to exercise his considerable wit.

He loved and cared deeply about all the people in his life and showed that love in his own way. Whether you were a new acquaintance or a dear friend, you got the same generosity of Duncan spirit and hospitality.

A veteran of the Korean War and Viet Nam conflict, he retired from the United States Air Force at the rank of E-9, Chief Master Sergeant. His years in service to his country taught him discipline, duty and a love for this great country. He continued that service, spending more than 20 years with the Federal Aviation Administration, most recently as the manager of the Flight Standards District Office in Atlanta, GA, from which he also retired. Not content to be idle, he then started his own aviation consulting company, Worldwide Aviation. He loved airplanes and the freedom associated with them. He loved his work and could proudly tell you every detail about the mechanical operations of any airplane he had ever worked with. He knew the work he did was important and he never took that responsibility lightly.

He dearly loved his family and close friends. He was always interested in the events and achievements of his children, grandchildren, siblings, and children of his loving companion, Pat Hobby. Oh, and just about everyone else, too.

He dearly loved his homestead by the lake that he created with his own hands. The place he called home was lovingly tended and shaped into a beautiful and gracious home and grounds, where family and friends were always welcome. If you didn't find him in the house (often watching/arguing with Fox News), you would find him on his tractor or some other machine, taking care of outside chores.

Survivors include siblings Roy Duncan, Marie Sanford Joe Duncan, Linda Duncan Bowyer and Norma Duncan Roberson, of North Carolina. He is also survived by children Donna Duncan Fishel (Craig), of Springfield, MO; William Thomas Duncan, Jr. (Spring), of Woodbridge, Va, their mother Betty J. Duncan of Marietta; children Beth Duncan (Chandra), of Woodstock, Ga, and Chuck Earp (Suzanne) of Marietta, Ga; his loving companion Pat Hobby and her family; four grandchildren William Thomas Duncan, III, Wade Duncan, Lyndie Fishel and Maggie Duncan; two great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and many close friends and loved ones he considered family. He is preceded in death by Jeannie Elizabeth Duncan, mother of Chuck and Beth. He was truly a loving father, brother, uncle, companion and friend and will be sorely missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, 3343 Peachtree Road, NE #M20, Atlanta, GA 30326.

Family will receive friends 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Friday prior to the service at the funeral home.

www.mayeswarddobbins.com

770-428-1511

Cemetery

Georgia National Cemetery
1080 Veterans Cemetery Rd.
Canton, GA,

Events

MAY 1 Visitation 03:00PM - 04:00PM

Historic Marietta Chapel
180 Church Street NE, Marietta, GA, US, 30060

MAY 1 Memorial Service 04:00PM

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Comments



“ I met Bill while working in the airline industry. Bill was already retired from the FAA, he helped us sell some of our MD80's where I was assigned to provide support to him and the TEAM. He was great to work with, always had a smile on his face, making sure to recognize you. After he left we kept in contact, one day asking if I was ever interested in the FAA - which I was. Bill made some contacts, and with the help of several other key FAA personnel that I had been working with, put in a good word and a reference. It is now over 8 years for me with the FAA, incredible journey.

Bill has touched so many people, providing mentoring, and insight that a true generous of heart man does. He is a great man and a little bit of him continues in all he has touched. Thanks Bill.

John Endicott, II - September 18, 2015 at 06:44 AM



“ Bill was a close neighbor for over 17 years and he was always ready to lend a helping hand. He will surely be missed by all of us. The McCrite family.

Eric McCrite - May 08, 2015 at 10:50 AM



“ Debi Londono lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "Bill" Duncan Sr.



Debi Londono - May 02, 2015 at 04:02 PM



“ The Atlanta Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Thomas "Bill" Duncan Sr..



The Atlanta Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) - May 01, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Bill" Duncan Sr..



April 30, 2015 at 07:36 PM



“ I can remember several trips I made with Bill to various locations in the good old C-124. He was very professional and a very good friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Duncan family. CMSgt (ret) Pete Jordan Warner Robins Ga.

Pete Jordan - April 30, 2015 at 06:29 PM



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April 30, 2015 at 10:52 AM



“ As a life long friend of Chuck, I had many opportunities to be around Mr. Bill and the rest of the family. Bill was a gentle man and always had a nice thing to say to me. We both enjoyed kidding Chuck and I found him to have a great sense of humor! Bill was a good man that served his country and family with great care and honor. He will be missed by many!

God Bless to the family...my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Ted Wheeler

Ted Wheeler - April 30, 2015 at 08:53 AM



“ Beth and family,
May God's comfort and strength be with you during this difficult time. We are extremely sorry for your great loss!



Gary & Cheryl Marr - April 30, 2015 at 12:25 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gus J. Vasquez - April 29, 2015 at 09:33 PM



“ Bill was an extremely knowledgeable and sincere man. We had plenty of things in common and I always enjoyed his company. He will be missed. May he rest in peace. Till we meet again. My condolences to his family.

Gus J. Vasquez - April 29, 2015 at 09:38 PM



“ Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with you all during this time of great loss! We shall never forget "Bill"!

Olin and BettyRose Colwell

Box 31085,
Sea Island, Ga. 31561

Olin B. Colwell - April 30, 2015 at 06:32 AM



“ Beth and Family,
Our most sincere sympathy goes out to you and your family. Bill was a very special neighbor and we will miss our "middle of the road" chats as he was coming and going. He was always willing to help, especially when it involved his tractor. We were so very lucky to have known him and will miss him dearly.

Julia and Mike McC Carson - April 30, 2015 at 07:53 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Bill was a good man, may His peace comfort you today and all days. You will be in my thoughts & prayers.

Mary (Danny) Moon

Mary Moon - April 30, 2015 at 08:29 AM



“ As I look back over the years I recall many great experiences flying all over the world with Bill. I remember him as an exemplary Senior NCO who set a very professional example for junior-grade NCOs and Airmen.

Although we lost contact over the years I've never forgotten our experiences together, especially one at the NCO Club at Torrejon Air Base, Spain. Bill was known for his excellence in dress, never showing up with even a spot of anything on his clothes. That night, however, he ordered spare ribs and dropped them on his nice blazer. He just laughed and made a joke of it and kept right on eating, saying they were worth it!

My sympathy and prayers are with you all.

Chief MSgt USAF (ret) Clifford L.Cobb

CMsgt Clifford L. Cobb - April 30, 2015 at 02:13 PM