



Bill R. Dover

June 17, 1948 - March 30, 2023

Bill Dover, age 74, of Newnan, GA passed into glory March 30, 2023 after a year long battle with cancer. Bill was known for his jovial spirit, outgoing personality, infectious laugh, and for his kindness to everyone. He grew up the son of a Baptist preacher and was one of nine kids. He came up in the old way, with a love for God, his country, and for honor.

Bill fell in love with his high school sweetheart Kay Herrin in the halls of East Rowan High School in Salisbury, NC. After graduating, Bill enlisted in the US Marine Corps and Kay went off to college, but a year later they were married and moved to Washington, DC where Bill served as an assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff at Headquarters, USMC.

Bill was an exceptional salesperson! He worked in the manufactured housing and home improvement industries and consistently set new sales records. He was an equally talented manager, worked in upper level management, and started several businesses. His true passion was law enforcement. He dedicated 28 years of volunteer service to the Rowan County Sheriff's office where he achieved the rank of Captain over the Special Deputies Division and was a member of the Special Response Unit. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Salisbury where he served as a Deacon, Trustee, and Sunday School teacher. He was a member of the Eureka Masonic Lodge in China Grove, and was a Shriner.

Bill spent his later years as a Private Investigator in Salisbury until his retirement in 2018 when he and Kay relocated to Newnan, GA to be near to their grandchildren. In Newnan, he was a faithful member of Calvary Chapel Church. He loved the Lord and enjoyed studying the Bible, gospel singings, and good preaching.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents Odell and Jean Dover, along with several beloved siblings, two children in Heaven, Meredith Diane and William Clark; father-in-law Gerald Herrin. He is survived by his loving wife Kay; son, Joel and daughter-in-law, Kimberly; three grandchildren, Megan, Jake, and Allison; three sisters, Susan (Gaylan) Drye, Brenda Evans, and Fran (Ron) Barton; a mother-in-law that he loved relentlessly, Bonnie Herrin; three sisters-in-law, Denise (Charles) Moody, Lou Anne (Rich) Erdman, and Jane (Tom) Dickens, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Bill was a wonderful person, a great friend, a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He made sure to tell others how much he loved them, and to show love with selfless acts of service. He was honest, kind, loyal to a fault, and a man of his word...always faithful!

A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Salisbury, NC on April 15th at 11am and will be officiated by his son, Dr. Joel Dover. A reception will follow for family and friends. Bill's remains will be placed at the columbarium on the church grounds in a private ceremony with his family. Arrangements are being handled by McKoon in Newnan. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Calvary Chapel Newnan Building Fund, PO Box 2466 Newnan, GA 30264. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Creamtory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Salisbury
223 N. Fulton Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

TM

“ So very sorry for your loss. Praying for you all during this time.

Tami Manross - April 05, 2023 at 04:05 PM

SW

“ Kay, Bill will truly be missed; he was so special and loved by many. May God be with you at this time and give you HIS strength. Love you my friend.

Sheron Wyzisk - April 04, 2023 at 08:23 AM

MK

“ Kay, May the love of family and friends and your treasured memories help you find the strength to face each day. God bless you and comfort you. With heartfelt condolences from Phil and Mary Sue Kepley

Mary Sue Kepley - April 01, 2023 at 04:37 PM

WM

“ Kay, Joel and all of the Dover Family. We are sorry to hear about Bill's passing. I know he will be missed. This last year has been hard on all of you. But, we rejoice that he is now in Jesus's arms. We love you. Wayne and Gail Mosher

Wayne Mosher - April 01, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bill R. Dover.*



April 01, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ *Bill and Kay were great encouragers to me when I went through a very difficult time in life. Bill advised me like a father. Kay loved me like a mama! I am so sad at Bills passing for Kay because they were truly of one accord. I know his whole family will miss him and his many gifts and talents. I am grateful he knew the Lord and shone His glory around the rest of us very well. See you soon Bill-we miss you.*

Susanna B - April 01, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *Very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great person and a very good mentor to me in the past. Our prayers go out to Kay and the family.*

*Doug & Julie Bare
Rockwell, NC*



Doug Bare - April 01, 2023 at 11:01 AM

DW

“ Bill was a wonderful person. I knew Bill as a friend and business associate. He will will be missed but will always be in our hearts and minds as an exceptional person. I pray for the family and feel honored that I had the pleasure of meeting Bill. We talked veteran experiences, joked, laughed, and shared some good friendship. Take care in heaven Bill!

Darrell R Wilson - April 01, 2023 at 08:54 AM

SA

“ The Rowan County Sheriff's Office would like to send our condolences and prayers to the family. Bill's service to the county for all those years was such a wonderful asset to our community. If we here at the RCSO can do anything please let us know. Our Honor Guard would be available if needed. Sheriff-Travis Allen.

Sheriff Travis Allen - April 01, 2023 at 07:09 AM

LK

“ For 25 years you were always there for me, Bill. I missed you the most when I moved back to Alabama. I will miss your jokes, surprise phone calls to check on me, and the best surprise ever was when you and Kay came to visit me. I was over the moon to see you both. I will cherish every happy memory your friendship gave to me. Your faith in God and the times you prayed with me through some of the toughest times of my life will never be forgotten. I will miss your laughter, your good advice, your jokes and your emails with a good spiritual video of your favorite songs you shared with me. Your love for your family and the way your eyes would light up when you talked about Kay and how proud you were of Joel and those grandkids who you adored. I thank God that you let me be a small part of your life for way to short of a time. May that same God who let us have you be there now for Kay, and your family and all of us who loved you so much. See ya soon, my dear friend.

Lynda Kirkpatrick - April 01, 2023 at 05:39 AM

HF

“ Bill was one of the most loving, giving and generous people ever. He was also as much a Godly and Gentle Soul who shared his Faith and wanted everyone to know God's love. Herman and I have cherished every minute spent with Bill and Kay especially in these last 2 and a half months. His first and foremost concern was about Kay. He knew Joel would take care of his family and Kay but still had that Genuine Love from deep down for Kay and her future without him. Bill will be so missed by us and oh so many others. As I have described him... To know him is to love him. And for those just meeting him it wouldn't take long for him to steal your heart. R.I.P. our dear cousin and friend. We are holding you dear in our hearts.

Herman and Greta Fortenberry - March 31, 2023 at 07:15 PM

PE

So sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. Prayers for Kay and Joel and their families. May he R.I.P.

Patty Erdman - March 31, 2023 at 07:35 PM

JH

My thoughts & Prayers go out to the Dover family during this time of loss. May God give you the strength & support needed to get through this time & the days to follow. Noble Bill, RIP, Job well Done.

Jim Hartline - March 31, 2023 at 09:27 PM

RR

What a dear friend Bill was to me and so very many others. He will surely be missed but never forgotten. My thoughts and prayer to the family for their loss. We will all meet again when our time comes. God bless the family and friends. Be at peace. God is good.
Ruth Reynolds

Ruth Reynolds - April 01, 2023 at 12:00 PM

SS

Kay I just read about the loss of your Bill, I am so sorry. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Joel and your entire family. I am so grateful for the day that God blessed me with our meeting each other in the crowded Newk's; enjoyed talking with both of you and Bill was so easy talking to and you & I have stayed in touch since then; was sad when I heard of his health problems but have had you & your family in my thoughts and prayers since then. May God give you His Peace and Comfort as only He can at such a time as this. Will hold you in my thoughts and prayers now and in the days and months ahead. Love You, Syble Storey

Syble Storey - April 01, 2023 at 03:30 PM

LF

“ *Bill was a good and faithful servant and I'm sure the angels are singing and welcomed the Marine home. Sending prayers to Kay, Joel and the family*

Larry Flannery - March 31, 2023 at 03:41 PM

JO

“ *Our deepest condolences and sympathy to the family.*

Monroe County E911 Forsyth, GA

Junika Owens - March 31, 2023 at 01:50 PM

RL

“ *Sending love to Kay and Joel during this time. Bill was such an amazing fella. He and Kay were some of our first friends upon my moving to Salisbury and joining the church. They were always faithful servants and just good people. Bill and Kay have always been there to offer support- whether it was a kind word, a prayer, help with selling or buying a home, or just sharing a great time, laugh or activity. I love and appreciate them both. They are such treasures and have been a blessing in my life. I rejoice in knowing that he was welcomed into his heavenly home. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Much Love. ~Rebecca Lundy*

Rebecca Lundy - March 31, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bill R. Dover.*



March 31, 2023 at 12:25 PM