



John Bayless Williams

September 30, 1945 - June 14, 2013

John Bayless Williams (JB), 67, of Newnan, GA passed away Friday, June 14, 2013. He was born September 30, 1945, to Mary Robertson Williams & Dean Edwards Williams of Boston, Massachusetts.

JB attended Georgia Military Academy (now Woodward Academy) as a boarding student, graduating in 1964. Afterwards he attended the University of Georgia, where he received a BS Degree in chemistry, graduating in 1968. While at Georgia, JB was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity where he served as Treasurer.

Following graduation in 1968, JB married his college sweetheart, Louise Beavers, of Newnan.

Soon afterwards JB was accepted to Marine Officers Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. Upon graduation he was awarded the rank of Second Lieutenant and subsequently completed a thirteen month tour of duty in Viet Nam as an artillery officer. Upon fulfilling his obligation to the Marine Corps, JB was honorably discharged in 1971, having attained the rank of Captain.

In 1980 JB started his own company, MedRep Incorporated, which specializes in providing lab products that apply to life science departments in universities, medical and vet schools, pathology labs and others for research throughout the Southeast. His company is a major supplier to Emory and the CDC. JB, a highly respected member of the research community, has been recognized on numerous occasions for outstanding service.

JB was a member of Newnan Presbyterian Church, where he served as an

Elder, and a former member of the Board of Trustees of The Heritage School. He was also an avid fisherman and sportsman, particularly salt water fly fishing for Permit and Tarpon, enjoying many hours sharing these interests with his sons. Known for his twinkling eyes and sense of humor, JB endeared himself not only to his family but also to friends, customers, colleagues, and everyone who knew him. He was a "rock" who was always there when needed. JB Williams: Loyal, steadfast, always the patriot. Semper Fi
Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

The visitation will be held Tuesday, June 18, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA. The funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at Newnan Presbyterian Church, 38 Greenville Street, Newnan, with Dr. Harry Barrow officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Newnan Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1107, Newnan, GA 30264. JB is survived by his wife, Louise Williams; sons, John (Julie) and Jamie (Steph) Williams; grandchildren, Addy Williams, Catharine Williams, Emmy Lou Williams and Mack Williams.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

JUN 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Newnan Presbyterian Church
38 Greenville St/P.O. Box 1107
Newnan, GA 30264

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of John Bayless Williams*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *I love you forever, never will forget you. Never*

Addison - September 24, 2023 at 02:36 PM

PW

“ *Lou & family, Just wanted you to know you have been in my thoughts & prayers during these difficult times. I cannot begin to imagine your pain losing J.B. Your faith will get you through this.*
Peggy Williams

Peggy Bledsoe Williams - June 20, 2013 at 10:14 AM

DS

“ *Dear Lou, I have rich and grateful memories of JB and you when I was pastor at Newnan Presbyterian Church. I saw early on in JB his contagious enthusiasm and many gifts. He was to me a source of encouragement and personal enrichment as he matured in his Christian walk. Bibby joins me in giving thanks to God for his life and for you, his loving wife and mother of his two fine sons. You were both gifts of God to us.*
Dick Swayze

Dick and Bibby Swayze - June 19, 2013 at 11:36 AM

SR

“ Dear Lou and Family, Donna and I want to forward our deepest sympathies for your loss. Our prayers are with you. Steve & Donna Rodgers

Steve & Donna Rodgers - June 18, 2013 at 12:43 PM

SB

“ My sincere condolences and prayers for your family. I have known JB for many years in the life sciences community. When I started my own company and moved from academia to the sales side of the business JB was very kind to me. He offered a lot of great advice from his lengthy experience and sent me many leads. A testament to his character. He will be sorely missed in our community and by all who knew him.

Steve Blevins - June 18, 2013 at 09:09 AM

KB

“ To the entire Williams family, I want to send our deepest condolences. I am the Lab Manager at Georgia Tech and JB has been working with us for many years. JB was the first "vendor" I met upon starting my new position in 2007 and he has always been so kind and helpful to me and my staff. Over the last 6 months I have gotten to know Jamie and I know this is truly a sad time. I am truly saddened by his passing and he will be missed in the lab animal community.

Kim Benjamin - June 18, 2013 at 08:43 AM

GW

“ Williams family, My deepest sympathies for your loss. I knew JB through work and had great respect for his knowledge of the industry. He is the definition of a true gentleman and will be truly missed.

Grant Wilkinson - June 18, 2013 at 08:03 AM

WB

“ Dear Lou, John, Jamie and family. I've heard it said that when a loved one is taken before his time it's because God needed him on the other side. During my many years at Wescor, working with and getting to know JB as I did, I can certainly see why Father in Heaven might call a beloved son home, but that does not lessen the shock of his sudden departure or the anguish of mourning on the part of family and friends left behind. Many have expressed admiration for JB's honesty, integrity and competency. I, too, recognized those qualities, and I will never forget his quick wit and dry humor that could disarm even the most cantankerous customer. I was blessed to know him and to count him as my friend. I believe that death is only a temporary separation, and that JB will be waiting to see you again some day in the future. In the meantime please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. May the Lord comfort you in the depth of your grief with pleasant memories of the past and with the knowledge of how John B. Williams impacted so many lives for the better. We shall all miss him, till we meet again.
Wayne Barlow

Wayne Barlow - June 18, 2013 at 01:48 AM

JM

“ Lou, John, Jamie, Tammy, and family, I was so very shocked and deeply saddened to hear of JB's passing. I am also profoundly sorry for your loss. JB was not only a compassionate, honorable, awesome gentleman but the most honest, forthright sales rep/company owner that I have ever known in my 42 year career. I'm positive that he will be sadly missed by everyone that ever met him and especially by his USA, Emory and CDC families. You and your entire family remain in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and may the peace of the Lord be with you. Sincerely & with Deepest Sympathy, Judy - USAMCI

Judy Miller - June 17, 2013 at 05:25 PM

NS

“ Lou, John & Jamie, I've only met J.B. a couple times, but have heard many stories from Jamie! He always had a smile on his face, and knew how to make you smile! He was a true gentleman! I am honored I was able to meet such a great man! I am so sorry for your loss during this most difficult time. You and your family are in my thoughts daily! My Condolence's Nick Sebald MN Health Coverage

Nick Sebald - June 17, 2013 at 04:07 PM

JT

“ Lou, John just called me to let me know about J.B. Karen and I send our prayers to you and the family in this great loss. J.B. was always one of my favorite people. We loved to see you two down at the beach and have missed you so much since you sold the beach house. I will miss his calls to get a fishing report from time to time. He was a good friend. May God give you comfort during this tragic time in your life.

Jerry Thompson - June 17, 2013 at 03:26 PM

MG

“ Dear Lou and Family, I am so sorry for your great loss. JB was the "salt of the earth" and a man anyone could call a friend. It is a very sad day in the "rep world", but memories of JB will keep us moving forward. Cindy and I will continue to pray for you during this time of sorrow. We miss you JB. Michael & Cindy George

Michael George - June 17, 2013 at 12:02 PM

BE

“ Dear Louise, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bob Entrekin

Bob Entrekin - June 17, 2013 at 10:32 AM

PC

“ JB was an acquaintance of several years through his companies' services to our department. His kindest, and concern when my husband was injured showed him to be the sincerest of men. Our prayers and deepest sympathy to his family.

Patricia Couling - June 17, 2013 at 10:04 AM

DC

“ Lou: I am so very sorry for your loss. J.B. will be greatly missed. You and your family are in my prayers. Dee Crouch

Delia Crouch - June 17, 2013 at 09:39 AM

RG

“ Dear Williams family- I knew J.B. only briefly through several recent phone calls. In that short time I could tell he was a man of character & a true gentleman. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. -Ray - BioSpherix

Ray Gould - June 17, 2013 at 12:30 AM

RK

“ To the entire Williams Family, I am so saddened to hear that such a wonderful man has passed away. I knew JB through UGA, as he visited often promoting his company and was such a kind soul. He always made my day brighter when he would drop in, especially once my son enlisted in the Marine Corps. He was always interested in how my son was doing. He truly cared about everyone he knew. I am happy that I have been able to meet Jamie in the past year, and can see so much of JB in him. He will be missed by so many. Peace and light be with the family at this sad time. With my warmest regards, Robin Kavanaugh

Robin Kavanaugh - June 16, 2013 at 06:52 PM

DS

“ Lou I just found out about JB and hour ago! I am so very sorry for your loss! I really liked that guy! I know he will be greatly missed not only by you and your family but also by a great number of friends! He was a great fellow! Love Dudley

Dudley Stamps - June 16, 2013 at 01:46 PM

TC

“ Lou, John, and Jamie, We are deeply shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. J. B. was truly a wonderful person who wil surely be missed by everyone who knew him. We pray that God will be especially close to you and comfort you during this difficult time. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Tommy and Sharlon Cobb

Tommy and Sharlon Cobb - June 16, 2013 at 12:34 PM

RG

“ Lou, I was saddened by the news of JB passing. I can remember the both of you at UGA and all through your life together. I always felt at ease with JB as he was a gentleman and a truly good person. Know Debbie and I are thinking of you

Richard Glover - June 16, 2013 at 11:02 AM

KJ

“ Dear Lou, John, Jamie and family: I was so sorry to hear about JB. He was such an inspiration to so many - with such presence! I will really miss working with him. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this time of tremendous loss. Karla Johnston

Karla Johnston - June 16, 2013 at 08:28 AM

ET

“ Lou, John and Jamie, Ernest and I and all the Taylor's send our heartfelt love and condolences. We are praying for your comfort and help in this grief. His blessings upon you, Jan and Ernest Taylor

Ernest and Jan Taylor - June 15, 2013 at 07:38 AM

JW

“ Lou, boys and family, I was so sad to hear about J.B. I have nothing but fond memories of working for him and Mr. James. You are very blessed to have had two such fine men in your lives... I was a terrible secretary and they were so patient with me... all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. God Bless and Keep all of you in his loving arms, Judi

Judi Worth - June 14, 2013 at 07:55 PM

SC

“ Lou, Jeb just called me and told me about JB. I am so shocked and sad. I'm also worried about you. Yall were so close. I am thinking about you and love you. I am coming to the funeral. Love to your two boys and all of your family. Sally

Sally Cavanaugh - June 14, 2013 at 05:44 PM