



## William D. Bearden

July 29, 1937 - September 7, 2017

William D. "Bill" Bearden, 80, of Sharpsburg, Georgia, passed away, Thursday, September 7, 2017 surrounded by the love of his family. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 9th at McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, Georgia. Reverend David Smith will be officiating. Friends and family will gather from 1:00-2:00 PM on Saturday at the funeral home.

Bill was born July 29, 1937 in Charlotte, North Carolina to Joe and Sarah (Herndon) Bearden. He graduated from Southwest High School in 1955 and entered the Navy directly after high school. After serving our country for four years, he began his public service career with the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller. Bill spent the majority of his career at the tower in the Atlanta Airport, and for many years served as an air traffic controller supervisor. Following 30 years of faithful service as an air traffic controller, Bill retired to spend time travelling and golfing. He also enjoyed reading, working in the yard and playing card games with his friends and family.

Bill is survived by his wife Wilma Stephens Bearden and her children: Reba Corley and her husband Chris, Bryant Garner and his fiancé Jennifer Miller, and Adam Garner, and 6 grandchildren; his second marriage, wife Edna Gullett Struck and her son Kenneth Kell; his first marriage, wife Jean Ryckley Waddle and their three children: eldest son, William Douglas "Doug" Bearden

Jr., and his wife Cindy Kemp Bearden; daughter Vicki Bearden White, and youngest son, Timothy Paul Bearden Sr. and his wife Beverly Gillis Bearden, 5 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren; his older brother, Joe M. Bearden Jr. and his wife Gwen and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in his death by his parents Joe M. Bearden Sr. and Sara Herndon Bearden.

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
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## Service

SEP 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences and prayers go the whole Bearden family wishing you all peace. I also say thank you to you, Bill’s family, for sharing Bill with those of us who were privileged to work with Bill. All those disruptive work shifts on weekends, holidays and crazy hours are appreciated. Bill was always there being more than an excellent controller and supervisor, Bill was a leader, a teacher, a stand-up g who taught many to genuinely care about building a tradition of excellence making Atlanta air traffic control the Nation’s best. Bill will never be forgotten. His tradition lives on.  
God bless you Bill,  
Mike (PY)

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**PY** - September 10, 2017 at 06:08 PM

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“ So sad to hear of Bills family loss I know he will be missed by all .  
Prayers

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**Tommie Gullett** - September 09, 2017 at 01:41 PM



“ My deepest condolences on the lost of your dear loved one. Soon the God of all comfort (2Cor 1:3,4) will do away with all pain, suffering, death, and tears (Revelations 21:4) Again my condolences

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**Lashelle Branch** - September 09, 2017 at 12:23 PM

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“ Vicki, so sorry for your loss. May God give you and the rest of the family peace during this difficult time.

*Donna*

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**Donna** - September 09, 2017 at 09:40 AM