



William "Bill" Paul Lowry

January 3, 1926 - July 4, 2022

William "Bill" Paul Lowry, 96, passed away while at his home in Grantville, Ga on July 4, 2022. He was born January 3, 1926 in Grantville to the late Will Lowry and Ruth Nall Lowry.

Bill grew up on a farm in Grantville, Ga and graduated from Grantville High School. Following high school he was drafted into the U.S. army and served in World War II in Italy. When he returned from the war he married his school sweetheart, Frances Burks Lowry, on April 6, 1947. They lived on Bill's family farm, where they built a life of their own. This past April they celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary. Bill drove a school bus for 38 years, where he impacted the lives of numerous children and young adults. He also carried the mail until 1992. In between bus routes, he spent his days raising cows and tending the farm and garden. He didn't shy away from hard work. He and Frances loved to travel, where he was always sure to document each trip with photos and videos. He had a strong passion for history and loved to share this passion with his family and community. He volunteered with the Coweta County Genealogical Society and Historical Society where he shared his robust knowledge of local family lineages.

Bill was a member of and served as deacon at Grantville First Baptist Church for many years. He was most recently a member of First Baptist Church of Moreland. He also served on the development authority of Coweta County for

several years.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Will and Ruth Lowry, step-father John Todd, and great-granddaughter Brooke Butcher. Bill leaves behind his loving wife, Frances Burks Lowry; son, Earl Lowry; daughter, Julia Lowry Ozier; grandchildren, Donna Butcher, Rebecca Banks, Paul Lowry, Lydia Ozier, Davis Ozier; thirteen great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service celebrating Bill's life is Monday, July 18, 2022 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan with Pastor Todd Slade officiating, assisted by friend Tom Prost. Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. with the funeral service to follow at 3:00 p.m.

For those who want to make a donation in Bill's honor, you can donate to First Baptist Church of Moreland, PO Box 135, Moreland, Ga 30259 or the Coweta County Genealogical Society, 8 Carmichael St. Newnan 30263.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

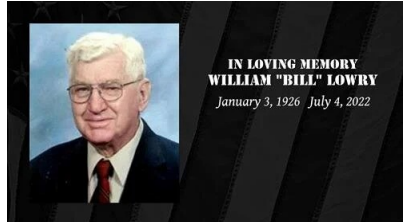
JUL 18. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Paul Lowry*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 31, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *May the Lord comfort you all at this time. Our prayers are with you. NormaJean McCollum.*

Sherry McCollum Gray - July 17, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Paul Lowry.*



July 17, 2022 at 02:24 PM

RC

“ I hate to hear of Mr. Bill's passing. He was my bus driver during my 4 years as a Newnan High School (NHS) student from Moreland. A kind and gentle man he was. He loved and carried about all his bus students. I remember after graduating from NHS and I was attending Carroll Tech over in Carrollton, I would be able to get a ride back as far as Newnan. Several times I would be dropped off at NHS and Mr. Bill would allow me to ride his bus back to Moreland Elem. I imagine he knew that if I got caught on his bus after already graduating from NHS or if something else would have happened, he would be in trouble and/or even risk the chance of losing his job. However, he took that risk. About 11 years ago after being gone from Moreland for over 40 years I was at the Moreland July 4th BBQ. He recognized me and approached me asking me if I knew who he was. I told him "yes sir, you were the speedy bus driver from Moreland. We had a good laugh. For the past several years I would call him and wish him a happy birthday. He always appreciated my calls and I always loved talking to him. He was well known and loved by many. He loved God, his family, his friends, and his country. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. May God be with the Lowry family and his friends during this time of sorrow. May he rest in peace.

Ray Craven
Ft. Walton Beach, FL

Ray Craven - July 08, 2022 at 09:01 PM

JB

“ Mrs. Francis ~
I'm sorry to hear the world lost such a great man!
He truly will be missed.
Ms. Janet Baggarly ~
Northside School ~ Retired

Janet Baggarly - July 08, 2022 at 05:38 PM

MS

“ *Mr. Bill and Miss Francis were two of my favorite people as a young boy growing up in Grantville. He will be missed. Blessing to Miss Fran*

Mark Staley - July 07, 2022 at 11:56 AM

MA

“ *Mr Lowry will be missed, he always spoke to me at church and always had a smile on his face. Rest easy on that mountain in Heaven with God. Prayers to the family may God wrap his arms around ya'll.*



Michael Aldredge - July 07, 2022 at 10:18 AM

TB

“ *Mrs. Lowry, Earl, Julia and family:*

We were saddened to hear of Mr. Lowry's passing, I always enjoyed talking with him and listening to him, - a walking history book, a true southern gentleman. I have fond memories and respect of your family as I grew up around Julia, taught Davis in shop, and in elementary school worked around Mrs. Lowry in the lunchroom. I rode Mr. Lowry's bus a lot when we went on field trips and away games when we played ball as most Moreland students. Cindy worked with Julia at Moreland Elementary. I could go on, needless to say, Mr. Lowry and family have had an impact on our family.

God's blessings during this time.

Sincerely,

*Tom and Cindy Barnett
The Harold Barnett family*

Tom Barnett - July 07, 2022 at 04:10 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Paul Lowry.*



July 06, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *What a wonderful man!!! He always blessed me hearing his incredible stories!! I never tired of listening and will always cherish the time I spent with him in that old log house and the time admiring his wife's BEAUTIFUL handwork. Dr. John Suttles*

Dr. John Suttles - July 06, 2022 at 09:04 AM



“ *Honorable man honored in death by meeting our Heavenly Father on July 4th
May the family be conformed as only our Lord can. You are in my prayers and thoughts. Sincerely. Joan and Maribeth Hanson*

Joan Hanson - July 06, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ *I rode his bus for 10 years and Ms Frances worked in the lunch room, he was a great man and I will always remember him. Fly high Mr Bill, you certainly deserve it after driving us all those years!*



Cathy Houston - July 05, 2022 at 08:13 PM



“ *Mr. Bill and Miss Frances were good friends of my late parents. When I attended Newnan High and in the band, I would often ride in his school bus to Drake Stadium with Mr. Bill to meet the other band members so he could drive us to "away" football games. I was very introverted, and Mr. Bill always made me feel comfortable and never pressured me to talk. He was truly a Southern gentleman and a lovely man. My love and condolences to Miss Frances, Earl, Julia and the rest of the family.*

Ellen Britt - July 05, 2022 at 06:36 PM

DS

“ *One of the greatest! My bus driver, my mailman, my friend. He knew everything there was to know about our community and the people in it. He never failed to speak when he'd see you! He's really gonna be missed by so many! What a guy he was!*

Deborah Smith - July 05, 2022 at 04:06 PM

GW

“ *May he Rest In Peace. What a good and full life he led! Thinking of you Julia and Miss Frances.*



Geraldine Welch - July 05, 2022 at 02:31 PM

TC

“ *I was one of the lucky ones who had Mr Bill as a bus driver in elementary school while attending at MORELAND.ELEMENTARY. A man with great wisdom and a huge heart who cared about all his business kids... He will never be forgotten. RIP Mr. BILL. May God comfort and give much peace to all family and friends.*

Terry Calhoun - July 05, 2022 at 12:58 PM



Sorry about Mr Bill always enjoyed our visits with him. A man with so much knowledge about our county he will be missed. With our prayers for Mrs Frances and family. Bobby and Cynthia Olmstead.

cynthia olmstead - July 16, 2022 at 04:35 PM