



William Everett Cline

January 16, 1945 - January 16, 2021

On January 16, 2021 William “Bill” Everett Cline left the earthly bonds to join his Savior, Jesus Christ. Bill was born on January 16, 1945 in Portland, Maine to the late Hiram and Ida Cline.

He grew up on the Cline family farm in Coweta County and graduated from Newnan High School. He was the first of his family to achieve a college degree and graduated from Jacksonville State University (JSU) and the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) with a M.S. in Nuclear & Chemical Engineering. Bill was a leader in the nuclear engineering field working for the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission as well as reaching the rank of Colonel for the US Army. In his retirement years he enjoyed being a full time farmer at his 4th generation farm. He was passionate in support of agriculture through his involvement with the Coweta County Cattlemen's Association, Georgia RC&D, and as the West Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor. He was a devoted community servant, loving grandfather, father, and husband.

Bill was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife of 52 years, Mary Neal Cline. Bill is survived by daughters Susan Cline-Arguilla (and husband Ben; Newnan) and Dr. Kimberly Cline Mullenix (and husband Daniel; Auburn,

AL), grandson Davis Everett Mullenix, granddaughter Harper Nealy Mullenix, extended family and cherished friends.

The graveside service celebrating Bill's life is Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street in Newnan. During visitation hours, the family asks that everyone wears a mask and that everyone follows the social distancing guidelines.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Coweta County

Cattlemen's community support & scholarship fund: www.cowetacattlemens.com. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Graveside Oak Hill Cemetery
96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

TK

“ Susan and Kimberly, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I worked with Miss Mary for many years at the preschool. I am sure it was hard for your father to live without her on Earth. I know he was the love of her life. I know you will miss them both so much! They loved you girls and your families so much. Take comfort that they are watching over your young families from heaven.

Tammy Kirkland - January 25, 2021 at 06:31 AM

RK

“ Susan and Kimberly, I just became aware of your dad's death. So sorry we missed the opportunity to greet you and offer our condolences in person. Please accept our deepest sympathy and know that your family will be in our prayers as you grieve and also give thanks for your dad's life and legacy. He influenced many with his genuine and caring spirit! May God's loving Presence comfort and sustain you in the days ahead.
JoAn (and David) Kinrade

Rev. JoAn Kinrade - January 22, 2021 at 10:21 AM

PM

“ Susan and Kimberly, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Father and most recently your Mother. Your Father was one of the best managers that I worked with at the USNRC. He had so much wisdom and knowledge to share with everyone. We heard so many wonderful stories about your family and life on the farm. I am sending my condolences to you and praying for peace, strength and blessings.

*Patricia Miles
Decatur, GA 30034*

Patricia Miles - January 22, 2021 at 09:53 AM

MF

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Bill's passing. Enjoyed many conversations with him through the years. He was a huge supporter of our county and the Cattlemen's Association. He will be missed. Prayers to the family. Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager Family

Mike and Bev Yeager Family - January 20, 2021 at 11:23 AM

AS

“ We are saddened to hear of Bill's passing. He was such an enthusiastic person and a joy to visit whether he was working with his cows or his sawmill. During his years of retirement from his career he added much to the agricultural community and will be missed by this fellow friends and farmers. With deepest sympathy.. Angie and Jerry Stober, Carrollton, GA



Angie Stober - January 19, 2021 at 10:09 PM

CK

“ Susan and Kimberly,
I am so sorry for you loss.
I have fond memories of your Willie and Mary when I was growing up.
My parents were buddies of your grandparents and parents!
I know they are proud of you!!
Take care,
Carolyn Lassetter Kelley

Carolyn Kelley - January 19, 2021 at 09:51 PM

AG

Susan and Kimberly, my heartfelt prayers to each of you. Your dad was a dear friend and mentor for me at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources/Environmental Radiation Program and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. My wife and I are truly saddened by the transition of both Mary and Bill. Bill and I spent many hours during our careers responding to emergencies. We also spent time sharing and comparing how growing up small towns contributed to our work ethic and integrity. I will forever remember Bill for his honesty, integrity, credibility, and support to his staff. Also, he taught me how to recognize the various tractor manufacturers 😊. Again, my heartfelt prayers and condolences.

Al Gooden

Alphonsa Gooden - January 20, 2021 at 06:14 PM

KM

Carolyn - this is a great message regarding the friendship with our family over the years. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Al - thank you for the kind message. Dad thought so much of you and treasured your friendship. We will miss him greatly, but the words you shared help lift our spirits.

Kimberly Cline Mullenix - January 24, 2021 at 11:10 PM

KM

“ Although I did not know Mr. Cline personally, I have been told by many people that he was wonderful man, proven to be true by the fact that he raised such an incredible daughter, and my mentor, Kim Mullenix. My deepest sympathies to the family. May you find comfort and peace in the days ahead.

Katie Mason

Katie Mason - January 19, 2021 at 11:27 AM



KM

Thank you Katie! ❤️

Kimberly Cline Mullenix - January 24, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Everett Cline.*



January 19, 2021 at 06:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Everett Cline.*



January 19, 2021 at 06:23 AM

KM

“ *Bill was one of the best bosses I had when I worked at the NRC. He was fair and very kind. I will miss him greatly. Our deepest sympathy to the Cline family.*

*Karen and Al McCallie
Cody, Wyoming*

Karen McCallie - January 18, 2021 at 05:54 PM

JK

*Dear Cline Family,
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father Bill as well as your mother which I just learned. Bill was my Branch Chief at the NRC and I too can say he was one of the best managers that I had. Just learned of his passing today, Jan. 20, but would have loved to attend his service. I send my love, prayers and condolences to you.
Janice H. Kirby
College Park, GA 30349*

Janice H Kirby - January 20, 2021 at 10:01 PM

KM

Thank you all for the wonderful comments! I am his youngest daughter and enjoyed getting to have Dad home with me "full time" after his retirement from NRC. His work ethic was like none other and he thought so highly of each of you.

Kimberly Cline Mullenix - January 24, 2021 at 11:08 PM

RM

“ Bill and I cut hay on my farm enjoyed his friendship I don't think you could count how many bales of hay he picked up over the years, our condolences to his family. Rob and Lucille Matthews

Rob matthews - January 18, 2021 at 05:37 PM

BL

“ My heartfelt condolences to Susan and Kimberly and their families as they say goodbye to their dad. What a great fellow he was. Good memories of college days with him and your mom. May God bless you all and keep you in His loving and protective care now and for the days ahead. Bea (Maxwell) Lawler

Bea Lawler - January 18, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of William Everett Cline.*



January 18, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *Bill helped me several times as a young farmer, not a young man, with answers to questions and logical explanations to agricultural processes and shortcuts. His leadership in the Coweta County Cattlemen's Association was legendary and much appreciated for his steadfast dedication to agriculture and those who were in the pursuit of success in an endeavour that is affected by everything from legislation to the weather. I am fortunate to have known Bill as he is a celebrity in his own right. I pray for strength for his family during these troubling days of this announcement. He was truly proud of the achievements of his daughters, as more importantly they were a continuation of a legacy started generations before them. But to their credit, they carry-on a proud tradition despite the pressures on this industry to fold the family farm. He was always hard to reach on the phone, now it's going to be dang near impossible. Rest in peace, my friend!*

*W.J. "Joe" Butcher
Newnan, GA*

William J. Butcher - January 18, 2021 at 10:13 AM



Joe - thank you for the wonderful message. I enjoyed reading your post and it made me chuckle at the end, which is what I needed. Dad thought so much of each of you. We look forward to carrying on his farming tradition for generations to come.

Kimberly Cline Mullenix - January 24, 2021 at 11:19 PM

JB

“ *Mr. Bill Cline was a great friend and mentor in the Cattlemens Association. He would always take the time to help me identify a weed or answer a question about cows. His knowledge, kindness, and unassuming manner will be greatly missed.*

Jason Breeding - January 18, 2021 at 10:03 AM

SW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time.
Ronnie and Susan Whatley*

Susan Whatley - January 18, 2021 at 09:53 AM

KD

“ *Susan and Kimberly,
I was saddened to hear of the sudden passing of your father but then I smiled at the thought of the happy reunion he must have had with Mary in heaven. You have both lost much in a short period of time but please be comforted by the example of love and community your parents demonstrated for you. I will be thinking of you in the coming days and weeks. You are lifted up!*

Kate Davis

Kate Davis - January 18, 2021 at 08:57 AM

PT

“ *Mr. Cline I never met you but I have had the honor to know your precious daughter. She has touched our lives with such love, laughter, and joy through Western Elementary. I want to thank you in heaven for such a precious daughter because of you and your lovely wife Mary. You will be greatly missed. Dear Mr. Cline, know you are deeply loved and respected by many that know you and many of us that would have loved to have known you.*

Pat Thornton - January 17, 2021 at 08:05 PM

BW

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Mr. Cline’s passing. Our sincere condolences are sent to the entire family.



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - January 17, 2021 at 06:34 PM

JN

“ Bill Cline was a wonderful brother-in-law. I am so glad he and my sister Mary Neal Cline found each other in this big ole world and shared 52 years of love and happiness. Theirs was a true love story. And they are back together now throughout eternity. Bill was a highly successful nuclear engineer. But his true professional goal was always to return to the farm where he grew up and pursue farming full time. The opportunity came some years ago when the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) found the need to trim staff and announced early retirements. They whispered in Bill’s ear not to worry. That he was headed for big things up at NRC headquarters in Washington, D.C. When the early retirements were offered, Bill’s hand was the first to go up. He never looked back and has been a successful farmer ever since. We will miss him, but we are so fortunate to have known him.
John & Marty Neal

John Neal - January 17, 2021 at 05:47 PM

PB

“ Bill and Mary Cline were wonderful people. I had the privilege of knowing the Clines and I truly loved them both. They will both be missed by everyone whose knew them.
Owen and Pamela Bullard

Pamela Bullard - January 17, 2021 at 03:13 PM

KM

It is so good to hear from you both! I will always remember our times together at your house growing up as well! Thank you for the love and prayers. - Kimberly

Kimberly Mullenix - January 17, 2021 at 06:09 PM

RC

I am so sorry to hear of Bill's death. We have been friends for many years, and he will be missed by many. He was extremely important to the cattlemen's association and always did a great job in his leadership role. Ned Chambless

Richard N Chambless - January 19, 2021 at 01:09 PM



Colonel "Daddy Bill" Cline was a great boss and mentor to me and so many others. Our hearts go out to Kimberly and Susan at the loss of their dad, but we rejoice he gets to be with our risen Lord and his wife Mary once again.

We're missing you already Sir, but the fond memories will always remain!

Wally Ziprik - January 19, 2021 at 01:28 PM

RE

My deepest condolences to the family. I enjoyed working with Bill in the West Georgia Soil & Water Conservation District.

Ricky Ensley - January 19, 2021 at 03:37 PM