



## William Henderson Hardin

August 4, 1934 - November 17, 2021

William Henderson Hardin died peacefully on Wednesday, November 17.

William, most often referred to as Bill, was born August 4, 1934 in Gadsden, Alabama to the late William Farrell and Mildred Henderson Hardin.

With his mother's permission, due to being underage, he briefly served in the Naval Reserves while still in high school. Upon graduating high school, he worked various odd jobs while traveling throughout the United States. Upon returning to Gadsden, he worked in broadcasting and as a freelance photographer.

After sampling a number of different universities throughout the United States, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Jacksonville State University, Alabama.

Bill was married to his wife of over 50 years, Annita Gibson Hardin who preceded him in death in 2012. Together they traveled and worked in various cities in the United States and Europe while lovingly rearing three children.

A veteran of the United States Army, Bill retired honorably on his 60th birthday at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (W4) after over 35 years of service.

He retired from the Department of the Army in 1995 with the now closed Ft. McPherson, GA being his last duty station. In more recent years, he was a member of the American Legion Post 57.

A member of the United States Chess Federation, he avidly played the Royal Game in person and online to the end.

A voracious reader, he enjoyed books about History and espionage. He was a

gifted storyteller who could often be found regaling a captive audience. He played the Saxophone during his younger days and was a member of the Million Dollar Band while attending the University of Alabama. Needless to say, two of his favorite words were 'Roll Tide!' He was a member and Deacon of the Macedonia Baptist Church, Newnan, GA.

Bill is survived by his three children; Brett of Ft. Worth, TX, Scott of Alabaster, Alabama and Mercedes Bailey and her husband Manuel of Washington, GA as well as granddaughter Jessica Elizabeth Hardin of Mandeville, LA.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Macedonia Baptist Church 1504 Macedonia Rd, Newnan, GA 30263 with Dr. John Riley officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Macedonia Baptist Church 1504 Macedonia Rd, Newnan, GA 30263.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Baptist Church  
1504 Macedonia Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Cynthia Wright Blossomgame lit a candle in memory of William Henderson Hardin



Cynthia Wright Blossomgame - November 23, 2021 at 07:43 PM

CB

“ My heart is broken into pieces at the news of my friend, patient and his personal assistant. The world is a greater place because Bill was born into it. I am so honored to have been in his presence and a part of his latter years of life. I miss my friend to his precious children Brett, Mercedes and Scott you all have been a blessing to us all at Wesley Woods of Newnan Senior Living. Thank you for allowing us to care for your precious father. His spirit will forever be in those halls running up and down with his scooter! His wisdom and love compassion will be felt because he was a magnet of Love, Joy and Laughter! My heart is broken because my friend is gone. But I know he is happy finally being with his precious love of his life his wife. Rest easy my friend you are missed! No more pain, no more sorrow only peace I love you William (Bill) Hardin. Thankful that Father God bless me to walk across your path.  
Cynthia W Blossomgame  
Atlanta, Ga

Cynthia Wright Blossomgame - November 23, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of William Henderson Hardin.

November 22, 2021 at 04:37 PM

PH

“ *Bill was such a delightful man. I got to know him through our subdivisions HOA meetings and then he started attending Macedonia Baptist church, so I saw him much more frequently. When I first met him, I remember his personality and that wonderful handlebar mustache he had. I just know he was a lot of fun in his early years, he certainly was in his golden years! I know he liked to drive fast and he loved his T-Bird and I would see him tooling around with the top down, just having a great time. In recent years, he never stopped greeting people with that wonderful smile of his. You just wanted to say hi to him every time you saw him, he was that guy! I will miss him.... he was a gem !*

Peggy Holloway - November 22, 2021 at 04:37 PM

NF

“ *Mr. Bill was a good friend and a neighbor to my wife and I for a number of years. He always corrected me in my salutation if I called him Mr Bill. He would always say "please call me Bill". MBC will miss Bill. I will miss him. My condolences to the family.*

Norman & Hellen Ferrell - November 21, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William Henderson Hardin.*



November 21, 2021 at 01:27 PM

KC

“ Bill and I spent every Friday picking on each other about football. I would come in in all my Auburn attire and he would cover his eyes and shake his head. He refused to say War Eagle, he would say War Bogle 🙄. His presence is already so missed.



Katherine Coker - November 20, 2021 at 08:37 PM

MH



mhbailey - November 20, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Henderson Hardin.



November 20, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Henderson Hardin.



November 20, 2021 at 02:40 PM

GK

“ *It was always a joy to talk to Mr. Bill at church. Such an interesting man. Our deepest sympathy to his family.*

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**Gayle & Chuck Kreckman** - November 20, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of William Henderson Hardin.*



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November 20, 2021 at 10:34 AM

PR

“ *I've never had the honor of meeting Mr. Bill Hardin, but rather I'm a friend of his eldest son Brett. We've known each other for the past 20+ years. Tonight (Friday 19 Nov) during one of our monthly poker games (normally attended by Brett) - Steve Pena, Ron Trementozzi, Adrian Hinson, Tommy Rowlett, Mike Switzer, and myself (Patrick Rowlett) toasted/saluted Mr Bill Hardin with a sip of BLANTON's in honor of our friend Brett.*

*With deepest sympathy of the loss of his father. God speed.*

*Patrick, Lisa, & Patric Rowlett*

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**Patrick Rowlett** - November 20, 2021 at 05:29 AM

TR

*Brett may you and your relish the wonderful memories you had with your Dad, pleas know that I and many of your friends are grieving with you, God Bless You, Your Family and Your Dad!*

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**Tommy Rowlett** - November 20, 2021 at 10:06 AM

CB

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*Cynthia W Blossomgame  
Atlanta, Ga*

Cynthia Wright Blossomgame - November 21, 2021 at 11:12 AM

MH



mhbailey - November 22, 2021 at 09:06 PM

KR

“ I am so sad to hear of your father’s passing.  
Thinking of you and the family.



Karen Reed - November 19, 2021 at 10:34 PM

PS

“ Pamela Stepp lit a candle in memory of  
William Henderson Hardin



pamela Stepp - November 19, 2021 at 03:47 PM

LD

“ Mercedes and Manuel,  
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your Dad  
sounds like he lived a wonderful life of both service and adventure.  
Many blessings to you and your family.

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**Lynne K Duncan** - November 19, 2021 at 01:09 PM