



## William M. Holt

February 7, 1920 - November 10, 2018

William M. Holt, 98, of Newnan, GA passed away at home with family on Saturday, November 10, 2018, preceded in death by his devoted wife Elizabeth G. Holt of 68 years, and his sister, Frances Sousa of Atlanta, who passed earlier that same day, November 10, 2018. He was affectionately called “Bill” by his friends and family.

He was born in Nashville, Tennessee in 1920, the son of the late Coleman and Bessie Holt. He graduated from Tech High School in Atlanta and received his Divinity Degree from Emory University and an honorary doctorate from the John Marshall School of Law of Atlanta.

As a Methodist minister, he served his first ministerial appointment on the Maysville circuit of Georgia which was comprised of four rural churches. Soon after he became a short-term missionary (LA-3) in Cochabamba, Bolivia from 1947 to 1950 and then pastored the American Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In 1955, he returned to the United States to pastor many appointments through the Methodist North Georgia Conference. He was pastor of the Dahlonga First Methodist Church, Trinity Methodist Church in Atlanta, Carrollton First United Methodist Church, LaGrange First United Methodist Church, Campbellton United Methodist Church, and was interim pastor in Bremen. He was the editor of the Methodist periodical “The Wesleyan Christian Advocate” from 1972 until his retirement.

Dr. Holt enjoyed photography and traveling to many countries, taking many groups on tours with him. His travels gave him many hobby opportunities to take pictures.

Survivors include his son, Jim Holt of Newnan, and daughters Judi Presnell of Carrollton and Janis Collins of N. Augusta, SC. He is also survived by eight grandchildren: Chris Presnell (Stacey) of Mobile, AL; Robin Keller of Westminster, CO; Alise Cartledge (Chris) of Newnan; Kirk Holt of Newnan; Ben Collins of Carlsbad, CA; Jason Collins (Nina) of Greenville, SC; Ryan Collins of Austin, TX. and Scott Collins (Stephanie) of Greenville, SC and 9 great-grandchildren-Rosealia, Kinley, Jase, CeeCee, Cora, Finley, Jo Lynne, Tucker and Leah.

There will be a special family memorial service following cremation at the Methodist jurisdictional conference grounds at Lake Junaluska, NC, a beloved place of both Dr. Holt and his wife. This is where the couple took their honeymoon, where they returned year after year, and where his beloved wife was memorialized. Bill's wishes were to be memorialized in the same manner as his wife, overlooking the beautiful lake with the majestic mountains beyond, a place of special memories held close to their hearts.

A memorial service will be announced. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to World Methodist Museum, (P.O. Box 518, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745) for "The Garden Handicap Accessibility Fund."

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

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 11.

Service planned for later date

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ Jim,  
*I just saw your father's obituary and wanted to let you know I was thinking of you and your family. I remember when I saw you last in November that he had just gone on hospice. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

---

**Ruth Warren** - December 22, 2018 at 01:37 PM

TR

“ *Bless that gentle and kind man!  
What a wonderful soul he possessed and exemplary life he led...was like a second father to me and a brother to my father. You all know that the Reeve family loved him and your Mom as much as anyone in this earthly circle.  
He truly was one of a kind...his spirit, his faith, his life, his devotion, his integrity, his non-judgmental gentle wisdom...all unsurpassed in this world!  
We loved him, we love him...and will miss his constant kindness that flowed like a river to all who encountered him!  
Peace,  
Tee Reeve  
Carrollton, GA*

---

**Tee Reeve** - November 19, 2018 at 06:48 PM

BS

“ Hello Judy, and family. Please accept my sincere best wishes for all of you. Bill Holt represented the very best that has ever been. His very special good influence was always recognized whether from the pulpit, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and even on the tennis court. Such a powerful, loving man that we all will miss.  
kindest Regards,  
Bill Seaton

---

**Bill Seaton** - November 14, 2018 at 11:26 AM

PT

“ Sincerest condolences from Enid Tate and family in LaGrange, Georgia. Bill was a special friend of our family and a wonderful servant of Christ. He will be dearly missed.

---

**Paul Tate** - November 13, 2018 at 07:21 PM

GW

“ MY DEAR FRIEND AND FELLOW TECH HIGH ALIMNI HAS JOINED HIS BELOVED BETTY IN THE BOSOM OF GOD. WE WILL MISS HIS FELLOWSHIP FOR A SHORT TIME, BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING HIS FELLOWSHIP FOR ETERNITY.

MAY GOD BLESS HIS ENTIRE FAMILY, AND COMFORT THE YOUNGER MEMBERS THAT MAY HAVE MORE TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING THE LOSS.

I MOURN WITH YOU,

G. CECIL WALKER

---

**G. CECIL WALKER** - November 13, 2018 at 02:33 PM

LC

“ Prayers and praises to the family of Reverend Bill HOLT.  
Preacher Holt was an intricate part in sharing God’s love and light in the Smith- Carter family. He conducted mine and Bill’s marriage ceremony, baptized our sons, and performed the funeral services of my grandparents and parents. My brother also made a trip to the Holy Land as a teenager with Preacher Holt.  
I praise God for the abundant life of Bill Holt and the inspiration he had on my life and the lives of many .  
Through Bill Holt, God has been gloried by his fulfillment in his life “ to go into all the world and preach the gospel”.  
Bill Holt, a mighty man of God!

---

Laddie Carter - November 13, 2018 at 09:23 AM

CY

“ My family has known your dear father Bill and mother Betty from the time we returned from our missionary service on the Island of Borneo to Decatur, GA in early 1971. At the time Bill was Editor of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, but we had met at various times over the years at various conferences at Lake Junaluska, NC. In 1976, I began working in the Southeastern Jurisdiction office of the Field Representative of the GBGM at the UM Center on Ralph McGill Blvd.in Atlanta and saw Bill and Betty often. When I moved to Carrollton 13 years ago. it was a delight to reunite with them in this community. Because we shared mutual experiences in God's Mission through our UM Church, we enjoyed each other's friendship. They were always an inspiration to us and will forever be in our hearts and minds. We send each of you our loving thoughts during this time of grief, knowing God will bless and comfort you as you receive precious memories from countless friends and others who were privileged to know and love your parents.  
Camille and Stuart Yahm



---

Camille S Yahm - November 13, 2018 at 03:03 AM

CS

“ I am praying for the Family and Friends of Rev. Bill Holt. His favorite song was *When the Saints go Marching in*. He is definitely a Saint marching into the Heavenly gates. Praying.



---

**Connie Smiley** - November 12, 2018 at 06:05 PM

WG

“ Bill Holt was a friend, mentor, and great preacher. He set a high example for others to follow. Twenty years later, I still remember his sermon on the "First Breakfast" where Christ appeared on the beach and told the disciples to cast their net into the deep water. Jesus then served them breakfast. Dr. Holt was a fisher of men and leaves an example for us all to follow. - Wes Griffin, General Evangelist in the United Methodist Church

---

**Wes Griffin** - November 12, 2018 at 04:06 PM

TR

“ The impact your father had on our lives will be forever felt; he will be greatly missed. I have no doubt that Betty, as well my mom and dad, are once again "traveling the world together". May God's peace and strength surround you all.

---

**Tim Reeve** - November 12, 2018 at 03:33 PM

GG

“ Dear family, I just want to express my sadness in the fact that you have lost your dear Bill. But, I want to say how joyful in my heart I am that I know he is in heaven with all the saints and angels. How wonderful is that assurance. He was indeed an amazing pastor, and amazing Christian and an amazing man personally. He brought so much joy and happiness too us all. What a blessing that this world got to have him for a time. He did make a difference. I know how much he loved to travel, so now he is on the most beautiful trip and destination that he could ever imagine. With love and prayers to each of you, Gherry Gustafson

---

**Gherry Gustafson** - November 12, 2018 at 02:16 PM

 Diann Alford

“ Chris and Alise Rip and I are very sorry for the loss of Dr Holt. Sounds like a great man. Prayer for you all.

---

**Diann Alford** - November 12, 2018 at 07:17 AM

DS

“ Dear Jim and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your Daddy, Granddaddy and Great Granddaddy's going to be with the Good Lord, He is at home now. May the Good Lord give you Peace, Love and Contentment during this difficult time.  
God loves you and I do too,  
Don Jones Sr.

---

**Don Jones Sr.** - November 11, 2018 at 06:28 PM