



## William Lawrence Martinell

October 16, 1922 - April 26, 2013

William (Bill) Lawrence Martinell, age 90, passed away at his home April 26, 2013. He was born October 16, 1922 in Savanna Illinois.

Bill was enlisted with the US Navy from 1942 to 1946.

Bill graduated from Georgia Tech in 1947 with a degree in Industrial Management. He was named one of the 10 outstanding students and was President of the Newman Club, a Catholic men's club at Georgia Tech. He was employed with Southern Wood Preserving Company for 33 years, in East Point Georgia and Spartanburg SC, advancing from trainee to President. He was a member of the Rotary Club from 1960 to 1989. He received many honors during his employment including Life Member of the American Wood Preservers Association, President of the Railway Tie Association & President of the Forest Product Research Association. In 1980 Bill worked as President and CEO of JH Baxter & Co. in San Mateo, California, and retired in 1989.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother, Mary, his father, Laurence, and brother, Robert. He was a wonderful father and devoted husband

He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Joan Croker Martinell of Newnan; daughter Laura Lynn Wilson, daughter and son in law, Patty and John Baker, daughter and son in law Karen and Herb Emory, son and daughter in law William and Sherry Martinell, daughter Robyn Adams, Grandchildren Ryan Wilson, Russell Baker (Kate), Matthew Baker, Bryan Baker, Patrick Baker and Tayler Schnoor.

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

Bill was a good and faithful servant to the Lord, a devout Catholic, earning the honor of Fourth Degree with the Knights of Columbus. His strong faith and gentle spirit extended beyond his family to all who knew him. He was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

A visitation will be held Monday, April 29th from 6-8 pm, at McKoon Funeral Home, Newnan, Georgia

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 30th, 10:30 am at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Newnan, Georgia. A reception will follow.

Father Dan Fleming will officiate. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church 3 Village Rd. Newnan, GA 30265.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA 30263 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Westminster Memorial Gardens

Highway 54  
Peachtree City, GA 30269

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

APR **30**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
3 Village Road  
Newnan, GA 30265

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Dear Joan and family, I am a long time industry colleague and friend of Bill's and wish to send my heartfelt condolences to you. Bill was one of the most respected gentlemen in our industry. He stayed in touch faithfully after retirement to the end. Please accept our sympathy in your loss. Sincerely, James Batchelder Santa Rosa, CA

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**James Batchelder** - April 30, 2013 at 07:26 PM

AC

“ Dear Aunt Joan and Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Uncle Bill was always a delight and complete joy to be around. He will surely be missed. Love to you all, Anita

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**Anita Croker** - April 30, 2013 at 12:04 PM

RL

“ Dear Lynn and Family, May you feel peace and rejoice in your hearts that your wonderful Dad has finally received his heavenly glory. He will live on in your hearts forever God Bless and keep you all and give you special blessings and peace. We love you, Rita

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**Rita Letterman** - April 28, 2013 at 09:09 PM

JE

“ My heart grieves too. He was a wonderful man

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**Joyce Emory** - April 27, 2013 at 10:11 PM

JL

“ Dear Karen, Joan and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Remember the sweet and precious times you were together, and he will always be with you. Keep the faith, and rely on the Lord to get you through this difficult time.. Know we love you.  
Love and prayers, John and Lorraine Lambert

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**John & Lorraine Emory Lambert** - April 27, 2013 at 08:18 PM

SR

“ Dearest Aunt Joan and Family, Our precious Uncle Bill, will be missed so much. He was truly one of the kindest, sweetest and gentlest man I have ever known. He always had the sweetest smile and laugh that could light up a room. My heart aches for all of you but he will always be alive in each of our hearts. May God bless each of you and know that he is now resting in his heavenly home.  
We love each of you dearly, Sheryle and Jimmy Roach

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**Sheryle Croker Roach** - April 27, 2013 at 07:43 PM