



William Newcomer McGuire

April 9, 1958 - August 18, 2013

William Newcomer “Bill” McGuire enjoyed a zestful life of education, travel and a love of the Spanish language. Bill was born in Tampa, Florida April 9, 1958 and was the son of the late William Burson McGuire. His mother, Mary Ellen Newcomer McGuire survives him. He attended Radnor High School in Radnor, Pennsylvania. He started his college education at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee where he majored in Spanish and U.S. History. Further education included a teaching certification at The University of West Georgia. In 1993 he was a part of Universidad de Salamanca. His Master’s in Spanish was completed at Auburn University in 1998. Upon Completion of his degree he was a Spanish teacher and Department Chair at Stockbridge High School. From 1999 until 2011 he shared his love of the Spanish language with the students at Newnan High School. During this same time he also taught at CEC, Brewton-Parker College and instructed conversational Spanish courses for other professionals in Newnan and Coweta County. Since 2011 he has been a Spanish instructor at The University of West Georgia in Carrollton. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Ginny Craven McGuire and his children, Will McGuire and Katherine McGuire. His siblings are Lynn McGuire Brown and Mary McGuire Ray. A memorial service for Bill will be on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 5:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Bill McMurray officiating. The family will welcome friends beginning at 3:00 PM at the funeral home. Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests contributions to Newnan High School, Attention Mrs. Quesinberry,

190 LaGrange St, Newnan, GA 30263 & please write Bill McGuire Scholarship Fund in memo line of the check. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

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Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ It's 2026 now and Mr. Mcguire crossed my mind so I looked up his obituary. I was a student of his at UWG in 2013 and was bereft when I learned of his passing. The world lost a good guy when you left Bill. Thank you for giving me a place to say goodbye.

Shelley Holford - April 29 at 12:45 AM

MH

“ Not a day goes by that I don't remember Mr. McGuire. Wow, what an inspiration. It is largely in thanks to Bill McGuire that I have such a passion for the Spanish language, culture, and history, and he is one of few that have truly pushed me to my full potential. He brought such life to the subject by having such passion; that is not something easily found anymore. He taught it because he loved it, and he has inspired me to do the same. I am hoping to study abroad soon and was so looking forward to being able to come back and tell him all about it. Now I am comforted to know that he will be with me every step of the way. I hope he would be proud to see where I am now, especially knowing that it is so largely in thank to him. I cannot thank him enough for his inspiration, and I wish I could hear one just one more never-ending story, in true Mr. McGuire fashion. Those were always the best. You are deeply, sorely missed. Until we meet again, Miranda Hayes.

Miranda Hayes - April 02, 2014 at 06:33 AM

JH

“ Mrs. McGuire, You may not remember me but I worked as a substitute at Newnan High School from 2008 until 2011. I just learned of Mr. McGuire's passing from a friend a few days ago and I wanted to offer you and your family my most heartfelt condolences. One thing I will remember about your husband is his kindness and I can also say the same for you too. I was in a wheelchair and I was made to feel not only welcome but accepted by both of you. Your husband always had a smile, a greeting and a handshake for me every time we met at the school and most important he treated me with dignity and respect. I also saw the love that he had for all of his students. If I am ever allowed to be a real language teacher someday, I would hope to be even half the great teacher that he was. He will be greatly missed. I pray that God will be with you and your family especially during this time of the year and that he will strengthen all of your hearts with His love and also give you comfort through memories of the love and good times together in the past. God bless you!

Jeff Harper - November 10, 2013 at 12:35 AM

LE

“ welllll i guess there are some shitty cars in here but hell its not my drames .more zonda's and skylines less maro's says my dream.

Le01nk6Fc - September 18, 2013 at 08:01 PM

SJ

“ McGuire Family: I am so sorry for your loss. Senor Mcguire was a great teacher and an exceptional person. I had him for SPAN 1002. He made us all want to visit Spain and Costa Rica. I enjoyed his class and his stories. You all are in my prayers. Sincerely, Sunday L Jones

Sunday Jones - August 28, 2013 at 10:08 AM

DF

“ It was hard not to cry when I heard about Professor McGuire's passing. He was an amazing man who, in one semester, left me with a feeling and understanding so tangible that I can still feel it tug my heart when I breathe. Professor McGuire's love for Spanish, for Spain, was so real, so motivating. He was a man who respected his students, who listened to reason, and who demonstrated the essence of compassion. Teachers like him are rare and what made him so special was his genuine nature and big-hearted attitude. He was a straight-forward, honest and open man who you could tell loved his family as much as he loved telling his class fun stories about them. And though I know how empty it feels without his presence, my only hope is that these words, in some small way might function to help fill some minute corner of your hearts the same way Professor McGuire filled mine in a single semester. I owe him a lot. Diamond

Diamond Forde - August 28, 2013 at 02:34 AM

JZ

“ Es posible que puedo olvidar todo que he aprendido en su clasé, but I can't forget the sort of man that he taught me to be. While he helped me uncloud my own culture and language with his extensive knowledge and experiences, I still remember him not only as my much appreciated mentor but my friend. I very much appreciate that you, Señora, and Señor treated me as a valuable friend and supported my dreams as an aspiring student. Javier

Javier Zavaleta - August 27, 2013 at 10:31 PM

CH

“ I was a student of Professor McGuire's for two semesters at UWG. He quickly became one of my favorite teachers and has left a lasting impression on me. He always beamed with warmth and positivity that instantly lifted the mood of the room. I am sure that those who spent any time around Professor McGuire soon recognized him as a sincere, genuine, caring individual. I am grateful for the opportunity I had to be around a being filled with such love. My thoughts go out to his loved ones.

Chris - August 27, 2013 at 04:33 PM

GA

“ Jenny, So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. Gretchen Fahl Alexander

gretchen fahl alexander - August 26, 2013 at 06:53 PM

MB

“ Jenny, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for the strength you need and for your children. All my love.

Marla Brandenburg - August 25, 2013 at 10:52 PM

SH

“ The passing of Mr. McGuire has weighed heavily on me the past week. Mr. McGuire is the one whom I owe my passion for the Spanish language, inspired me to select Spanish as my major in college, and not miss out on a chance to study abroad while in school. There was something different about his classes. Although we went over the important points in grammar and literature, he would not hesitate to share stories of his experiences while in Spain, cultural differences and traditions, or just plain funny stories of when he studied abroad. There are stories he told I can still remember vividly today. To him, teaching Spanish was more than just learning a new vocabulary as he shared his passion of it with others. He was someone who cared about his students as well, as I remember him supporting me outside of school a number of times and asking about me during passing since I graduated. I am very thankful for what his life has meant to me, and I send all of my thoughts and prayers to the McGuire family.

Stephen Hammond - August 23, 2013 at 04:06 PM

LO

“ Dear Ginny and family, May God gives the inner peace and the strenght that you need during these difficult times. I will miss him terribly because Bill was my FRIEND.....

Luis Ortiz - August 23, 2013 at 09:07 AM

RN

“ Ginny, and family: My heartfelt condolences go out to you during this time of grief. I knew Bill from my first year at NHS in 99. He will always be remembered for his wonderful smile, and kind spirits. Please know God has him safe in his arms, and I pray that the Lord will give you relief and peace knowing that Bill is sitting next to him in Heaven. God bless.

Robin Norris - August 22, 2013 at 05:16 PM

TP

“ Dear family of Professor McGuire, It was an absolute shock to find out that one of my favorite Spanish professors had passed away and was no longer with us. He was an amazing teacher but even that doesn't describe him well because he was more than amazing, I could always tell he loved his job, and the students he interacted with. He was always so joyful, energetic, and smiling, UWG students and faculty will truly miss him. May he rest in peace, I will continuously say a prayer for him and his family.

Taneil Prudence - August 22, 2013 at 04:29 PM

EN

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, I am a student at the University of West Georgia, and I had Spanish 1001 and 1002 with him. He was my favorite spanish teacher. His classes would fill up quickly because he was the best teacher. The last time I saw him was in April during our final. I was tardy almost everyday, because of my struggles at home, and he continued to let me in class. I just can not believe he's gone. Mr. McGuire, you are truly missed.

Ekeoma Nwakanma - August 22, 2013 at 03:34 PM

GP

“ Ginny, we were so sorry to read of the death of Bill. May God keep you in his care as you experience the loss of your loved one.

Gerrie and Ray Petty - August 22, 2013 at 02:11 PM

DG

“ Ginny, I was so sorry to learn of Bill's death this morning after my mom saw it in the newspaper. I am so sorry you and your children are going through this loss. I wish I could come be with you today as you were with me many years ago when my daddy died. I remember your presence well. Maybe we can get together either after Christmas or next summer when we are visiting in Newnan. Love to you all. Bruce, Debra, and Elizabeth Gourley

Debra Hawk Gourley - August 22, 2013 at 11:18 AM

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PT

“ No words can stop the pain but know my love and prayers are with you all. We will miss that infectious smile and his gentle spirit. His presence in a room made it brighter. He was loved and will be missed.

Pat Tidwell - August 22, 2013 at 11:13 AM

VP

“ My heart goes out to you. May God gives you daily strength to get through these difficult moments. I will keep you in my prayers. Mr. Bill McGuire will forever live on in so many hearts. I have enjoyed been his co-worker and many conversation with him. Bill taught my sons Spanish and I taught Will Drivers Ed. We have had many conversations about our son. We will never forget the life of a friend and teacher. Love Vicki Parks

Vicki Parks - August 22, 2013 at 10:09 AM

JM

“ My eleventh grade year, I had both the McGuires. It was an amazing year. Learning Spanish was not the most important thing I carried away from his class. I learned about life. The stories he had were beyond amazing. He was not just some high school Spanish teacher. He loved what he did, and helped me understand what it was to be passionate about something. Along with a Spanish lesson, we got an amazing story about his world adventures and showed us how relevant it is to know the language and just to explore. He made sure we never had a boring day. I made some great friends in that class, the McGuires included. Once I had Mrs. McGuire, I loved them as a team more than as individual teachers. They both loved what they did, and the fact that they were able to work down the hall from each other was fun for everyone. I was looking forward to being his student again at West Georgia next semester. I am very grateful that I was able to be a small part of his life.

Jessica Gray McElroy - August 22, 2013 at 09:20 AM

RM

“ My deepest sympathy. I knew Prof. McGuire from UWG where I used to tutor some of his students and I can say that he was an inspiring person. He was always giving his best for his students and he did it with a big smile in his face. That's how I remember him: smiling and asking me whether one of his students had come to a tutoring session and how he/she was doing. Prof. McGuire will not only be missed, but also remembered by all those whose lives were touched by his kindness and inspiration.

Rosa Madriz - August 22, 2013 at 08:59 AM

AA

“ Ginny, I'm so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. Not sure if I ever meet him or not but from the comments from his students it seems like he was a great teacher besides being a great person. I've been saying special prayers for you and your family during the past few days. Keep his memory alive by speaking his name often. Angela

Angela Smith Alexander - August 22, 2013 at 08:49 AM

JC

“ To the McGuire family, When I learned of professor McGuire's passing, I was in disbelief. He was such an amazing teacher, and I really enjoyed him this past spring at UWG. He was so nice and friendly, making the atmosphere extremely welcoming. We shared so many laughs and heard so many funny stories in that class. I am so sorry for your loss, he was truly a remarkable man. -Jordan Camara

Jorden Camara - August 22, 2013 at 03:46 AM

TH

“ Mr. McGuire was one of the best professors I ever had the pleasure of meeting. He was the perfect mixture of supportive and practical. His positive attitude and genuine friendliness will be greatly missed. His kind heart will not be forgotten.

Tiffany Harris - August 21, 2013 at 10:03 PM

KC

“Mrs. McGuire, I was so sad to learn of your husband's passing. I never had his class, obviously, because I was in yours! But we stayed after many times to talk to you and sometimes he would come up and join in and he never had anything but nice words to say. And he never really knew me, nor I him, but every time he saw me walking down the hallway, he would smile at me. I don't think that was special treatment, I think he was genuinely nice to everyone, because he was a good man and the world will be one more shade darker since he has left it. I only entered yall's life as a student, but I could tell that your family was full of love and it was truly a wonderful thing to be a witness to. I really enjoyed having class with you, Mrs. McGuire but from all the good things I've heard about him, I'm sure if i had gotten him instead, I wouldn't have been disappointed either. Just from the 5 seconds of walking through the halls, I could feel that he always put off such a good energy, and that's a rare and precious thing to have as a person. To be able to affect people in such a positive life, is an awesome gift to possess. I am truly sorry for your loss, and I just hope you find comfort in knowing that you got to share your life with an amazing man, he mattered to so many people and he truly touched the lives of those who knew him. I pray that you find peace in knowing that he'll be there, waiting to see you all again soon. May god be with you and your family in the days to come. Take care and be well.

Kelly Conner - August 21, 2013 at 09:17 PM

TC

“Professor, I am eternally grateful for all the help, faith, and support you put into me passing your class in the Fall of 2012. You really believed I could do it and did the same for many other students too. Your family must be proud of all you accomplished with your life. Thank You sir.

Thomas Champagne - August 21, 2013 at 07:28 PM

RM

“ I was a student of Señor McGuire's at Newnan High School from 1999-2000 when he first started teaching there. He was an awesome teacher, motivated us to practice our Spanish and improve, and was just super cool and friendly. He even let me paint some Spanish artwork on the wall in his classroom at Newnan High School. I painted "Me Encanta El Español" and a little Don Quixote figure chasing windmills. I wonder if it's still there. I remember one time we all had pizza in celebration of some Spanish achievements the class made. He was one of my favorite teachers, and I can't believe he's passed away. He was so young at heart and full of life, energy, and passion. Very Spanish! I will never forget what a great guy he was. I miss you Señor McGuire.

Robert Mooradian - August 21, 2013 at 06:27 PM

EJ

“ I am so sad to hear about this he was my favorite professor! I absolutely loved hearing about his hilarious stories of studying in Spain which is why I decided to study there this summer. I wish I could have had the time to tell him about my experience when school was back. This just breaks my heart because he was such a sweet, sweet man with such a big heart and a great sense of humor. My prayers go out to his family and I am sad to know that no future students will get to experience the only teacher worth getting up early on a Friday for. RIP You will be greatly missed

eve judvytyte - August 21, 2013 at 05:50 PM

JB

“OMG ! what a shock. I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. McGuire was my Spanish teacher at UWG. The best ever. He had a way of connecting with his students which shows that he sincerely cared. He even took time to show me places to visit in Costa Rica. Ginny - I know that you may not remember me but I met you at the Goodwill in Newnan. We were planning on dinner at his fav Mexican restaurant. I regret not having got to do that. I could write page after page but you already know what a great man Bill was. Please know that you and your children will be in my prayers - that God will comfort and give you the strength you need to make it through those lonely days. Please do not give up your tutoring. I know that you are helping kids just as Bill helped me. ~Juanita Biggs

Juanita Biggs - August 21, 2013 at 05:21 PM

VC

“Praying for peace for you and your family, my dear friend. “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”
A.A. Milne

Vivian Colon - August 21, 2013 at 12:36 PM

FF

“I am so sorry for your loss. Senoir McGuire, as the boy's called him, made Spanish class fun for them. We proably heard his name more than any teacher they had at NHS. Our whole family is praying for all of you during this most difficult time. Frank, Melody, Frank Jr., and Charlie Farmer

FRANK FARMER - August 21, 2013 at 10:41 AM

GS

“ I was truly grateful to meet Bill McGuire through tutoring with Club Z. He was such a supportive and guiding person. He helped me with many of my work endeavors without abandon and was always there to speak to when I needed help. He will be truly missed in the teaching and tutoring community as well as to me personally. I pray for his repose and for those he has left behind. Sincerely, Greg Stimler

Greg Stimler - August 21, 2013 at 12:18 AM

LB

“ So sorry to learn of the loss of Bill. I will remember his smile at family get-togethers and language conferences. I know that West Georgia will miss his presence. Thinking of all of you in the coming days and praying for your strength.

Lee Burson - August 20, 2013 at 09:54 PM

SC

“ My dear friend Ginny, words are not enough to properly express my condolences to you, Will, and Katie. I love you all, and I will see you soon. I am here for you, as you and Bill have always been for me. Take care and much love, Susan

Susan Caldwell - August 20, 2013 at 08:25 PM

AG

“ Dear Ginny, Will, and Katie, We want you each to know that you have been on our hearts, and in our prayers and thoughts since we heard. While we are heartbroken at Bill's passing, we will not allow it to keep us from celebrating his wonderful life. He was a beautiful man; someone that you simply wanted to be around, because he exuded such sweetness and goodness. Cling to the Lord, and cling to all those good and precious memories of Bill. We love you all, Wanda and Andy

Andy and Wanda Green - August 20, 2013 at 07:54 PM

JP

“ Ginny Katie and Will, We were so sorry to hear of Bill's death and just wanted to let you know that we are all thinking about you and praying for you. Please lean on your friends at this difficult time in your lives and know that we will all be there for you! Thoughts and prayers! Love Lamar, Julie, Cory, Willow and Lilly Potts and Brittney and Duane Davis

Julie Potts - August 20, 2013 at 07:23 PM

GH

“ Miss Ginny, Will, and Katie, I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember all the FUN we had in Spanish class. I just loved Mr. McGuire and looked forward to his class. Loved hearing his stories about living in Spain!! I will always remember him as such a fun teacher who lived life to the fullest and loved his family! He will be missed. -Glenn

Glenn Sprayberry Hice - August 20, 2013 at 07:19 PM

JC

“ Ginny, We are praying for your family. We are so very sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man! Love, Joe and Sandee

Joe and Sandee Crain - August 20, 2013 at 07:09 PM

LB

“ *Señor McGuire was quite possibly the nicest teacher I ever had. He always had a big smile on his face and he was always very encouraging. He was an inspiration to me and one of the reasons I decided to be a Spanish teacher. When he came to be a professor at UWG and saw me he immediately welcomed me and told me if I ever needed anything he had my back... and he did. He actually cared and made sure I knew it. The world needs more teachers like him. I pray that you may be comforted and that God gives you the strength to endure these unimaginably difficult times.*

Levi Bly - August 20, 2013 at 03:54 PM

DS

“ *It is with great sorrow that I send you condolences for Bill's death. I remember the fun times we had, and it was always a ;pleasure to see you all and chat. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Dawn Sosby - August 20, 2013 at 03:06 PM

FS

“ *Ginny, Sending heart felt love and prayers upon hearing of your untimely loss. Strength to you and your family in the coming days. With much love, Frank*

Frank Stripling - August 20, 2013 at 02:59 PM

TW

“ *Ginny, I am so sorry to hear of Bill's death. I will always remember how much he meant to Isaac and was a great role model he was for those young guys. He always had a smile for everyone. Please know that you and the children are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Tammy*

Tammy Whaley - August 20, 2013 at 12:12 PM

MF

“ Ginny, Will, and Katie, we are so sorry for this very sad loss for your family and for all of Bill's friends. We pray that God will provide you with peace and solace during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts. With love, Matt, Tambra, Troy, and family

Matt and Tambra Jackson family - August 20, 2013 at 11:51 AM

JE

“ Ginny, I will not be able to attend at 3 so i will leave you a note. I have cried a great deal since learning about "Mista Man". With each tear there is always a giggle right behind it. The both of you are pure joy and i love you and your children so much. I miss those days of living across the street and laughing all the time. When my life fell apart you were there for me and i will do the same for you and the kids. Please don't be a hero and just say yes when someone is ready to do something for you. I will be in touch. All my love, josie

josie exner - August 20, 2013 at 11:47 AM

MD

“ Ginny, I am so sorry to learn the death of Bill. My prayers go out for you and the family. I remember the fun times we all had at Aunt Iba's. she sure loved you and Bill. We don't know all the answers, only God knows. But I do know that Bill was a wonderful man and loved by so many. You and the children will be on my prayer list. May God be with you now and forever. Love, Marcia Dees

Marcia Dees - August 19, 2013 at 11:38 PM