

## William Aloysius Meagher, Jr.

August 9, 1940 - November 2, 2023

Mr. William A. Meagher, Jr., 83, of Newnan, Georgia, formerly of Lafayette, Louisiana, passed away Thursday, November 2, 2023, after a very brave fight with leukemia.

He was born August 9, 1940, in Houma, Louisiana, to the late Elsie Loper Meagher and William A. Meagher, Sr. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, William A. Meagher, III, and his brother, James Stephen Meagher. Bill is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Barbara Gremillion Meagher; daughter Chalin Meagher Anton and son-in-law Freddy Anton; granddaughters Madeleine and Molly Anton; sister Margaret McInteer & husband Pat, brother Mike Meagher & wife Camille, brother Pat Meagher; sister-in-law Jeanette Wadsworth and husband David, brother-in-law Ernest Gremillion and wife Marguerite; and more than twenty cherished nieces and nephews.

Bill graduated from St. John's High School in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was a proud 1963 graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where he was a member of the men's gymnastics team and Sigma Nu Fraternity. After college, he joined the U.S. Air Force and, after completing flight training, became a pilot, serving as a captain in Vietnam and the United Kingdom. While still in the service, Bill met the love of his life, Barbara. They were married in 1966, and soon after started a family. He was a wonderful father to

his son, Bill, and daughter, Chalin. After leaving the Air Force in 1969, he flew for Delta Airlines until retiring in 1999.

Bill and Barbara loved to travel - seeing sights and visiting family and friends around the world.

Also, Bill had a passion for golf and was a scratch golfer, winning the 2019 PGA National Senior Scramble with his partner, John. Additionally, he was an adventurous hunter, avid fisherman, self-taught shrimper, NCAA division one gymnast, fighter pilot, war veteran, and excellent joke teller. While Bill was knowb by various nicknames, including Cotton, Billy, and Gump, by far his favorite was his grandpa name that many besides his granddaughters adopted: Bobo.

A funeral mass for Bill will be Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., at St. George Catholic Church, 771 Roscoe Road, Newnan. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society online at <https://diy.lls.org/fundraiser/5083566>.

Condolence can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

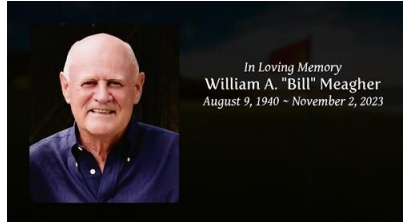
NOV 9. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church  
771 Roscoe Rd  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of William Aloysius Meagher, Jr.*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 11, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Aloysius Meagher, Jr..*



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November 09, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ *The Hazleton Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Aloysius Meagher, Jr..*

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**The Hazleton Family** - November 09, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Aloysius Meagher, Jr..*



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November 08, 2023 at 09:15 PM

LK

“ At a dinner table on a cruise in March 1993 this gent was offering up hilarious Cajun jokes in a genuine southern drawl. We soon learned of recent history and became determined to establish a friendship, one which has endured over thirty years of laughter and well-taught golf lessons.

*Barbara and family, we share in your loss yet know that the same inspiration and love for life that you've shown us shall, down the road, bring new strength to you. Condolences for now, love in friendship forever. Rest in peace, good friend.*

*Linda & Bruce*

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**Linda & Bruce Klappholz** - November 08, 2023 at 09:47 AM

LM

“ We are so saddened at the loss of such a great man. We loved his jokes and spending time with Bill and Barbara both. I know the Angels are playing a song of welcome. God's Peace, Lynn and Guy



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**Lynn & Guy Millette** - November 06, 2023 at 07:14 PM

JR

“ My condolences to the Meagher family. I flew many trips with Bill as my F/O on the DC9 out of ORD, we even car pooled on many of them. Bill and I shared a love of bird hunting, and did it many times in the local area. Let them get up, you have to lead em they fly fast. RIP Bill

*Taking these old legs out to KS. one more time in the AM to bird hunt. Jerry Reed*

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**Jerry Reed** - November 06, 2023 at 09:29 AM

RL

“ My condolences to the Meagher family for the loss of Bill. I was a classmate of Bill's in the infamous Delta class of 09/12/1969. I remember Bill for his great sense of humor and wonderful demeanor. He would kid me about being Navy and I would return the banter about his being Air Force. It was a fun time and gentlemen like Bill helped to build and make what a great airline Delta is today. RIP Bill.

Robert Lomba - November 05, 2023 at 09:10 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Aloysius Meagher, Jr..



November 05, 2023 at 07:22 PM

SH

“ Sue Harry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Aloysius Meagher, Jr..

Sue Harry - November 05, 2023 at 07:22 PM