



William Walter Williams

January 28, 1927 - May 7, 2012

William W. Williams, Jr., 85, of Woodbine Circle, Newnan, Ga., died on Monday, May 7, 2012.

Mr. Williams was born on January 28, 1927 in Savannah, Ga. to the late Anna Rackley Williams and William W. Williams, Sr.

He was reared in Sylvania, Ga., and following graduation from Sylvania High School he joined the U.S. Army during World War II where he spent two years – with one year in Korea. After returning from overseas he attended Georgia Teachers College and received a B.S. Degree in 1949.

In 1954 he received a Masters Degree in Administration from George Peabody College and in 1958 he graduated from the Banking School of the South, LSU.

Mr. Williams moved to Newnan in 1952. In 1954 he married Barbara Burdette, his wife of 55 years. He joined the Citizens and Southern Newnan Bank in 1954. After serving for 22 years as President, he retired in 1989. During his career he was a member of the Rotary Club of Newnan for more than 56 years and was a past-President. He was a member the Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce for over 50 years, serving on the Board of Directors for many years. He was on the Newnan Hospital Board of Directors for 28 years including one term as President.

Active in business and civic affairs he previously served as chairman of the Coweta County Development Authority for 20 years, chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the Newnan-Coweta Chamber of

Commerce for six years, and a member of the West Georgia Private Industry Council for 15 years. While he was active in economic development, the community was successful in attracting a number of large industries which have continued to grow and provide good jobs for our area.

Mr. Williams served on the Newnan Board of Education for one term and served as the chairman of the Sixth Congressional District Star Student Program for seven years. While serving as trustee of West Georgia College for 15 years, he took a special interest in urging the college to develop their branch operation, the Newnan Center. This branch campus at Shenandoah has been very successful and well attended.

Mr. Williams was also active in the Newnan-Coweta United Way. He was named Georgia Economic Development Volunteer of the Year for 1988 by the Georgia Industrial Development Association. He was named Citizen of the Year for Coweta County in 1991 by the Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce. The Newnan-Coweta National Secretaries Association named him Executive of the Year in 1978, and he was named Young Man of the Year for Newnan and Coweta County by the Jaycees in 1962.

Other offices held were: President of Newnan Retail Merchants Associations, 1952, Coweta Cattlemen's Association, 1961, Chairman of Group 4 of the Georgia Bankers Association, 1971, Coweta County Heart Association for 10 years, director and treasurer of the Coweta County Red Cross Chapter, 1957, treasurer and member of the Executive Committee of the Western Baptist Association for five years.

He was a devoted member of the Central Baptist Church for over 50 years where he served at various times as a deacon, choir member, Sunday school teacher and a trustee.

Surviving family members include daughters and sons-in-law, Jane Kelly Williams and David Thomas Richards of Tenafly, NJ., Ann Burdette Williams and Paul David Steinke of Brooklyn, NY;

Other family members are a granddaughter, Willa Kate Richards; and step-grandchildren, David Steinke, his wife, Lauren, and their

children Bayla and Jacob; Jonathan Steinke, his wife Nicole LaRossa, and their children Theo and Zacharias, and Darcey Steinke, her husband, Mike Hudson, and her daughter Abbie Hornburg.

The funeral service is Thursday, May 10, 2012 11:30am. at the graveside in Rest Haven Cemetery, Gordon Street, Washington, Ga., with Dr. Joel Richardson officiating. The family will receive friends Wednesday between 6:00pm. and 9:00pm. at the McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA. The family respectfully requests that neither flowers be sent nor contributions made. Instead, please offer prayers for the community of Newnan that "Mr. Bill" loved so much. McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Cemetery (Washington, GA)

Gordon Street
Washington, GA 30673

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAY 10. 11:30 AM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall

CC

“ Hello Jan and Ann. My name is Cathy Daniel Cameron. I am Quincy Lee Daniel and Annie Lee Daniel's daughter. My dad worked with Mr. Williams at C & S bank for years. My mother use to baby sit you girls. I am very sorry to hear of Mr. Williams passing. I know this is a very rough time for you. I don't know if you know this but both my mom and day passed away in 2007,so I know what you are going through. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers

Cathy Daniel Cameron - May 18, 2012 at 01:37 AM

CK

“ Jane, I'm sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was such a sweet man. You and your family are in my thoughts. Take Care! Carolyn

Carolyn Lassetter Kelley - May 10, 2012 at 01:09 PM

KS

“ Dearest Ann and Jane, I was so sad to hear about your Dad. I will remember Mr. Bill as a gentle, thoughtful, forthright man. I had deepest respect for him, and will remember the many times he pulled me aside to offer a word of support or simple kindness. I will also remember his quiet humor and the calm comfort he brought to every room he entered. I love you both very dearly, and send my prayers and deepest sympathy. Ken

Kenneth Shaw - May 10, 2012 at 01:04 PM

LF

“ We will miss Bill Williams greatly. He was one of Newnan's finest citizens. We want to express our deepest condolences to the Williams family. Bill's friendship meant a great deal to our family over the years.

Lewis Collins Family - May 09, 2012 at 09:05 PM

FF

“ *Mr. Bill was a fine Christian man. I will miss seeing him at Central. He was such an asset to Newnan and Coweta County and to his Church. You can be proud of your daddy. He was truly someone we should all try to model ourselves after. My prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Sincerely, Frank M. Farmer*

Frank Farmer - May 09, 2012 at 02:41 PM

BP

“ *Ann and Jane, You are in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. Bill was an amazing man and will be greatly missed. Beth Spradlin Pitts*

Beth Spradlin Pitts - May 09, 2012 at 02:39 PM

WW

“ *Dear Ann and Jane, I am deeply sorry for your loss. Your father was a noble man; well beyond his own essential graciousness and many, many good works, he was one who had a gift for drawing forth the goodness and dignity in others. To me he has always been and always will be a better angel to be followed. I will dearly miss him, but he will never be absent from my imagination. Please know that I feel for your grief in this hard time. Bill Wright*

William A. Wright - May 09, 2012 at 02:32 PM

LB

“ Ann & Jane, Although I have only had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Bill during these last several years, I consider it a blessing and honor to have met such a noble, kind and caring individual. He certainly leaves an impressive legacy of caring and commitment to his family and community. To say he will be greatly missed is an understatement. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your time of loss. --Lisa Beckham J. K. Boatwright & Co., P.C.

Lisa Beckham - May 09, 2012 at 11:04 AM

RM

“ Jane and Anne, I am so sad to learn of "Mr. Bill's" death. He was one of sweetest men I have even known. No matter when or where you saw him he always had a kind word and wanted to know all about what you were doing. He was a good friend to my dad Taft. Daddy admired your daddy for his ability to run such a successful bank, while making friends with his customers. Mike and I extend our sincerest condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Renee Mansour McGraw - May 09, 2012 at 10:35 AM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time.

Susan and Ronnie Whatley - May 09, 2012 at 07:23 AM

SR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was proud to be part of the team caring for your dad in hospice. He was a great man in our community and will be missed by many.

Sarah Robbins - May 09, 2012 at 03:16 AM

FN

“ Dear Cousins, Such sad news about Billy...we loved him and admired him so. We were always very proud of him...his gentleness and accomplishments were family traits we loved and crowed about. I always thought my brother Bill looked like him. God blessed his life. Wishing you comfort and ease....we will all miss him terribly. Love you both so much. Frances

Frances Norton - May 08, 2012 at 10:50 PM

EH

“ Dear Jane and Ann, I am so very sad to hear. He was such a wonderful man. A man who was such a gentleman, such a clear follower of Christ in everything he did and said. I am so glad I was able to visit with yall a few months before Mama died. I remember she wanted to go so bad but wasn't able. Billy was one of her favorite people, she loved him so much. I am thinking of Jane's song which described him so well, such a wonderful father Love and prayers to you all, Elizabeht Law Hein

Elizabeth Hein - May 08, 2012 at 09:23 PM

DS

“ Mr. Bill Williams was a great friend of The University of West Georgia, and will be sorely missed. He has been a strong supporter of our work in Newnan and Coweta for a long time, and certainly so for the 18 years I have been here, all through the present time. My sincere condolences to the family, and all my praise for a great man and a great life. Beheruz N. Sethna Professor and President The University of West Georgia

Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna - May 08, 2012 at 11:32 AM

TL

“ I was saddened this morning to learn of Mr. Bill's passing. He was one of my heroes! When I began working at UWG (West GA College) in 1990, Mr. Bill welcomed me to the West Georgia family with open arms. He would make special phone calls from time-to-time just to hear how everything was going at the newly established Newnan Center. His visits and well-wishes through out the past 22 years were always uplifting and encouraging. He will ALWAYS be special to UWG Newnan and the entire Newnan-Coweta community.....

Teri Lewis - May 08, 2012 at 10:08 AM

CW

“ Jane and Ann: Your dad will always be special to me, both as a fellow Rotarian and as the instigator of the creation of the University of West Georgia's Newnan Center, which I currently direct. He was committed to bringing the University to Newnan and has been a wonderful supporter since 1986. You may remember that during a dedication ceremony in 2009, we planted a maple tree in his honor on the front lawn of the Newnan campus. He had recently learned from me about the offer to UWG of the old Newnan Hospital property on Jackson Street, and he was very excited to hear this. Your dad has done so much for this community. We owe him a lot, and he will be sorely missed. I know this is a tough time for you and your families. We will keep you in our prayers.

Cathy Wright - May 08, 2012 at 09:38 AM

HP

“ Jane and Ann, we are praying for you during these difficult days. Your dad's life was certainly one that was well-lived.

Helen Perry - May 08, 2012 at 07:29 AM