



William "Bill" Goode Talton

October 24, 1942 - February 18, 2016

Mr. William "Bill" Goode Talton, III, 73, of Newnan, GA passed away Thursday, February 18, 2016 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. Bill was born October 24, 1942 in Newport News, VA to the late William G. Talton, Jr. & Mary Jeanette Rodgers Talton.

Bill grew up in Apopka, Florida and attended and graduated high school from Georgia Military Academy in College Park. After high school, he moved to Newport News, VA and worked as a ship builder before being drafted into the Army.

After his military career he was a pilot with Eastern Airlines from 1966 until their closure. He then began his career with ValuJet in 1994 and where he remained through their merger with Airtran and Southwest. At the time of his passing, he was still proudly working for Southwest Airlines. Bill was a devoted Christian and an active member of Grace Baptist Church in Sharpsburg, GA.

The graveside service, with military honors, is Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at Georgia National Cemetery, 1080 Scott Hudgens Drive, Canton, GA with Rev. Brian Anderson officiating. The visitation is Monday evening between 5:00-7:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA. Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Georgia, 1775 The Exchange SE, Suite 220, Atlanta, GA 30339 or <http://georgia.wish.org/>

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Survivors include wife, Patricia A. Talton; daughter, Tammy Suzanne (Frank)

Memola; son, Terry (Vicki) Talton; stepdaughter, Jennifer (Dr. Bill) Yarbrough; sister, Suzanne (Chris) Bateman; and grandchildren, Grace Memola, Bethany Memola, William Talton, Ella Carter.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive
Canton, GA 30114

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB **23**. 1:30 PM (ET)


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Tribute Wall

JB

“ I just heard about Bill's passing. I worked with him at both AirTran & Southwest and he was always a joy to work with.

JOAN BOLDEN - March 06, 2016 at 12:30 PM

 Cary Stone

“ When AirTran and ValueJet merged, it caused a great disruption among many folks at both airlines. But there are always a few folks that reached out to make the rest realize it was important to come together. Bill was one of those folks. At the time it seemed impossible, but Bill saw into the future and what we could have as one cohesive group. The early pilots of both airlines would fight like brothers, but let another airline crew member call us a name and together we would pounce on him. The senior pilots of both airlines knew what was on the line—work together, or fail. AirTran survived because of those senior aviators making it possible to grow, add more pilots, fly to more destinations, and do it with our heads held high. At one time, no one wanted to fly for AirTran, but in a month 8000 legacy wanted to be part of us. That transition can only happen with aviators like Bill. He always had a joke to tell, a smile on his face behind that computer in his office. Bill helped to build an airline, keep us on course, and kept us safe. He was a gentleman, and a gentle man. But now he has a new set of wings. Wings that will carry him while he still watches over all of the pilots he knew and mentored. I'm grateful to have known Bill. I'm grateful to have shared time on this earth with him. It made me smile when I received a Christmas card from Bill last year. The airline from another merger hadn't sent one. He knew I was done flying, out on a medical issue that meant I would never fly again. He had everyone in the office sign it. Thank you, Bill, for remembering me, and I will never forget you. Forever sunshine, Bill.—Cary Allen Stone & Tyler Hosea.

Cary Stone - February 26, 2016 at 09:48 PM

RU

Well said Cary. I miss Bill immensely. He was my friend.

Rich Umbel - February 27, 2016 at 08:49 AM

KE

Well said dad, Blessed to have pilots. New wings watching over for his family and friends. Sending prayers for all.

Kelly - February 27, 2016 at 09:00 AM

VT

Thank you so much for the nice things you said about my father in law Bill. He was like a dad to me. He is greatly missed.

vicki talton - March 01, 2016 at 08:13 PM

GS

“ Grace Baptist Church, Sharpsburg purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Bill" Goode Talton.



Grace Baptist Church, Sharpsburg - February 22, 2016 at 01:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Goode Talton.



February 22, 2016 at 11:59 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Goode Talton.



February 22, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ I will miss seeing Bill and hearing him call me Captain Mikey. He was such a positive influence on my life. He is the type of leader and person I strive to be. Thanks for the life lessons Captain Bill.

Mike Chambers

Mike Chambers - February 22, 2016 at 08:02 AM



“ In my interview Bill said "Well now I can't hire you here" my heart sunk. He went on "I can only recommend that they would be fools not to hire ya!" He always had an open door, friendly smile, and welcoming uplifting personality. Thank you Bill, you are missed!

Nicole Sturrett - February 22, 2016 at 01:27 AM

SM

“ Bill was a valuable member and brother in Christ to us at Grace Baptist Church. He will truly be missed. He was an inspiration to us all - to see God's grace in him and through him in good times and hard times. It was evident that Bill loved the Lord, and the Lord loved him. Because of God's promise to the believer, we know Bill is with the Lord. Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the saints." May the God of all comfort be with you during this difficult time.

Sandra Moody & Family

Sandra Moody - February 21, 2016 at 11:01 AM

MW

“ My friend for a long time.....so glad I got to talk with you just a few days before.....blue skies & tailwinds....rest, you've earned it, good & faithful servant.....MadDog

MD Watson - February 21, 2016 at 10:12 AM

MM

“ My first memories were of a fun loving, quiet, good looking, playmate when we would visit our cousin in Apopa, Fl each year. What a super guy he was! Then after we got older his family and mine would get together in Pine Hills each time we went home for our yearly leave. Rand and Bobby, Randy, myself would go visit them each and every year. My prayers are with the children, his wife, his sister and know we will be seeing him again is truly our blessed hope. Have an amazing journey, Bill, visiting with all those in our family who went before you. I know you will be hugging my parents tightly.

Marya Medlock - February 21, 2016 at 09:32 AM

TH

“ Tammy and Terry so sorry to learn of the passing of your father. Our prayers are with you and your family. Your Dad was an influence on Buddy as he was growing up and wanting to fly.

Tommie and Bud Hosier - February 20, 2016 at 06:30 PM

DB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. My condolences to his family. Tammy & Terry, I loved your dad!



Dianna Borders - February 20, 2016 at 06:01 PM

MD

“ It was always so much fun being with Bill and his family when the kids were growing up.

Mona Bonta Duffy - February 20, 2016 at 04:34 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Goode Talton.



February 20, 2016 at 02:23 PM