



## Bill Sopp

August 20, 1945 - June 27, 2024

Our beloved William “Bill” J. Sopp completed his trip to heaven on June 27th, 2024 at the age of 78. Bill passed peacefully and surrounded by loved ones.

Bill was a fiercely generous, hardworking, and devoted man who could never bring himself to say an ill word about anyone. Growing up in Pittsburgh, PA, he became the man of the house at age 13 with three younger siblings and his mother “Tillie”. While learning the sign business from his uncle, he became the ultimate Jack-of-all-trades. Anyone lucky enough to know him adopted the phrase: “When the going gets tough — The Tough Call Bill.”

Bill started his career in New York City as a airplane mechanic with Delta Airlines. In 1972, he was promoted to Maintenance Coordinator at the corporate headquarters in Atlanta. During his prestigious 34 year career with Delta, Bill was lauded for his unwavering dedication and work ethic.

In Atlanta, Bill built a beautiful home with the help of his brother, Neil. He was later introduced to his “Love Dove” Betty Taylor on a blind date in 1983. Both Bill and Betty had young sons from their first marriage and combined the two families on their wedding day in 1984. Bill and Betty were married for 40 years and embodied the meaning of true love. Bill’s favorite pastimes were taking a boat ride on Lake Sinclair with his family and friends and catching fish with his grandkids.

Bill is survived by his wife, Betty Sopp, his brother, Neil Sopp and sister, Evelyn Loughran; his sons: Brian Sopp, Jimmy Prance, and Steven Prance. Along with his 7 grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his Mother, Tillie Valley Sopp, brother Philip Sopp, and niece Gina Sopp.

Visitation will be held at 2pm with a memorial service to follow at 3pm on Saturday, July 20th at Milledgeville First Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations are sent to the Alzheimer's Association or Milledgeville First Methodist Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Milledgeville First Methodist Church  
366 Log Cabin Road  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

## Memorial Service

JUL 20. 3:00 PM.

First Methodist Church of Milledgeville  
366 Log Cabin Drive  
Milledgeville, GA

# Tribute Wall



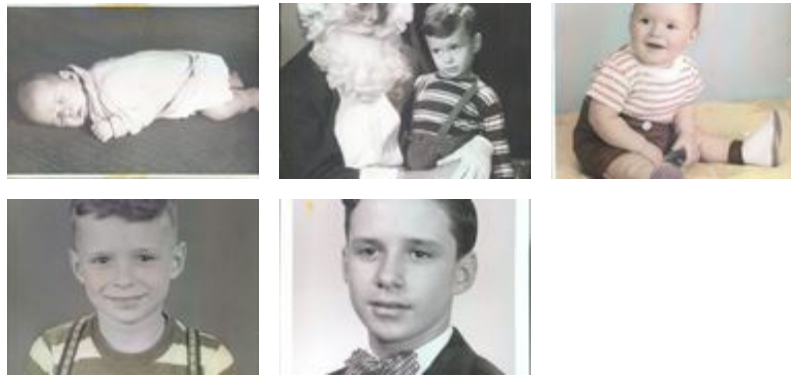
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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - July 20, 2024 at 04:21 PM



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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - July 16, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



Luther G Minor - July 15, 2024 at 08:06 AM

JN

“ Correction: when Bill answered the phone. This darn AI stuff!

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**jim neumann** - July 08, 2024 at 06:40 PM

JN

“ Bill and I worked together ( 700 miles apart )  
Me working line maintenance in Chicago and Bill in ATL. I enjoyed  
Bill and I was always at ease when he answered the door because I  
knew my issues would be resolved.  
Very nice fellow.  
Family: Your are on my prayer list and I will offer my next Mass for  
him.  
Jim Neumann

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**jim neumann** - July 08, 2024 at 06:39 PM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



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**Luther Minor** - July 04, 2024 at 05:23 AM

CP

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Thoughts and prayers for you.

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**Cecile Parker** - July 02, 2024 at 02:34 PM

BS

“ Betty and family we are so sorry for your loss.  
Live hugs and prayers. Terry and Bonnie Schubert

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**Bonnie Schubert** - June 30, 2024 at 08:35 PM

MG

“ *Bill an Betty were customers of mine at riteaid when it was a mall. I knew them for about 10 or more years love that couple. Prayers for Ms Betty an the rest of the family . Marsha F Garner*

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**Marsha Garner** - June 30, 2024 at 03:49 PM

CG

“ *Betty I was so sorry to hear about your husband Bill. I will be praying for you and the family. God can get you through this. I love you.*  
*Chris*

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**Chris Griffith** - June 30, 2024 at 02:50 PM

CD

“ *Betty, I am so sorry to read of Bill's passing. My prayers will be that God will give you comfort and peace on this new journey you now on. Hugs to you and your family. Cindy Dennard.*

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**Cindy Dennard** - June 30, 2024 at 10:46 AM

WE

*Betty, I am truly sorry to hear about Bill's passing. Lucy and I will certainly be praying for you and your families. I think of you often and all the good times we had working together in the Mortgage Business. You were great and an awesome Loan Officer too. I remember what a kind and loving person Bill was. I'm so glad you retired and had many great years at your home on Lake Sinclair. Hugs to you and yours during this time.*

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**Wendell Ebbett** - June 30, 2024 at 02:32 PM

DM

“ Betty, I have no words that can express the depth of your heart-wrenching loss you have endured through this journey with Bill. Others will never fully understand what you and Bill have gone through. I have to believe that the Lord has a reason for testing us, and one day we will certainly understand.

Donna and I pray that you can find peace through the Lord and the great and loving times the two of you have shared. We will always hold you in a special place in our hearts.

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**Donna & Randy Mosley** - June 30, 2024 at 10:12 AM

KB

Betty, there are no words to express for your loss. Bill was such a lovely man, and the love the two of you shared was so wonderful. May God wrap his arms around you for peace and comfort. ❤️🙏

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**kathy Bryan** - June 30, 2024 at 12:28 PM

CC

Betty, You know that David and I considered Bill the best neighbor that we had ever had. I remember one time he saw Catherine struggling to put a piece of furniture together for me while I was watching and pretty soon here he came with his tool box. He told us all we needed was the right tools and him of course. In no time it was ready. He was always so helpful. He and David would sit and talk and enjoy each others company.

This will be painful for awhile but you know he is in heaven and we will all see him again - probably helping someone up there.

I'm grateful to have you next door and look forward to when we can share stories and laugh again. Love you, Carol

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**Carol Cardoso** - July 02, 2024 at 02:28 PM