



William (Bill) Thomas Deason

August 18, 1934 - August 17, 2008

Funeral Services for William T. "Bill" Deason, ret SSGT US ARMY, will be conducted Wednesday at 3 pm in Williams Funeral Home Chapel with Interment to follow in Mt. Nebo Cemetery in Wilkinson County with full Military Honors.

Mr. Deason went to be with his Lord after a long bout with cancer on August 17, 2008. He was born in McIntyre, GA. And lived his early years in Macon and Milledgeville. He was preceded in death by his son Cliff Deason, his father and mother Charlie R. And Maude Stinson Deason. Also brothers Charlie Rufus and Wendell, and sisters, Orene Hale, Eloise Snellgrove and Annie Klein

At age 17 Bill joined the U.S. Army serving tours in Korea and Germany. He was considered the foremost authority in the European Theater as project manager of rapid fire weapons and was honored with the Meritorious Service Medal and the Commendation Medal for his dedication and outstanding work. He retired in 1973 with 21 years serving his country. After coming home to Georgia. Bill started working as heavy Equipment Operator with Operators & Engineers Local 926 for 10 years.

Bill was an avid Bowler and enjoyed bowling for 50 years. He was inducted into the American Bowling Congress Hall of Fame and the Old Capitol Hall of

Fame. He was 2nd Degree in the Moose International Assoc. and a member of the American Legion Post 6.

Survivors include his wife Glenna Joann (Jo) Deason of Milledgeville, a son Pierre Deason of Germany, a daughter- Ilka and husband Brian Collins of Apopka, FL, brother Paul and wife Vera Deason of Milledgeville, stepchildren Steve Roy and wife Lou of Fayetteville, GA; Mike Roy and wife Debbie of Peachtree City,; Carol Doman and husband Mike of Augusta, GA, Chris Day and husband Ricky of East Bend, N.C.

17 Grandchildren

13 Great Grandchildren

Tribute Wall



“ *Though you cannot always see the bird singing, if you listen with your heart, you can always hear his song. Though the ones we love may leave life as we know it, in our memory, the love we knew will always carry on. Our memories of Uncle William will live within our hearts always. He was a wonderful man who loved not only his family, but everyone. He will be missed by us all. Love & Prayers, Paula Kaye & Katie##imported-begin##Paula Deason Russ##imported-end##*

September 06, 2008 at 03:05 AM



“ Dear Jo, So thankful my parents and husband and i came to visit a while back. We got to meet you & "Sarge" and enjoy Uncle William's delightful Georgia accent! I adored Uncle William. He was so much fun to talk to on the phone. I loved calling and talking with him and hearing his funny expressions and words that we don't have up here in MN. It was fun to talk with him last winter/spring and tell him about our new/first dog named "Who". I believe it was then he told me Sarge had gone to live with another family member. Dogs like Sarge are so great, I am sure he missed Uncle William greatly and vice versa. I remember when I was very young in the late 70's and early 80's and beyond, loving it when relatives would come up from Georgia! ...always wanting to "give us some Sugar" and the men heckling each other around the kitchen table and hearing my uncles called damn yankees among the laughter and accents I couldn't follow but were so fascinating to listen to. Uncle William was the "young" brother with his portrait on Grannie Annie's wall among the family photos in his brown leather coat. I know my parents were talking about Poppa coming down to visit this fall when he finished with a job he's currently on down in St. Paul, MN (1.5 hr. drive away) at the Como Zoo. I said I'd like to go too. (Matt just popped his head into the computer room here at our house that I am typing to you on and said he sends his love too.) I am especially glad Matt got to meet y'all and share in our Southern trip. It was really important for me to share that with him and experience for myself to know my family more. I loved Grannie Annie so and it was wonderful to learn of two of the brothers she talked so fondly of and experience our Southern, fairy tale family of legend that we have heard so much about but hadn't seen for years since Grannie Annie went to heaven. That was a very special trip for me and I am so thankful for it and sharing it with my parents and husband. It was you and Uncle William as family that helped make it so special. I still have and wear the pretty summer shirt I bought at Wal-Mart while with you and mom one day and i think of y'all and our trip when I wear it in the warm weather seasons. Uncle William was a great example to us as we learned in private conversation with him, about his personal challenges with family situations. He shared how his

thinking changed and that he had changed and grown over time and overcame certain thoughts and attitudes which allowed him to love deeper and even more unconditionally ALL his family that had become part of his life. It was clear, through our talks with him, that he loved you and his family and kids and grandkids very much and was willing to take a look inward and to the Lord, and was willing to change to be the best man he could be for those he loved so much. I believe he even loved Paul in a way he couldn't even explain or maybe not even accept or understand even though they gave each other a hard time a lot of the time even in their last handful of years together. We are talking fondly about all you down in GA a lot lately and love you and care about you dearly. Hope this finds you at peace, well rested and healthy. Much love from all of us in Annie Clyde's family. Sincerely Yours, Sarah J. (Klein) Stone and Matt###imported-begin##Sarah J. (Klein) Stone###imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 12:22 AM



“ *Good bye my dear friend I'll miss you. Your friendship ment so very much to me.###imported-begin##Virgil E. Dinius###imported-end##*

August 24, 2008 at 05:07 PM



“ *i was his server at ihop i learned today of his passing.im turely sorry for the famileys loss i will geatly miss him even though his vistis and grown short. and ill never heat another plate for anyone else!my best wishes to all the family!and if mrs jo needs anything please let me know!the world has lost a wonderful man!###imported-begin##crystal williams###imported-end##*

August 23, 2008 at 04:04 PM



“ So sorry for you loss, he will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Gary Pennington##imported-end##

August 23, 2008 at 10:59 AM



“ JO THE WORLD HAS LOST A WONDERFUL PERSON, AND HEVAN HAS GAINED HIM. I KNOW WE WERE NEVER CLOSE, BUT WE HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR MANY YEARS. IT IS HARD TO LOOSE YOUR BEST FRIEND AND I KNOW BILL WAS YOURS. YOU AND BILL ARE IN MY PRAYERS. YOUR OLD FRIEND BONNIE BRETT##imported-begin##Bonnie Brett##imported-end##

August 21, 2008 at 08:04 AM



“ My father and I would like to offer sincere condolences to friends and family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Don and Julie Beckham##imported-end##

August 20, 2008 at 03:41 PM



“ Jo, Lynne & I are saddened to hear the news of Bill's passing. He was a great friend and we will miss him. We are out of the state right now and will be unable to attend the services. Psalms 116:15 lets us know just how wonderful Bill is. god bless you and all of the family.##imported-begin##Randy & Lynne Malone##imported-end##

August 20, 2008 at 02:43 PM



“ *To the family of Mr. Bill
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Stay strong in the
Lord and he will
see you through
In Christian Love
Shirley and Kim Byrd###imported-begin###Shirley and Kim
Byrd###imported-end###*

August 20, 2008 at 01:18 PM



“ *SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS. I REALLY THOUGHT A
LOT OF MR. BILL AND WILL REALLY MISS HIM COMING
AROUND THE OFFICE AT BECKHAM'S.###imported-
begin###NADINE###imported-end###*

August 20, 2008 at 12:29 PM



“ *CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. BILL WILL CERTAINLY BE
MISSED.###imported-begin###DOYLE BECKHAM###imported-end###*

August 20, 2008 at 12:01 PM



“ *May God Wrap his Loving Arms around each of you during this sad
time.###imported-begin###Betty Daniel & Family###imported-end###*

August 19, 2008 at 11:29 PM



“ *Jo, I am so sorry, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the
family.###imported-begin###Anne Richardson###imported-end###*

August 19, 2008 at 09:29 PM



“ *Mary and I always enjoyed bowling with Bill
He will be missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Chuck &
Mary Moore##imported-end##*

August 19, 2008 at 05:42 PM



“ *Papa Bill was my grandfather and he will always be remembered by
me as a man who always had a smile on his face, even as he faced
a long struggle with cancer. Quick to smile and slow to anger, my
sister and I will miss him very much. His military honors and how he
treated people around him will continue to instill feelings of pride in
me, even after his passing. Rest in Peace.##imported-begin##Cliff
Deason##imported-end##*

August 19, 2008 at 03:04 PM



“ *Hope you bowl a 300 in heaven, Papa Bill.
We miss you. You will always reside in our hearts and minds.
Love you.##imported-begin##Anna M. Saile##imported-end##*

August 19, 2008 at 02:35 PM



“ *Linda and I would like to offer our most sincere condolences to Jo
and the entire family. I had the pleasure to know "Papa Bill". He was
a fine man and he loved his children. May he find eternal rest in the
Lords arms. Rest well Papa Bill.*

*JP and Linda##imported-begin##John Pitts and Linda
Convertino##imported-end##*

August 19, 2008 at 02:17 PM



“ Ms. Jo, my sympathy goes out to you and your family during this time of sorrow. Just remember, he is at peace with no pain anymore. Our prayers are with you all during this time. We have kept up with Mr. Bill through our church prayer list and I was very sorry to hear this past Sunday night of hospice being called in. I'll always remember Mr. Bill as a sweet and caring person but now he is in heaven with the angels. May God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Eloise Griffin##imported-end##

August 19, 2008 at 01:42 PM



“ All of us at Respiratory Home Care will miss Mr. Deason coming in and making sure we are all "doing our jobs". He was a true gentleman and hero. His love of his family and his country was so apparent and appreciated by all who knew him. Our hearts go out to those he loved and those who loved him.##imported-begin##Marla Farris##imported-end##

August 19, 2008 at 01:26 PM



“ I hope Papa Bill is OK in Heaven and I hope he will have fun too.##imported-begin##Sean L Wood##imported-end##

August 19, 2008 at 12:53 PM



“ I love you Papa Bill, I hope you feel better in Heaven.##imported-begin##Noah T Deason##imported-end##

August 19, 2008 at 12:52 PM



“ *May you enjoy your journey to Heaven.##imported-begin##Brian Collins##imported-end##*

August 19, 2008 at 12:50 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will miss Mr. Bill.##imported-begin##Milly & Harry Day##imported-end##*

August 19, 2008 at 09:31 AM



“ *i am sorry for the lost and you will be in my prayers thank you for all that you and mr.bill have done for me when i was out you will always have a special place in my heart.##imported-begin##chad day##imported-end##*

August 18, 2008 at 10:13 PM



“ *we love you and are very sorry for your lost you and mr.bill was very kind to us and u will always have a special place in out heart and prayers we love you!!!##imported-begin##tonya and matt callahan##imported-end##*

August 18, 2008 at 10:09 PM



“ *Bill was fine person to have as a friend always there for you. Full of life and a inspiration to all.##imported-begin##Jim & Diane Mahan##imported-end##*

August 18, 2008 at 08:29 PM



“ With deepest synpathy in your day of sorrow.##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Schelley Roberts##imported-end##

August 18, 2008 at 08:21 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of William's passing. You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Diane and Jamea Cox##imported-end##

August 18, 2008 at 06:15 PM



“ Aunt Jo, lam so sad to hear of Uncle William. I rember about years ago I went in the huddle house and sat with him. We was talking about his dodge truck and all the stuff that has went on with the Deason familys. Your a great wife and a very sweet person. If you need anything let me know. We are thinking of you.##imported-begin##Gaye & Berry Etheridge##imported-end##

August 18, 2008 at 06:10 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Bill's passing. Melissa and Rick always spoke highly of him. He was a great role model to them and he will be missed dearly by everyone.##imported-begin##Kathy Snyder##imported-end##

August 18, 2008 at 04:42 PM



“ Hey Jo, I am sorry to hear of our loss and I pray Bill is in paradise today. We allways talked of the days we were friends at Midway school and remained friends untill this day. I regretfully cant go to the services for Bill, I myself am very sick with sinius problems and COPD. You were a wonderful person allso and I am sure God will see you through this. Your Friend Ray###imported-begin###Ray Harris###imported-end##

August 18, 2008 at 04:30 PM



“ We are sorry to hear of Uncle Williams passing. Our family has fond memories of time spent when he would visit Mom. (Annie Clyde) I will always remember him sitting at the picnic table on the farm, head back laughing while visiting with us.....He was a wonderful person.###imported-begin###ReNee and JIm Tracy###imported-end##

August 18, 2008 at 11:33 AM



“ If there is anything you need please let us know.###imported-begin###Jeff and Marie Harrison###imported-end##

August 18, 2008 at 11:09 AM



“ I was saddened today to hear of Bill, passing. He was such a great person to talk to and always had time to listen. He always thought of others before himself. He was such a funny man,he sure kept me laughing, even when he was sick. He loved his family, especially those grand kids! I will truely miss him. To the family: I love you Chris, Joey, Kevin and Jo! You are all in my thoughts & prayers.###imported-begin###Tina Estes###imported-end##

August 18, 2008 at 10:59 AM



“ We at the
Macon Moose are so sorry to hear about the pasting of bill.
Our hearts go out to the family. God Bless all of you.
Thanks for sharing Bill with us.##imported-begin##Charles
Holton##imported-end##

August 18, 2008 at 10:08 AM



“ Thinking of you and your families and sending our prayers (with
much love) out to you all.##imported-begin##Wendy F.
Dixon##imported-end##

August 18, 2008 at 09:18 AM



“ Hoping the heartfelt sympathy of those who care will help to make
your loss a little easier to bear. Our thoughts and prayers are will
you during this time.##imported-begin##LTC John W Griffin, US
Army Retired##imported-end##

August 18, 2008 at 09:14 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and
prayers##imported-begin##Patsy and Randall Thomas##imported-
end##

August 17, 2008 at 10:43 PM



“ I thank God for allowing Chris to be with Bill during his last hours. Bill will be missed dearly, but never forgotten. Bill's sweet memories will remain in my heart forever. I had a conversation with Bill just days ago, all he wanted to do was to talk about how I was doing, that tells you everything about Bill (always thinking of others before himself). Bill has been a solid rock of support and has poured continous love out to me since Chris and I came together. I have always loved Bill as a Father and a Best Friend. To all other family members; I love you very much Jo! may God give each of you peace and comfort.##imported-begin##Ricky Day##imported-end##

August 17, 2008 at 10:34 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of your lose. Mr. Bill was a very good man. I enjoyed seeing and talking with him at the Bowling Center. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Wendy (Ellis) Alford##imported-end##

August 17, 2008 at 09:48 PM



“ May God be with you all in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Bobby and Nita Peavy##imported-end##

August 17, 2008 at 09:33 PM



“ We love you Mrs Jo. I know Mr. Bill is rejoicing in heaven.##imported-begin##Richie & Amanda Howard##imported-end##

August 17, 2008 at 09:12 PM



“ I, like many others will miss Bill. I'll miss our monthly chats to check on each other. He was a great friend and I will always admire his strong will to live.##imported-begin##Vince & Lil Digilio##imported-end##

August 17, 2008 at 08:36 PM



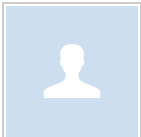
“ Aunt Jo, We loved Uncle William. He will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please call if you need anything. Love Robby, Julie, Rob, and Will Deason##imported-begin##Robby and Julie Deason##imported-end##

August 17, 2008 at 07:16 PM



“ May GOD bless you in your time of sorrow. The ANGELS are there for comfort and support.##imported-begin##Lollie Layfield Peavy##imported-end##

August 17, 2008 at 04:40 PM



“ Bill will be truly missed. He was a friend when you didn't think you had one. Our prayers go out to the family.##imported-begin##Tony & Sam Harrison##imported-end##

August 17, 2008 at 04:18 PM



“ Jo I love uncle Bill and I will miss him. He gone home with the Lord. God bless all the family. I am here for you.

Love Jimmy###imported-begin###Jimmy & Brenda Snellgrove###imported-end###

August 17, 2008 at 03:56 PM



“ I happened to be blessed meeting this wonderful person through my job. He would come and sit with us and talk about all kinds of things and we always looked forward to his visits. He will be greatly missed and our office will certainly not be the same without him there. My thoughts and prayers are with each and every family member. Please know that he was greatly loved and will be desperately missed. Also, if there is ANYTHING I can possibly do to help in any way, do not hesitate to contact me.###imported-begin###Shana Henderson###imported-end###

August 17, 2008 at 03:07 PM