



## Mr. William Hunt Burger

February 11, 1936 - September 19, 2020

William Hunt Burger (Bill) passed away peacefully in his home from heart failure on Saturday, September 19, 2020. It was a mere two weeks after losing his wife of 57 years. Some might say he died of a broken heart.

Bill was born in Miami, Florida, where he was raised by his mother after the early death of his father. Perhaps he garnered his resilience from her. He was a 1951 graduate of Miami Jackson High School then moved to Gainesville, Florida, to sling burgers and do poultry research at the University of Florida. After graduating he began his service with the United States Air Force. That service would eventually bring him to Albany, Georgia, where he met Hazel and rescued her from her parents' attic apartment. While in the Air Force, he would become a pilot, get his Master's degree in cartography engineering from The Ohio State University, and serve in Vietnam. He would go on to serve in the Air Force Reserves after his retirement from active duty and reach the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Eventually Bill and Hazel resettled in Albany, where he was a member of First United Methodist Church of Albany, Georgia, for more than fifty years. For almost fifty years, he was a member of the Exchange Club of Albany. He was one of the longest-serving members and served as president, but mostly loved the fellowship of Friday lunches and sharing the Southwest Georgia Fair with his grandkids. He was also a member of Post 30 of the American Legion and a regular volunteer with Mended Hearts. He was the longtime owner of Overhead Door of Albany.

He had a hearty laugh, made a great beignet, and enjoyed a good cup of coffee or burger from the Burger King on Oglethorpe. He was smart and faithful. When his words escaped him more and more in his later years, his humor remained and a gentleness grew. He doted on his wife and made us laugh even in his final weeks. What we will remember most is the quiet ways he helped others—unpacking a car while others hugged, helping a young man learn to read, encouraging a young lady to strive to better herself and go back to school, making a nurse laugh on a busy shift.

Survivors include his children, Thomas Hall Burger of New York, New York, and Jennifer Hunt Burger (Joshua Greenbaum), his grandchildren, Adler McDaniel Greenbaum and Auden Grace Greenbaum, all of Atlanta, Georgia.

William was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Hall Burger.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church, Albany, Georgia, on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 11:30 am in the sanctuary. Out of respect to the family, masks will be required and social distancing will be observed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First United Methodist Church, Albany, Georgia, 307 Flint Ave., Albany, GA 31701 or the Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta, 2221 Peachtree Road, Suite D-226, Atlanta, GA 30309.

To share your thoughts with the Burger family, you may visit our website at <http://www.kimbrellstern.com>.

# Cemetery

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## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.

Albany, GA, 31707

# Events

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**SEP 23** **Memorial Service** 11:30AM

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First United Methodist Church

307 Flint Ave, Albany, GA, US, 31701

# Comments

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“ Mr. Bill and Mrs. Hazel were some of my favorite people growing up. Afterglow at their house was the best. The world is a little less sparkly with them gone.

K. Leigh Wilson Campbell  
Beaufort, SC

K. Leigh Campbell RN - September 22, 2020 at 09:24 PM

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“ What sweet and God loving people the Burgers were! Always helping others, always selfless. God has two new wonderful additions to His heavenly family.

Sally Dugger - September 22, 2020 at 04:40 PM

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“ I worked at FUMC for 15 years. I so enjoyed the many conversations with Mr. Bill. He would always stop by my office and share about his family. He always bragged about how smart his grandson was. How loving his granddaughter was. He loved his family and you could see the love on his face each time he shared. He was truly a gentleman who deeply loved the Lord. Praying for each of you during this time. We will surely miss him BUT I know he and Mrs. Hazel are together with our Lord. Jill Willingham

Jill Willingham - September 22, 2020 at 09:51 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Bill Burger's death. He was a wonderful man and had just lost the love of his life, Hazel. Prayers and sincere sympathy to the sweet family of Bill and Hazel Burger.....Patsy Martin

Patsy Martin - September 21, 2020 at 02:15 PM

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“ Bill you were a great friend and next door neighbor on lullwater Albany and a very loyal customer to my printing company American Printing Your children and my children grew up together. Bill and Hazel were great friends Larry Bevis

**larry bevis** - September 21, 2020 at 11:29 AM

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“ Jennifer and family, So sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a lifelong servant of good , to a lot of people. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. he is with Hazel and they are with their Lord!



**Debbie Sutton** - September 21, 2020 at 09:19 AM

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“ Jerry & Ginny Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hunt Burger



**Jerry & Ginny Barnes** - September 21, 2020 at 08:33 AM

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“ I knew Bill for a number of years through my banking career. A fine man and always a pleasure to assist him. My prayers go out to the family.

Chuck Owens

**Chuck Owens** - September 20, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ Bill was a prince of a man and a great neighbor, Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jennifer and Thomas.

Anne and David Hewett

**Anne Hewett** - September 22, 2020 at 12:13 PM

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“ Again we have lost a dear friend. He will be missed by so many but non more than Paul and I. We shared so many wonderful times in sharing our homes with each other. We would have Bill and Hazel over and when dinner was served I did not have to tell Bill where to sit. He always knew his place on the end of the table so his left arm was free. It took me a while to realize why he claimed that spot. There were those time we would go out to eat and share a meal there. what better place to fellowship and make memories than around a table. with such a wonderful as Bill and Haze. Bill was as my Daddy would say "A Prince of a Man" and I agree.

**Nan Jones** - September 20, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ Bill and Hazel both were an integral part of our lives. The great times we all shared together over the years camping together all over the state but mostly in Panama City during Spring Break. The memories of Bill and Hazel Burger, Nan and Paul Jones, Buddy and Judy Rainey, Winn and Walter Strickland and their families, Charles and Carol Cox and the Newman's. We loved ripping and romping in the sand dunes all day, swimming at the beach, fishing off the pier at night, Spanish Mackerel fishing off the point in the early morning and roasting marshmallows and singing songs around the campfire at night only to do it all over again the next day. Best of all, the burgers were always there with us. Thank you Mr. Burger for making sure always making sure Santa Clause showed up at our family Christmas gatherings. The kids always love you for that.

**Mark Simmons** - February 09 at 12:02 PM