



## William A. Baumgartel, Jr. Obituary

May 13, 1936 - May 18, 2004

A native of Augusta, Mr. Baumgartel had lived in Albany for most of his life. He was in the tire business for 47 years, 20 of which he owned and operated Baumgartel Tire which is now in its 3rd generation with his son and grandsons. Mr. Baumgartel was a member of Sherwood Baptist Church and the YMCA where he was an avid racquetball player. He loved his family and they loved him very much.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William A. Baumgartel, Jr. Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Angie, Billy, Miss Toby and Kids...I can only say what so many other people have already said...'Pops' was a wonderful man. As kind and caring off the field as he was competitive and driven on the field. Quick to laugh and smile, he brightened every where he was and there is little doubt that heaven is an even brighter place now. HE WILL BE MISSED by all that ever knew him.*

**Tony Bush** - July 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *We knew Billy as a supporter of the YMCA and owner of varied automobiles. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with his family.*

**Brenda Gail & Danny Wall** - May 30, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy.*

**Dan and Nancy Stevens** - May 30, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Angie and Arielle,  
Daylen and I were saddened to hear about your dad and grandpa. We also lost our grandfather about a week ago. We know that this is a very sad time for you and your family. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you! Leigh and Daylen*

**Leigh Owens and Daylen Hormilla** - May 26, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RA

“It's Important What You Do Here On This Earth, But Not As Important As What You Leave Behind!" Pop touched more lives than anybody I know. What a Man!!! Other than my Daddy, Pop was the most important man to me. He was the Older Brother for me. We Loved each other very much and shared so many goods times. Pop was the kind of man that I hope my son and his grandson, Andrew, turns out to be. My heart goes out to Toby(MeMa) and Angie. They are very special and Pop will live on because of them. He Loved them like a Husband and Father should have. Remember "Love Never Dies". Lets all remember that Pop stood for something and we can carry on with his Love of Life and Family. Said with Love, Roy

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**Roy Anderson** - May 26, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ My thoughts go out to the family. Billy, your Dad was always a great guy who always was genuine in what he was saying and doing. He told me just as you have if my Mom ever needed anything since I moved to call anytime. That always meant a great deal to her and me.

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**Scott Trogdon** - May 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Amy and family.. I didn't know your dad other than by reputation. I am so sorry to learn of the news. Vicki and I will be praying for comfort and peace thru Christs' understanding love. Please let me know if there is anything that I can help you with.

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**Bill Copelan** - May 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ arielle, mrs. angie, mrs. baumgartel, and andrew.....i am so sorry h=to hear about you father and grandfather.i took it really hard..the same thing happened to me saturday.i love you guys soooo much.call me if you need anything.....~kaleigh~

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**kaleigh barthelemy** - May 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Billy III,  
I don't watch local TV or take the newspaper, I was surprized to hear about your father. I saw the ribbon on the door the day of the funeral and wasn't informed until that afternoon by one of our club members.  
I cannot express the shock and believe what I was told.  
Our prayer go out to your family.

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**Paul B. Murray** - May 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Mr. Bill will be missed in this world. He is with the lord now and watching over us all now. I always looked foward to my trips back home and everytime I went to the shop Mr. Bill and Billy would always make me feel at home. I will always hold on to these memories. God bless you Mr. Bill.

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**Ralph Harkins and family** - May 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I just received the sad news of Mr. Baugartel's passing. He will always have a special place in my heart as a wonderful Sunday school teacher, source of support and true friend. He always made it a point to come to our church basketball games to root on "his boys." However, that never stopped him from beating any of us in raquetball on any given day, although we were 35 years his younger. Please know that you, his family, are in my thoughts and prayers during this extraordinarily difficult time. My family and I hope to see all of you soon to visit and express our condolences in person.

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**Stan Whatley** - May 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. I knew Billy from days at Pritchett Ford.

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**Lisa Coulter** - May 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Our sincere condolences to Billy and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Your friends at Flint River Harley-Davidson.

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**Flint River Harley-Davidson** - May 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Toby, I know this is not personal, but I did want to express my deepest sympathies to you and the family. LaVerne called me Thur with the news and I wanted to talk to you then, but I decided I'd wait until later. If there's any consolation at all it is that he gave all trying to help someone else and that speaks volumes for the man we all loved.

Love you,

Marvin

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**Marvin Harden** - May 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We are truly sorry to learn of Billy's death. We will be praying for you.

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**Larry & Lois Wilson** - May 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ As a former employee of the YMCA, I must say Mr. Baumgartel was one of my favorite faces to see walk through the front doors. Always so energetic and fun! He will be greatly missed by all. Thank you for sharing such a wonderful man!

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**Candice Melton (Peek)** - May 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My heart goes out to you at this terrible time. I am praying for you. I know you are a close family and will find strength in each other. Bill will be missed by many. God Bless you all.

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**Janice Saam** - May 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Although I did not know Billy very well when we were in high school together, I remember the extraordinarily good looking and popular young football player. I am sure many others remember him the same way. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. Dan Brooks

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**Dan Brooks** - May 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Sorry for your lose and my good friend of many years. Billy and I were in school together.

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**Bobby Lee Williams, Sr.** - May 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I was so sorry to hear about the death of your husband and father. My husband, Sam Hammond, passed away suddenly in October of last year. He thought so very much of Billy. We used to see him often at the Quickie. My prayers are with you during this most difficult time, but your faith in God will see you through.

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**Sue Hammond** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I met with Bill at his shop the morning of his passing. As always, he was intellegent, helpful, and had the most up-beat and pleasant attitude. I have known him for many years and I knew him to always be a steady and wise gentleman. All in our community will feel the loss of such a man as was Bill. Our thoughts are with his family in their time of great loss.

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**Jack Smith, Sr.** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Billy was a favorite of ours at the Y. We will miss him there.*

*We will also think of him each time our son drives up in his truck. Billy talked us into getting a Flowmaster for his F150. It made for one happy boy.*

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**The O'Neil Family** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *MY FATHER AND I WANT THE BAUMGARTEL FAMILY KNOW HOW VERY SORRY WE ARE FOR THE LOSS OF MR BILL. BOTH OF US HAVE ENJOYED DOING BUISNESS WITH HIM OVER THE YEARS. HE WAS OUR FRIEND AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. KEITH WALLS*

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**KEITH & JOHN WALLS** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear family, friends and all that are grieving this loss... let us take a moment and realize that this is a GREAT time for celebration, I believe that Billy (Pop) is probably at this time telling, Noah, Mark, Luke, John, Abraham to get ready for the bottom of the 7th inning...in that great softball game in Heaven... I remember one time when we were getting beat 15 to 3 in the bottom of the 6th inning and Pop kept, telling us to never give up... Never lose the faith... and again in the bottom of the 7th which now the score was 15-7 we were still loosing by 8...His faith never left until that last out, the last pitch and the last opportunity... and even then.. It was will get'em next time...We didn't win that game, we lost 15-9... But the lesson that was taught that night was forever made in my mind, and many of our team'mates... He always had faith, hope and words of encouragement...and I can only imagine what he would say at a time like this....(Keep the faith, the hope and never give up) To the family, keep the faith, the hope and remember... Never give up, there's a great game taking place in the kingdom of Heaven today...

*God Bless ya'll*

*In Christ Love!*

*Dean, Lisa, Ashton & patrick Burke*

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**Dean Burke** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Billy's passing was certainly a shock.

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**Clark (class of "54) and Penny Douthit** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ toby and family...  
i am so sorry to hear about you husband and father.... for years  
greg and i ate at gargano's and would always see you there. you  
and your family are in our thoughts and prayers....

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**tammie suess** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Toby and family, I knew Billy from the YMCA and racketball. He  
was a wonderful person and He will be missed greatly. I know you  
don't remember me but I used to see you a lot a Garganos and the  
last time I saw you and your husband together was there. My family  
were and he was kidding me about playing racketball also he had  
done something to his eye. I had seem him last on Monday night at  
the Y. Take care and my love and sympathy to you and your family. I  
lost my daddy when he was 67 but Mr. Billy seemed and looked so  
young. With love and sympathy Diane Coleman

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**Diane Coleman** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Mr. William Bumgartel (Bill),*

*was an energy that inspired*

*me. Being a part of Jack*

*Ivey Signs, Ive had a few*

*dealings with Bill and his*

*son Billy (III). And also*

*working with Bill (IV). I can*

*only be fortunant enough to*

*have a family so good.*

*I will dearly miss Mr.*

*Bill. I am deeply saddened*

*for all your loss.*

*Sincerely,*

*Steed*

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**Steed McLeroy** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Toby,  
*My thoughts & prayers are with you at this time. May God comfort you & bless you.*

*Lovingly, Anne Greer Norman*

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**Anne Greer Norman** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Toby, I am so sorry for your loss. If I can help you in any way, please let me know... Dale

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**Dale Hamilton** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Billy will be sorely missed and my thoughts are with the family during their grief.*

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**Charlie Foster** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ *POPS!!That's how we've always known him. He will be sorely missed. He has always been so good to Forrest in helping him out with his "trailer and truck tires" and I will miss his ever-present radiant smile at the "Y". He was always such a positive force. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both, Angie & Mike.*

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**Forrest & Kathy Thomas** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I will really miss him. He has been one of my favorite customers for several years.

*Deepest sympathy,*

*Celena Jones*

*Colony Bank*

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**Celena Jones** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ he was my pop.....i love him very much...i know we can get through it together..please continue to pray...we all love you, pop!  
love sissy

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**arielle anderson** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ Dear Toby, Amy and Angie, I just want you to know that my prayers are with all of you. Irene Shiver

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**Irene Shiver** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Toby, I only knew you and Billy from Villa Gargano, But I want you to know that my deepest sympathy is with you and your family at this time.

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**carolyn duke** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I offer you my deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Bill. He was a good man, a friend in need, and I will miss him! I pray that God will provide peace and comfort to his family and friends. Serge

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**Sergio Cerrone** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Our love and prayers are with you and all who remember and loved Billy for so many years since our days at Albany High School.*

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**Tommy and Beverly Smith Herrington** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Although I cannot be in attendance, my prayers are with you now and in the future.*

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**Bernard Meyer von Bremen** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Dear Toby,*

*I was so sorry to hear about Billy's death. Nothing I can say will make you feel any better right now but please know that my love and prayers are with you and your family at this time.  
God bless you.*

*Sunny Pritchard*

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**Sunny Jones Pritchard** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Baumgartel. He will be missed by so many people. Mr. "B" began in the tire business working at Dobbs-Adams Tire Company with my Dad (Bill Parker) over 40 years ago. We will be praying for the family during this time.*

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**Bill and Tina Dodgen** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PB

“*“Mr. B” seemed to always have a happy approach to the world. He was well known and well liked by many who knew him. I always respected him, and his words of wisdom. I will never forget his friendship and positive, out going attitude. My sympathy goes out to his loved ones.*

Phil Bush - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TC

“*WE WILL ALL MISS MR.B,WE HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT ALOT OF HIM,AND ALL OF YOUR FAMILY.  
TIM,LISA,& LANDON CARTER*

TIM CARTER - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MC

“*Mr B will be truly missed but our loss is Heaven's gain.My family will praying for yours.*

Max & Lynne Clower - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

VM

“*I went by the shop Monday and told Billy that I had cut another tire on my truck and I couldn't get the tire off because the lugs were too tight. He said he would be out to the house Tuesday(5/18) morning with his 4 lug wrench and baseball bat and he would take care of me as he always had.....I'll miss Billy... Van*

Van Cise Knowles, M.D. - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CG

“*Toby..Billy..so sorry on your loss...ya know i have known you forever it seems..he will be missed..always smiling..and always with a friendly hiya...*

Curtis Gilpin - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *A very special man who will be missed by many. It was always apparent in every conversation how much he deeply loved his family. Our prayers are with each of you.*

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**James and Donna Cleveland** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Mr. "B" seemed to be a loving man. Very kind and respectable. He will truly be missed at Colony Bank.*

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**Tiffany Barbary** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Toby,  
I am sending my deepest thoughts of sympathy in the loss of your beloved husband. He was a fine example of how a person is to deal with people in this life. I sing in the Sherwood choir and I will certainly miss seeing him in the seat where he always sat beside you but knowing he is now in the presence of the Lord and one day we will see him again.*

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**Martha Wood** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Mr. B has been a customer of mine for the last 10 years. My day was always brightened when he walked into the room. My prayers are with your family during your time of sorrow. Love, Kristen*

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**Kristen Ballenger** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Toby- Ruth and I are thinking of you and your family and praying for your peace through God's grace. Billy was a friend for over 50 years, and a rare individual that was admired by all that knew him..

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**Julian Whiting** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Angie,  
I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family our in my prayers.

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**Julie Webb** - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Angie...Roy and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Our prayers are with you and your family now, and for the difficult days ahead.....Roy and Sheila Bruner

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**Sheila Bruner** - May 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Billy--Sorry for your loss,my thoughts are with you -having lost my father I know the feelings you are experiencing ,I always enjoyed seeing him and talking of days long past -call me if you need anything-Mark

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**Mark Slappey** - May 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ my sincerest condolences for your loss,but an outstanding man leaves an outstanding family that is cared for very much.please utilize my ongoing friendship always.best,mark

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**mark hester** - May 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *A quiet disciple. He will be missed.  
Chuck & Cris*

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**Chuck Darsey** - May 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Baumgartel's death. I know he loved his family, and his family loved him very much. I will keep you all in my prayers.*

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**Jan Robinson** - May 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *My deepest sympathy to Toby and family. Bilyy was a friend and classmate of mine since the first grade. It was good seeing him at our 50th AHS reunion on May 1st.*

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**Tommy Pattison** - May 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mr. Bill was a true friend. Our prayers are with you. In Christ Love. Lee & Sue Cates.*

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**Lee and Sue Cates** - May 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *He will be missed. I have enjoyed playing raquetball and socializing with him at the YMCA over the past 10 years. I am a better man from knowing Billy Baumgartel.*

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**Mike Elder** - May 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM