



William "Bill" Paulk Culbreth

January 15, 1941 - December 13, 2022

William "Bill" Paulk Culbreth died on December 13, 2022, at his residence. The memorial service will be held at 11 AM Friday, December 16th at Porterfield United Methodist Church and the committal service will be held at 2 PM at Salem Baptist Church cemetery in Edison. Rev. Chuck Knight will officiate. The family will receive friends Friday from 10 AM until 11 AM. Bill was born on January 15, 1941, in Bainbridge, the son of William W. Culbreth and Etna Paulk Chambless. He was the paternal grandson of Larken C. Culbreth and Leila Steadham of Bainbridge, and the maternal great-grandson of Sarah Elizabeth Paulk Chambless of Alapaha. Bill graduated from Bainbridge High School in 1959. He attended Mercer University and graduated from the University of Georgia in 1964 with a B.S. degree in education. In 1972 he earned his master's degree in education from the University of Georgia. Bill devoted forty years of his professional life in service to others where he touched the lives of thousands of children and young adults as a dedicated teacher and guidance counselor. He retired from the Dougherty County School System where he was the Director of Guidance at Albany High School. He was also an instructor at Fort Union Military Academy in Virginia and Headmaster of Gibbons Hall School for Boys in Asheville, NC. Bill was active in summer camp work in the 1960's and 1970's. He was administration director at Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, Camp Crestridge for Girls and Camp Rockmont in Black Mt., NC.

Bill was a member of the American School Counselor's Association, American Counselor's Association and Georgia School Counselor's Association. He served three terms as state treasurer and was state president of G.S.C.A. during the 1992-1993 association year.

Bill was a man of faith and was a member of Porterfield United Methodist Church. He enjoyed teaching adult Sunday school classes and serving as an usher. He loved hearing a good sermon and singing his favorite church hymns.

Bill loved the outdoors and enjoyed spending time at his cabin in the Black Mountains of North Carolina. He took great joy in hiking parts of the Appalachian Mountains with family and friends.

Bill is survived by his wife, Patricia Scott Culbreth; daughter, Mary Emily Robbins (Tripp); son, Gary Paulk Culbreth; two granddaughters: Rebecca Ann Robbins and Emily Madison Robbins; and a great-granddaughter, Chloe Robbins.

Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Ridgecrest Camp, P.O. Box 4, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

You may sign the online guestbook by visiting www.kimbrellstern.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church
2200 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707
dmsaby@gmail.com

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

GL

“ Bill was a dynamic leader who influenced all who were around him. His memorable sense of humor guided us through many GSCA meetings. He was a dear friend to counselors throughout Georgia. He will be missed. Prayers go out to the family.

Ginger Little - December 14, 2022 at 06:29 PM

GJ

“ Mary, Tripp and family - Greg and I are so very sorry for your loss. Cherish the wonderful memories you have. We will keep you in our prayers and may each of you feel God's presence, comfort and love all around you!

Greg and Rita Jones - December 14, 2022 at 01:31 PM

JJ

“ Mr Culbreath was helpful and influential for me in my application process to Mercer University where I would enroll to continue my education back in 2003. He was very passionate about students setting themselves up to continue the journey of learning. Prayers and condolences to his family and close friends.

Jeremiah Johnson - December 14, 2022 at 12:52 PM

TF

“ The Randy Burwell Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of William "Bill" Paulk Culbreth.



The Randy Burwell Family - December 14, 2022 at 09:38 AM

BL

“ I remember Mr. Culbreth fondly from my high school years. He was the Key Club advisor at Albany High and took a group of us to the state convention in Macon back in the early 90's. We kids had a great time. I'm not sure Mr. Culbreth did trying to keep track of us, but I sure do appreciate him giving his time. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Bo Lane - December 14, 2022 at 09:17 AM

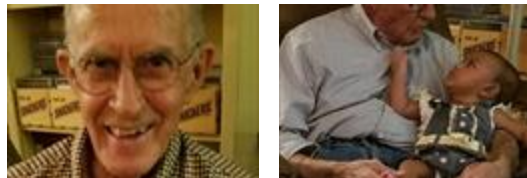
NR

“ Bill and I spent many a Saturday together giving the SAT and the ACT. What a fine man!

Nancy Reimer - December 13, 2022 at 11:05 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Robbins - December 13, 2022 at 09:34 PM



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Mary Robbins - December 13, 2022 at 09:26 PM



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Mary Robbins - December 13, 2022 at 09:19 PM



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Mary Robbins - December 13, 2022 at 09:17 PM

KR

“ *I will miss him so much! I so enjoyed our lunches together. Unfortunately, I will be out of town for his service but will praying for all of you. I considered him to be one of my best friends.*

Kathy Russell - December 13, 2022 at 07:12 PM

AS

Oh my, I remember Mr. Culbertson he was my guidance counselor. I graduated from Albany High class of 85. My sincere condolences to the family and friends!

Andrea Swan - December 13, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Paulk Culbreth.



December 13, 2022 at 06:38 PM



“ Bill mentored me as I began my leadership roles in the Kansas School Counselor Association. My favorite memories were attending some of the same state, regional and national conferences with him and sharing some time with him in the mountains of North Carolina. Bill was the “gold standard “ of being a good friend.

Randy Burwell - December 13, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ Go rest high on that mountain Bill. Bill served as my head of Guidance during my tenure as Principal from 1991-2005..Bill was so instrumental in helping me establish the Magnet Program at Albany High in 1999 that served the students of Albany High until it's unfortunate closing in June of 2017. Bill was dedicated 40 year public educator serving in the position of counseling. He touched many lives throughout his career. I am proud to call him a friend and enjoyed his educational dialogue throughout our years at Albany High .He helped make me a better Principal with his dedication to students over the years!


Gary G Dorough - December 13, 2022 at 05:36 PM

BB

“ *My memories of Bill will be with me as long as I live.*

Bill Ballor - December 13, 2022 at 05:13 PM

FW

“ *Bill was a great friend to our family! He will be missed!! A great guy*


Frankie Wallace - December 13, 2022 at 05:11 PM

DO

Mr Bill was a wonderful person to work for I will miss him dearly

Donna - December 13, 2022 at 05:24 PM

LL

We cherished a friendship with the Culbreths when they lived here in western North Carolina. After they moved back to Georgia we looked forward to their returning each year to their beloved house off Highway 9 near Black Mountain. Bill was a good friend and he will be missed.

Loveta Lewis - December 13, 2022 at 05:53 PM

LP

Bill was one of the most 1genuine individuals I have ever known. He was a dedicated Christian and a wonderful educator who touched so many young people's lives.He was my friend and I will miss him.

Lynn W. Brandon, Ph.D - December 13, 2022 at 09:20 PM

KA

Bill was one of the wonderful people I met through GSCA. He was a gentle soul and caring individual. Rest In Peace.

Karen - December 14, 2022 at 09:11 AM

EB

Mr. Culbreth was so patient with the class of 1990! I have such funny memories of a Key Club trip to Macon - he was always such a good sport! I became a School Counselor in 1997, and developed a whole new appreciation for him and all the good things he did for us. He is well-thought-of in the GSCA community, and I am always so proud to tell fellow counselors that I was his student. I think of him often at work, and am so grateful that he was my role model. May his memory be a blessing.

Elizabeth Bush - December 14, 2022 at 11:17 AM

PS

Mary and Family, Bill was such a wonderful, generous person. His dry wit and smile will be missed by so many. His dedication to students and loyalty to his friends were unparalleled. As a Sunday School teacher, he always gave us so much to consider and his lessons were thought provoking. He will be sorely missed.

Pat and Ron Simpson - December 14, 2022 at 03:48 PM

GW

I was saddened to learn of Bill's passing. My sincere condolences are extended to his family. I have fond memories from our days at Bainbridge High School and the University of Georgia. We were separated by many miles, but we always kept in touch by phone. He was a good friend, and I will miss him.

George Watts

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