



## William Franklin Huggins

March 3, 1930 - June 29, 2025

William Franklin “Bill” Huggins, 95, of Raleigh, NC, formerly of Albany, died Sunday, June 29 at his residence.

His graveside service with military honors will be held at 10 AM Thursday at Crown Hill Cemetery with Dr. Butch Knight officiating.

He was born on March 3, 1930, in Moultrie to the late Frank and Liz Huggins. Bill started school in Albany and graduated from Albany High School in 1947 where he played on the basketball team and played drums in the band. He was an avid tennis player in his youth and held several city and area championships. Bill once held a state amateur ranking.

He was an Eagle Scout and served as a scoutmaster and cub master. Bill was also a Grand Canyon hiker and Colorado River whitewater rafter having visited more than 20 times. He graduated from Mercer University in 1952 and was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. In 1952 he entered the US Army where he served his country in the Army Finance Corps during the Korean War. On December 29, 1953, he married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Ann Winter, a marriage that lasted 71 years.

Bill grew up in the family business, Huggins Outboard, Inc. and entered as a partner with his father in 1954, becoming a second-generation marine dealer. In 1979 he entered into partnership with his son Richard.

Bill was a member of First Baptist Church of Albany.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Richard Huggins and his sister, Betty Van Cise.

Bill is survived by his wife, Nancy Huggins; son, Robert Lee Huggins (Angela), all of Raleigh, NC; daughter -in-law, Ginny Huggins, of Panama City, FL; seven grandchildren: Matthew Lee Huggins (Tara), Jennifer Huggins Holbrook (Chase), and Dr. Ashley Huggins Tompkins (Dillon), all of Albany, Chris Huggins (Lexi), Ellen Huggins, Andy Huggins, and Ruth Huggins Smith, all of Raleigh, NC; and his great-grandchildren, Banks Richard Huggins. Crew Huggins, Lanier Huggins, Colton Holbrook all of Albany, and Freya Huggins of Raleigh, NC.

You may sign the online guest book by visiting [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
1907 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-6600  
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com/>

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ Prayers for Nancy and Robert and Matthew. Bill and Nancy are two of the sweetest people. I always looked forward to them coming in to see me. It has been my pleasure to work with them through the years.

Sincerely,

Sandi Tondera (formerly Cannon)

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**Sandi Tondera** - July 07, 2025 at 01:41 PM

DB

“ Bill spoke often at Flint River Power Squadron meetings during the 1980s. He was always a wonderful teacher and friend. My most heart felt sympathy to his family.

David Bobo Santa Rosa Beach, FL

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**David Bobo** - July 04, 2025 at 08:10 AM

SW

“ Sonya Walker lit a candle in memory of William Franklin Huggins



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**Sonya Walker** - July 03, 2025 at 08:34 AM

HK

“ Robert and Nancy, I am so sorry I will not be able to attend Bill’s funeral. No doubt in my mind where he is as he was the finest Christian man I’ve ever known. We shared a lot of memories including the collection of newspapers and the old school bus and more and more. I will certainly miss our telephone conversations. I will be in touch with you from time to time. We love y’all. Horace Keen

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**Horace Keen** - July 03, 2025 at 08:12 AM

JS

“ Bill was a great guy and had a terrific sense of humor. After I moved to Columbus I would often stop in to see him even without my boat. Never saw him when he wasn't smiling and laughing. RIP Bill Huggins

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**John Fountain Sr** - July 02, 2025 at 09:14 AM

NS

“ Sorry to learn of Mr B's passing. He was a pleasure to work with. Not only the smartest man I ever knew but also the wisest.

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**Nancy Standerfer** - July 02, 2025 at 09:05 AM

DB

“ Thinking about all of you & remembering all the fun we had playing tennis & the fun times after!!!❤️🎾🙏  
Love,  
Duster

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**Duster Burnett** - July 01, 2025 at 03:35 PM

JG

*Nancy, thinking about you and the family, prayerfully. Remembering so many happy times, especially with the AHS band, Billy on the drums and you as flag bearer. Sweet memories.*

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**Joanne Gauntt** - July 02, 2025 at 04:04 PM

MN

*Nancy, Robert and family. So sorry to learn of Bill's death  
Will be keeping you in my prayers now and in the days to come....  
Mary Jane Nance*

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**Mary Jane Nance** - July 04, 2025 at 09:30 AM

FC

*To Bill's family: I am Wilbur Cannon's sister and I want to extend my condolences to Bill's family.. Bill was a great guy and I always enjoyed talking with him when I would stop by Huggins to see my broth or to get work done. He was always so friendly and nice. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and I will continue to keep y'all in my thoughts and prayers. May God continue to watch over each of you.*

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**Faye Cannon Castleberry** - July 06, 2025 at 08:18 PM