



William Sills Ragan

September 23, 1946 - January 13, 2025

William Sills Ragan, 78, passed away on January 13, 2025.

His memorial service will be at 11 AM on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Rev. Galen Mirate will officiate. The family will receive friends prior to the service beginning at 10 AM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Bill was born in Eufaula, AL, on September 23, 1946. His family moved to Albany when he was six months old. Bill graduated from Albany High School in the Class of 1964.

As an ROTC Cadet at The Citadel, he attended officer candidate school and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Reserve. He completed military occupational training at the 5th Armored Brigade, US Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Bill transferred to Auburn University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration. He was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. After being stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas, he returned to Albany and remained in the Army Ready Reserve until he was discharged as a Captain in 1977. He worked alongside his father at Flint Beverage Co., Inc., from 1971 until his father's retirement in 1985. He then assumed sole ownership and management of the business until his retirement in 2012. Mr. Ragan was also a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Bill loved hunting, fishing, and genealogy research and enjoyed his hobby farm in Terrell County.

Throughout his life, he loved spending time in Eufaula, AL, with his Ragan-Johnston family, with whom he was very close. Well-respected and kind, he will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Ellis Ragan, Jr. and Margie Sills

Ragan, and his sister, Caroline “Mici” Ragan Ansell.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 41 years: Kay Griffin Ragan; two sons: William Sills Ragan, Jr. and Griffin Andrew Ragan; brother: Dr. Charles Ellis “Sonny” Ragan, III; nephew: Charles Ellis “El” Ragan, IV; niece: Dr. Deirdre Ragan (Patrick Fillippa); three great nephews, and numerous cousins from Eufaula.

Those desiring may send memorials to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at stjude.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
212 N. Jefferson
Albany, GA 31701

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

LE

“ Dear Kay,
We deeply admire Bill. We have known him and you for many, many years. Our children grew up and went to school together. As parents, we shared the wonderful years of their childhood and now adulthood.

Bill was a fabulous parent and an extremely successful businessman. He supported and loved his family dearly.

We pray for you, Will, and Griffin during this very difficult time. Sending lots of love and hugs. 💕🙏

Linda, Darrel, and the Ealum Family.

Linda and Darrel Ealum - January 19, 2025 at 10:40 PM

SH

“ Kay, I was heartbroken to learn your beloved Bill had passed. I pray you can find condolences in your memories of Bill.



shirley - January 19, 2025 at 06:05 PM

ED

“ Kay, Ed and I were so heartbroken to hear of your loss. May God hold you and your sons in His loving arms and comfort and strength you. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Ed & Susan Dozier - January 17, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Sills Ragan.



January 16, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Sills Ragan.

January 16, 2025 at 04:41 PM

DK

“ I am saddened to learn of your beloved husband's death ! Thoughts and prayers to you, Kay, and all of your family ! May the love of God surround each of you in the coming days 🙏 Donna and Davis King

Donna M King - January 16, 2025 at 02:06 PM

DB

“ Kay, thoughts & prayers to you in your family. In DAR friendship, Deb Blanchard 🙏❤️



Debbie Blanchard - January 16, 2025 at 08:02 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Sills Ragan.



January 15, 2025 at 07:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Sills Ragan.

January 15, 2025 at 07:01 PM

TF

“ Taylor Burney & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William Sills Ragan.



Taylor Burney & Family - January 15, 2025 at 06:06 PM

MK

“ Mary K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Sills Ragan.

Mary K. - January 15, 2025 at 04:45 PM