



Mr. William "Bill" Satterfield, Jr. Obituary

September 13, 1944 - March 9, 2014

William Ralph Satterfield, Jr., or Bill as almost everyone knew him, passed from this life on March 9, 2014 at Willson Hospice House at the age of 69 to live with his Heavenly Father. A service to celebrate Mr. Satterfield's life will be on Tuesday, March 11 at 11:00 am at Albany First United Methodist Church where he was a faithful member for 42 years. Dr. Don Adams will be officiating. Interment will be at Crown Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday, March 10 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Kimbrell Stern Funeral Home.

Bill was born on September 13, 1944, in Columbus, GA, to William Ralph Satterfield and Jackie Allen Satterfield. He moved to Albany with his family in 1954 and graduated from Albany High School in 1962 where he ran track.

While his career was remarkably diverse, he was always a teacher and coach at heart, ready to pass on any wisdom he'd learned. His first teaching job was at Dougherty High School where he taught human biology and coached baseball. This is also where he met his future wife, Jean Wills Satterfield, the love of his life. He taught and coached baseball at Deerfield Windsor School and later taught at Lee County High School and Albany High School.

In addition to teaching, he had careers at Lilliston Corporation and the City of Albany. At the time when most people considered retirement, Bill began a new journey in a field that had always held a great interest for him, the medical

field. He started by working as a surgical tech with Southwest Georgia Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. Then he invested in himself by earning a nursing degree. He retired from the Medical College of Georgia as the Director of Medical Services at Calhoun State Prison.

Bill had a lifelong interest in baseball. As a boy, he started by playing Little League. In high school he played for Post 30, American Legion, and later at the University of Georgia. He coached high school baseball at Dougherty High and Deerfield and for Post 30 with his father, Ralph Satterfield. He also umpired baseball. As an ardent Braves fan, he looked forward to the start of each new season and rarely missed a game on television or the radio.

In retirement, Mr. Satterfield seldom rested. He could regularly be seen kayaking, bicycling, or playing golf. He loved to travel and was always ready to plan a trip. He also dedicated a great deal of time nurturing his lifelong passion for photography.

With an insatiable appetite for learning, he received his B.S. Degree from the University of Georgia in 1967. In 1998, he earned his M.S. Degree from Albany State University. Later, in 2006, when he was already a grandfather, he earned his Nursing Degree from Darton State College. From the earliest years of the home computers, he educated himself about the latest that technology had to offer.

Bill worked as a volunteer for 25 years in the TV ministry of Albany First United Methodist Church, refereed high school football for 30 years, was a member of the Albany Photo Club and the 1962 Albany High School Reunion Committee. He taught Sunday school for 35 years ranging from College Career classes to his beloved Roundtable Sunday School class.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Satterfield; sons Joel Satterfield (April) and

Mark Satterfield (Kerry); grandchildren Bryan, Elaina, Ben, Blake, Kayleigh and Aubrey; brother Steve Satterfield; nephew Allen Satterfield (Adelaide), niece Jenny Satterfield Dumont (Devin); and great niece Mary.

Those desiring may make memorials to Albany Area Community Hospice, 320 Foundation Lane, Albany, GA, 31707 or Hosanna Choir or Miracle Meals at First United Methodist Church, 307 Flint Avenue, Albany, GA 31701.

Tribute Wall



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Elena Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Satterfield, Jr. Obituary*



Elena Taylor - November 06, 2021 at 04:00 AM



“ *Dear Jean,
I'm saddened to hear that Bill passed away, and I know how difficult this is for you and your family. Jean, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers - that God will bless you during this difficult time and always. If I can help in any way, please call on me.
Sincerely,
Charles H. Wills*

Charles Wills - Sanford, NC - Cousin - May 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Blessings to this loving man's family. Thank you, Coach, for being a positive influence in a challenging time in my life at DHS.

Susan Branche Poteet - Creston, CA - student and fan - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Coach Satterfield, he was a great teacher I had him in Biology in 68' and he was the best...learned a lot. He was very dedicated and he enjoyed his work and his students knew it and we learned a lot from him. My deepest sympathy to the family he will be truly missed.

Freddy Harris - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ One of the best teachers at Dougherty High in 1971! God Bless you and Prayers for your family. You will be missed!!!

Judy (Reschner) Enzmann - Student - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Bill. We had so many good times growing up with the Satterfields.

Frank Arnold - greensboro, GA - friend - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Jean and family;*

*So sorry to hear about Bill. So many fond memories of you and Bill "chaperoning" church trips. Bill was a true Christian man. He loved his family, his church and his God! He was a good man! Please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God Bless,
Debbie*

Debbie Tenhagen Sutton - Albany, GA - Friend - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *Every time I worked I always looked forward to Thursdays when Bill would come to river pointe to play golf. He always had a smile on his face and an upbeat attitude about everything. Even after he was diagnosed and had his first surgery I never saw him not smiling. Bill was on of those few people who always saw the glass half full no matter what was going on in his life. I will speak on behalf of everyone who knew Bill and say he will truly be missed.*

Hunter Welch - Albany, GA - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Jean, how sorry I am about Bill, I did not know anything until today when I read
the paper this afternoon.*

You and Bill have always been so wonderful and Know How much you will miss Bill.

Please know you are in my prayers and always will be a special friend,

Love, Lou

Lou Johnson Lee - Albany, GA - Friend - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

S"

“ So sorry to hear of "Coach" passing.....a man who always was uplifting and had such a positive influence upon me in my younger days @ Dougherty High. He is remembered with such fondness by everyone who knew him!

Susie (Lutz) Youngblood - Jackson Hole, WY - former student + "fan" - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Jean, I'm so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time and always.

Traci Griffen - Cordele, GA - Co-Worker - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My memories of Bill go back to Jr. High School. I remember an incident where Bill had been picked on by one of the school bullies. In that day Coach Cook would allow us to square off after lunch with gloves, and settle our differences. To make a long story short Bill wore out this guy. When it was over I asked Bill where did he learn to fight like that and he advised that his dad had taught him how to defend himself.(Mr. Satt. was also a special person to me.). Bill and I played baseball together for Post 30 American Legion. He was fast as greased lightning on the bases. I'm sure that was because of his track background. When Bill graduated from Ga. he taught and coached baseball at Dougherty High School. He asked me to help him which I was very happy to do. I don't remember much about the season. I do remember that Ray Knight played on that team.

Bill was a go to guy in what ever you asked him to do. He was a driving force behind all of our high school reunions.

Bill will be missed. I thank God that he is free of pain and in the hands of the Father.

Cecil - albany, GA - Friend - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Praying for you and your family during this difficult time!

Wendi Chambers - Albany, GA - From the Testing Center @ Darton - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ enjoyed all our trips together you were such a sweet loving couple sorry for your loss

betty mclemore - albany, GA - friend - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ On Thanksgiving, at Granny & Granddaddy's house, eating & watching football in the family room with all my guy cousins & Uncle Bill.

Billie Ann Wills - Buena Vista, GA - Niece - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Many good memories of working television with Mr. Bill. He seemed to teach me something new every time we were together.

Ben Williams - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Share many memories with Bill and his dad.They were great men to be around.Played baseball with Bill 1958-1963.He will be missed.May God continue to watch over his family.

Barney Jacobs - Orange Park, FL - old friend - March 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My deepest condolences to all of Bill's family.

Bobbie J (Young) Wade - Carrollton, TX - AHS 62 Classmate - March 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Jean, our thoughts are with you and your family.

Ed and Linda Hallman - Thomaston, GA - Friend - March 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM