



William Fleming Underwood Obituary

October 29, 1944 - July 22, 2010

William Fleming Underwood, Jr. (Bill), age 65, died early Thursday morning, July 22nd while vacationing with his wife, Jeanie Tupper, in the mountains of northern New Mexico. Bill was born in Atlanta, Georgia on October 29, 1944, spending most of his childhood in Blakely, Georgia. He enrolled at Georgia Military College, graduating from high school in 1962, and later from junior college in 1964. He then graduated from the University of Georgia in 1967, with a B.A. degree in journalism. From 1967 to 1969, Bill served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Field Artillery. Bill then matriculated in the night program at John Marshall School of Law in Atlanta, where he graduated in 1974. During that time, he worked with Dr. Sid Williams to publish Volume #1, Issue #1 of Today's Chiropractic. He met and married Marsha Fricks, his ex-wife and mother of his two children. Bill is the proud and loving father of Charlotte Ashley Underwood and William Fleming Underwood, III (Trey). Bill moved to Albany in 1974 where he started his own law firm, Underwood Law Offices, engaging in the general practice of law from 1975-85, before limiting his practice to workers' compensation and personal injury law in 1985. Bill's son, Trey, joined the practice in 2008. Bill served as a Dougherty County Commissioner from 1979-1982, Chairman of the State Bar of Georgia's General Practice and Trial Section from 1982-1983, Vice President for the 2nd District of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association from 1978-1980. He was a member of the American Association for Justice and the American Bar Association, served on the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport Commission,

and was recently inducted into the distinguished Melvin Belli Society in Vancouver, British Columbia. In 2000, Bill married his current wife, Jeanie Tupper, and he became step-father to three children, Bryan Michael Tupper, Jason Ryan Tupper, and Kristina Rene Edwards who also provided him with his seven grandchildren, all who adored him. Bill was an avid pilot with a commercial/multi-engine instrument rating, having flown his Piper Aerostar across the Atlantic. He had a great sense of humor, a love for reading and a wealth of knowledge concerning American history and politics and built a reputation of always helping others in his community. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States and to many other parts of the world with his wife, Jeanie. In addition to his wife and children, Bill is survived by his sister, Laura Underwood Jordan, and his brothers, John Edgar Underwood of Atlanta and David Underwood of Lansing, Michigan.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Fleming Underwood Obituary*

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“ *I just learned of Bill's death. I always enjoyed the times I spent around him. My sincere sympathy, Paul Fryer, Bainbridge, GA*

Paul Fryer - August 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the death of your father. My heartfelt prayers to you & your family.*

Rheannon Rivers - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear John and family,
I am sorry for your loss. I was an ECHS classmate (Class of '72) of John E. May God comfort you in the days ahead.
Sincerely,
Donna J. Braswell*

Donna Johnson Braswell - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jeanie, My heartfelt prayers and love go out to you and the families. I did not know Bill, but I'm sure that he was a wonderful person. I am so sorry. Love you, Garland*

Garland Rowland - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ A friend whom will never be forgotten. May God bless the family.

Jason Tomlinson - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Bill was very kind to me and always made me feel welcomed. He spent time sharing his passions of life, flying and reading and he always brightened up during these times. I will miss him very much.

Kim Allen - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Our thoughts and prayer are with you at this time of sorrow in your life. Bill was a fine person who saw no color when it came to serving mankind. He will be truly missed by all.

Charlie W. Crapps - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Ashley and Trey ~
Our sympathy and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. May your father rest in peace always.

McArdle Family - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Bill, God be with you. We will surely miss you! I was so looking forward to seeing you and Jeanie at GMC this year

Your friend, Butch Plunkett GMC 63

Erle "Butch" Plunkett - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I first met Bill and his family at St. Patrick's Episcopal church here in Albany during the early 80's. Although I regularly attended, I really did not get to know Bill and his family very well.

Many years past, St. Patrick's church moved out to its new location on Dawson Road and I really hadn't seen Bill in over 20-25 years.

About that time I found myself needing some legal advice, so I called Bill for some direction. I was able to get directly through to him and it was if it was just yesterday when we had come out of church. Bill gave me the help I needed and said to call him anytime that I needed to.

That was just the sort of person he was he would do anything he could to help someone else. I will miss him.

May God bless all of you.

Jim Kempf

Jim Kempf - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's death. He was a great guy, and a fair and honest man. A good County Commissioner, and a great Democrat! The community will miss him.

Carolyn Hatcher - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To Ms Tupper and the Underwood family: Please accept my sympathies and deepest condolences for the loss of Bill Underwood. Our prayers and thoughts are with each of you at this most sorrowful time.

Stan Harp
(Retired BellSouth Yellow Page Rep)

Stan Harp - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Jeanie, I am so saddened by the loss of Bill. My prayers are with you at this time.

Deanie Holland - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Kelly & Buster Haddock

Kelly Haddock - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Being a Blakely native I knew Billy and his family well. Was so saddened to learn of his passing. My thoughts n prayers are with all of his family.

Genevieve 'Sister' McKinney - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bill?s passing. He was very dear to Jennifer and I. I consider myself very fortunate to have had him in my life as a close friend and mentor. We will miss Bill greatly. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tommy Duck - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Trey and Ashley,

We share in your sadness on the death of your father.

*We loved Bill, he was a fine individual and a pleasure to be with.
The last time we talked, he told me that he still was my son-in-law.*

*May God be with you both for comfort and understanding. I know
how much he loved you and seemed to always to find a way to help
everyone.*

*Martha and I have gotten old and the trip would have been difficult
but you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Our love to you both,

Martha and Bill Fricks

Martha & Bill Fricks - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

YA

“ *Trey and Jeanie--We will miss your husband on the Aviation
Commission and hanging around the airport whenever he traveled.
He was a great man that I will miss dearly.*

Yvette Aehle - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *a good friend, a good mentor, and always good for a laugh...you will
be missed...*

Mark and Anissa Phillips - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Sorry to hear about Bill.
GMC Band Company Cadet 1961-1962

Terry "falstaff" Johnson - July 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Dear Jeanie,
You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. I know that you two cherished the time that you were able to share at the farm with the horses and the grandchildren as I could hear it in your voice everytime you have helped us. Some people don't understand the comfort your horse can give you at times like these.

Tara Okon - July 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Bill & Danny coached our boys in Dixie League baseball when Trey & Bradley were on the Blue-Jays team. We haven't seen Bill in a while, but we will always remember him as a Southern gentleman. Praying for you, Trey & Ashley. So sorry!

Kathy & Danny Beverly - July 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Jeanie,
I was so saddened when I saw that Bill had passed away. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time in your life. I will always have fond memories of Bill making fun of me and you while working on the house. He was such an incredibly nice and understanding person and he will truly be missed.

Dave Branch - July 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Trey...really sorry to hear about your dad...not only was he my attorney, but also my friend...no one could captivate an audience like he could...loved his stories...thanks to him, we got to know you...*

carey cato - July 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *"Billy" graduated in my class of 62 in Blakely Georgia. He made a mark on our lives that will always be remembered. He appreciated his friends and family and wasn't afraid to let you know how he felt. He will be missed. I hope his family will hold their good memories close. I know I will!*

Kathy Rice Proulx - July 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM