



## William "Bill" Merle Wood

February 25, 1958 - July 21, 2021

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William "Bill" Merle Wood was born February 25, 1958 in Danville, IL. He went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 after suffering a sudden massive heart attack at his home in Cleveland, GA. He was preceded in death by his father, Harry W. Wood of Danville, IL; as well as his parents-in-law, Richard and Martha Canaday of Stone Mountain, GA. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Patricia "Trish" Canaday Wood; his daughters, Rebekah Wood of Cleveland, GA and Desiree Brazas (James) of Hanover, MD; his mother, Emma Wood of Danville, IL; his sister, Cheryl Browning (Jim) of Westfield, IN; niece, Dawn Pasquale (Doug, Maddie, and Brandon) of Zionsville, IN; and nephew, Jim "Bo" Browning (Marsha, Veronica, Sam). He is also survived by brothers-in-law, Rick (Bonnie) Canaday, David Canaday, and Frank (Karen) Canaday; sister-in-law, Shirley Canaday; and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family and friends.

Bill grew up in Danville, IL and graduated from Bismarck High School in 1976; while finishing high school, he worked as an intern with local veterinarian Doc Heffernan, whose mentorship instilled in him the value of building solid relationships with clients. He attended Bob Jones University for 2 years, during which he met the love of his life, Trish, in biology lab class and then went on a summer mission trip to the Philippines before getting engaged on Christmas in 1978. He returned to Illinois and worked for the L&N Railroad for several months before moving to Georgia in April 1979, where he started working in construction. He and Trish were married at Killian Hill Baptist Church in Lilburn, GA on June 6, 1981, and afterwards they lived in Colbert, GA, where he worked on a cattle farm and attended classes at UGA. In 1983, they moved back to the Snellville, GA area, where Bill continued working in construction and then facilities maintenance at Killian Hill Baptist Church and Christian School. After the birth of Rebekah in 1988, Bill started doing home remodeling and repair for his own clients in addition to working at the school, and he continued to grow his client base. Desiree came along in 1991, and in 1998 Bill started working full-time with his own home remodeling and repair business, Dewbear Homecraft. In 2004, Bill began working as

a consultant and contractor liaison with UBuildIt. In 2008, he returned to operating Dewbe ar Homecraft full-time. Over the decades, Bill formed deep and lasting friendships with his clients, and they became another extension of his family.

Operating his own business granted Bill the flexibility to enjoy many wonderful adventures with his girls, such as camping, hiking, whitewater rafting, hunting, fishing, and exploring in teresting little towns; some of his favorite trips included canoeing through the Okefenokee Swamp and backpacking on Cumberland Island with Desiree, sitting in a deer stand watch ing the woods wake up and canoeing down the Chestatee River with Rebekah, and most r ecently visiting Savannah, GA with Trish to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Form er trips Bill recently started wanting to plan again were his favorites to Montana and Main e.

Bill loved the Lord, his family, his friends, his clients, his animals, and never got tired of the view from his mountain house. He was an amazing storyteller and craftsman, and his quiet wisdom and sense of humor enriched the lives of everyone who met him. Above all else, h e lived justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with his God.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Tom M. Wages Snellville Chapel. The family will receive friends on Monday, July 26, 2021 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the funeral home. A private burial will take place at a later date.

“If you wish to make a donation in honor of Bill, please consider the construction project at The Woodlands(<https://www.woodlandscamp.org/>>) camp in Cleveland, Georgia.”

You can view the service, which will be livestreamed, either by going to the Tom M. Wages Facebook page or by clicking the blue link, on the obituary page, on our website.

Due to COVID-19 regulations, our staff is committed to taking care of our guests and famili es that we serve. We also ask all guests and family members attending visitations and ser vices to please continue social distancing and if desired to bring and wear a mask.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at <http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com>. Tom M. Wage s Funeral Service, A Family Company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Events

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**JUL Visitation 04:00PM - 07:00PM**

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Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - Snellville  
3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA, US, 30039

**JUL Funeral Service 01:00PM**

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Tom M. Wages Funeral Service** - July 25, 2021 at 10:17 AM

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“ We were so sorry and sadden to hear about the sudden passing of Bill. We were his clients few years ago and had the pleasure of meeting his sweet daughter Rebecca and Trish .

May he RIP and may the memories and his kindness will help bring some comfort in this difficult time .

Ronit and Daryl PINSKY Atlanta Ga.

**Ronit Pinsky** - August 03, 2021 at 08:01 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I remember first meeting him when a friend of mine and I were riding our bikes on the deck of the house next door (where no one had been living for a while) and suddenly a tall, red haired fellow came out the front door, later saying that the realtor had told him there were no kids living nearby. Just few months later I was borrowing Calvin and Hobbes and Far Side books from his bookshelf and spending time with him and Trish, often sharing conversation over a cold Mr. Pibb. I remember learning things from him helping him with his carpentry business and at Killian Hill in one of my first jobs before I got my driver's license. Strong willed and hard working, yet kind, generous and patient. I trust he is in heaven now, but the world will miss him.

Josh Cothran

**Joshua B Cothran** - July 27, 2021 at 04:38 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Bill's passing. We want to extend our deepest sympathy to his family. Prayers for comfort in your time of sorrow

Allen and Tamara Gillis  
Rossville , IL

Allen Gillis - July 27, 2021 at 01:30 PM

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“ I grew up with the Wood's Family in Danville, Il. going to First Baptist Church. Such good memories, Bill was very kind, funny and smart. When He'd come visit his Mom it was good to catch up with him at church, recently My Husband and I were able to visit with him. What a testimony he was. Praying for his family. Beth Ingold

Beth Ingold - July 26, 2021 at 05:26 PM

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“ Kevin and Jane Knight purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Merle Wood.



Kevin and Jane Knight - July 26, 2021 at 09:11 AM

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“ Marshall & Lecia Franklin, Greenville SC purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William "Bill" Merle Wood.



Marshall & Lecia Franklin, Greenville SC - July 25, 2021 at 11:46 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Merle Wood.



July 25, 2021 at 08:54 PM

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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Merle Wood.



July 25, 2021 at 05:54 PM

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“ We are sorry for your loss. We will be praying for the Lord's comfort and peace. In Christ's love, Richard and Judy Atwood

**Richard Atwood** - July 25, 2021 at 05:50 PM

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“ The Golden Girls purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Merle Wood.



**The Golden Girls** - July 25, 2021 at 02:06 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Merle Wood.



July 25, 2021 at 12:34 PM

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“ 34 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - July 25, 2021 at 10:08 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Merle Wood.



July 24, 2021 at 10:42 PM

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“ 106 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - July 24, 2021 at 04:07 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Merle Wood.



July 24, 2021 at 02:32 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Merle Wood.



July 24, 2021 at 01:22 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Merle Wood.



July 24, 2021 at 12:39 PM

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“ Kathy Smoke lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Merle Wood



**Kathy Smoke** - July 24, 2021 at 12:04 PM

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“ Southern Comfort Quilts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Merle Wood.



**Southern Comfort Quilts** - July 24, 2021 at 11:23 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Merle Wood.



July 24, 2021 at 10:42 AM

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“ Steve & Denise Huntress & family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of William "Bill" Wood.



**Steve & Denise Huntress & family** - July 24, 2021 at 05:46 AM

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“ Bill was a dear friend for many years & did several excellent jobs for me and many of my friends. He was a hard worker, very thorough, and people loved him! It's hard to believe that he is no longer with us in body, but God makes no mistakes. "Precious in the sight of God are His saints" ..."absent from the body, present with the Lord" ...Bill is now with his Lord and Savior & we look forward to seeing him again in Heaven. Bill loved to hunt, the outdoors, but also loved great music, including classical. Our hearts ache for his wonderful family, Trish, Bekah, and Deserii & are praying for special peace & comfort for them now and in the days to follow.  
Musc love,  
Kevin & Sherry Pritchett  
Loganville, GA

Kevin Pritchett - July 23, 2021 at 06:59 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Wood.



July 23, 2021 at 01:35 PM

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“ Uncle John & Aunt Trudy & families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William "Bill" Wood.



Uncle John & Aunt Trudy & families - July 23, 2021 at 12:28 PM

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“ Kyong & Sam purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Wood.



**Kyong & Sam** - July 23, 2021 at 10:59 AM

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“ Selfless, Godly, interesting and fun-loving good dude, uncle, friend, father, and husband with a heart of gold. Honored to have known him for a lifetime. Missed, gone but not forgotten, absent of body is present with spirit. We rejoice and celebrate his life and for making all of ours better.

**Craig** - July 22, 2021 at 05:56 PM

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“ Bill was a favorite customer of mine for several years at Browning Tire and Snellville Auto Center. He was always such a pleasure to help and talk with. It was obvious that he loved his family. Trish and Rebekah will be in my prayers. Michael White

**Michael White** - July 22, 2021 at 04:05 PM