



## William Swindell Credle

September 6, 1947 - January 21, 2024

Mr. William S. Credle, Jr. age 76, passed peacefully at his home in Roswell, Georgia on Sunday, January 21, 2024, with his family.

He was born in Charlottesville, Virginia and grew up in Bristol, Tennessee. From his earliest days he was known as Duffy. He was funnier than he was tall, and he was very tall. He was endlessly creative, and everyone who knew him would agree he was one-of-a-kind.

He attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville where he was a standout on the UT volleyball team, and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After graduation, he worked in Minnesota and Louisiana before finding his home in Atlanta, Georgia at the Coca-Cola Company. He worked there for over 20 years, rising to Principal Engineer, and was granted over one hundred patents for Coke dispensing equipment and systems. He retired in 2003, at age 53, but continued working for several years as a consultant in the industry.

With his wife Kalen, he designed and built a home in Roswell. They enjoyed cooking, dining out, entertaining, and traveling to see loved ones. Duffy was an accomplished woodworker and made much of the furniture in their home. He and Kalen also spent time in the North Carolina mountains where they hiked, kayaked, and fished together.

A lifelong athlete and outdoorsman, Duffy enjoyed camping, boating, whitewater rafting and mountain biking, but above all tennis. He played on numerous tennis teams and leagues around Atlanta, continuing into his

seventies, at which point he switched to pickleball with no embarrassment. Surviving to celebrate his memory are his wife Kalen, son Ben Credle (Kim), his two-grandchildren Will and Gwen Credle, as well as his siblings Laney Haga (Tom), and Betsy Credle, and nephews Brandon Haga (Alice), Colin Williams (Shawna), niece Maggie Williams, and grand nephews and nieces, Austin and Greta Haga and Holden and Eloise Williams.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. William S. Credle, Sr. and Margaret Credle, and his sister Ellen Credle.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 12:30PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors. A reception will begin after the service at 3PM at Brookfield Country Club.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN **26**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kalin, We are heartbroken and so sorry for your loss. We loved Duffy as your wonderful partner, for his humor, joy, and brilliance, and for his gentle ways and kindness. Every interaction with him was special. Know that you are in our hearts and thoughts. Melanie Mortimer* ”



**mmortimer** - January 26, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Swindell Credle.* ”



January 25, 2024 at 05:51 PM

LM

“ *Laurin McSwain planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Swindell Credle.* ”

**Laurin McSwain** - January 25, 2024 at 05:51 PM

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“ *Chase Mouchet and the Corient team purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of William Swindell Credle.* ”



**Chase Mouchet and the Corient team** - January 25, 2024 at 08:50 AM

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“ *Duffy was always a lot of fun... such a nice guy... played tennis round robins with him.*

Debbie Turner - January 25, 2024 at 07:55 AM

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“ *Duffy was a wonderful man. His kindness, humor and easygoing nature made him easy to like. My wife and I always looked forward to seeing Duffy and Kalen. When we first returned to America, Duffy and Kalen were the first family friends we ever visited. We could not have asked for a better homecoming. We will greatly miss Duffy's presence.*

*Our love goes out to Kalen and Duffy's family,  
Chas and Jojo MacNeill*

Charles MacNeill - January 24, 2024 at 05:32 PM

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“ *The Hagas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Swindell Credle.*



The Hagas - January 24, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Swindell Credle.*



January 23, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Swindell Credle.*



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January 23, 2024 at 07:36 AM



“ *David K. Price lit a candle in memory of William Swindell Credle*



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**David K. Price** - January 22, 2024 at 07:01 PM



*Kalen, we love you dearly and pray for God's comfort and peace for you during this difficult time. I hope you know we're here for you for anything you need; not just now, but at any time.*

*The Price Family*

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**David K. Price** - January 22, 2024 at 07:04 PM