



## Mr. William Franks

December 13, 1946 - May 20, 2022

Bill Franks of Roswell, Georgia passed away after a brave 6-month battle with Glioblastoma on May 20th 2022 surrounded by his family.

Bill was born December 13th 1946 in Paterson, New Jersey to Agnes and William Franks. He moved with his family to Wayne, New Jersey at the age of nine and went on to graduate from Wayne Valley High School. He grew up with seven siblings, and at an early age began working alongside his father in construction to help provide for his family.

In February of 1966 Bill was drafted into the United States Army. He served from 1966 to 1970 as a Captain in the US Army during the Vietnam war. Bill was a highly decorated Vietnam combat veteran. He received three Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star in recognition of his sacrifice. Bill was a member of the 3rd Special Forces Group (Green Berets) and served as a Captain for 101st Airborne, the Screaming Eagles; know to Bill as the "Puking Buzzards".

In 1975, Bill graduated from the University of Florida, completing his BS in Business Management while working a full-time job to support himself. Bill was hired as a sales representative for Pitney Bowes. His final position after 11 years with the company was Field Sales Operations Manager where he led the corporate team, building their nationwide copier sales unit. Stories of his accomplishments are still shared today by those that knew him. In 1976 he

married Lyn and raised her daughter, Jamie, as his own. His daughter, Jessica, was born on May 17, 1977.

In 1986 Bill took a position with Home Savings of America and Ahmanson Mortgage as a Senior Vice President where he hired, trained and led the sales force in the East coast and Midwest regions. He went on to become the EVP of BayRock Mortgage Corporation as part owner of the Atlanta based mortgage company. He enjoyed the starting and growing of this business, shaping the growth and development of sales leaders. Bill's strong work ethic was second to none, he even found time to rearrange the dishwasher every night when he got home after a long day at work. The lines in the carpet after he vacuumed remain unmatched to this day, and his lawn was the envy of his neighbors. He took extraordinary pride in everything he did.

Bill met his wife to be Anne in 1987 while both working at Home Savings of America. Anne moved from Minneapolis to Stamford Connecticut, where they lived together and worked in New York City. Anne and Bill married in 1991 in Minneapolis, Anne's hometown. They moved to Coral Springs, Florida where they had their two children together Jonathan and Sydney. Jessica was in high school at the time, and he once stood outside her senior prom with an axe to protect her. Another legendary move by a dad who would do anything for his children. They then moved to Roswell, Georgia where they spent the next 25 years raising a family and living a beautiful life. He held onto his Northern roots with his love for Italian food and he could recite every word of the Godfather and Sopranos. "Botta Bing, Botta Boom" was often heard when around Bill.

Bill had a spectacular sense of humor drawing those in around him for the pure joy of his company. He loved reading, was a natural public speaker and great communicator. He was also a football fanatic, including the New York Giants (as painful as that was) and the Alabama Crimson Tide, where his son,

Jonathan, graduated in 2018. Bill absolutely loved his children Jessica, Jonathan, and Sydney. He miraculously grew to love all the pets Anne and Sydney would sneak into the home. Bill was the rock of the Franks family. His favorite motto in life was "there but for the grace of God go I". He instilled this in all his children.

Bill is survived by his wife Anne Franks of Roswell, Georgia; his only son Jonathan Franks of Roswell, Georgia; his daughters Jessica Franks of Milton, Georgia, and Sydney Franks of Roswell, Georgia, and Jamie Pear of Phoenix, Arizona. Bill is also survived by his granddaughter Lexi Harris and Lexi's Father Lorin Harris of Milton, Georgia; and his sister Patti Bruterri and brother-in-law Bill Bruterri of Fredon, New Jersey; sister Alison Franks of Rutland, Vermont; his brother Corey Franks of Deland, Florida; his brother David Franks of St. Robert, Missouri; brother-in-law Richard Mongeur and his wife Judy of St. Cloud, Florida.

Bill is preceded in death, by his mother Agnes Franks, his father William Franks, his twin brother Robert Franks, his sister Leslie Mongeur, and brother Steven Franks.

A Military Funeral Service will be held July 6th at 11:15 AM EST, at the Georgia National Cemetery. Please contact Jonathan Franks for the after-party arrangements at 404-731-6156 by June 29th. In lieu of flowers, donations will be welcomed to the William Franks Memorial Fund at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/william-franks-memorial-fund>.

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Previous Events

## Graveside

JUL 6. 11:15 AM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery  
1080 Scott Hudgens Dr  
Canton, GA 30114  
(770) 479-9300

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Bill hired me at Savings of America. He taught me a lot about sales, sales management and life. He was one of the most likeable persons one could ever meet. Condolences to his wonderful family.  
*The John Barton Family*

John Barton - March 04, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ *Mr. William Franks*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

RD

“ *Bill was a great boss and a great guy. He will be missed by all.*

*Ron Dickerson*

Ron Dickerson - July 01, 2022 at 11:50 AM

RD

“ *Ron and Val Dickerson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. William Franks.*



Ron and Val Dickerson - July 01, 2022 at 11:40 AM

DA

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to Bill's family.*



**Dave** - June 05, 2022 at 11:22 AM

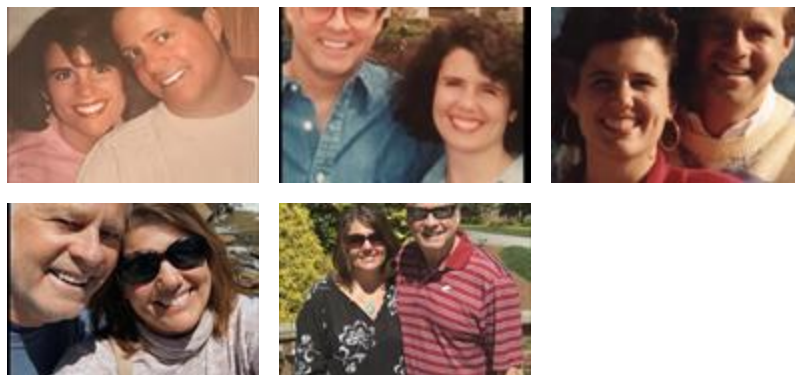
MU

“ *Many years have passed since we all spent many good times in Orange, Connecticut! I have many great memories and am so pleased that we were all able to spend time together! May your families cherish their memories !*  
*Muffie Bidgood-Levy*

**MuffieBidgood-Levy** - June 02, 2022 at 10:40 PM



“ *So many memories with the kids over the years , but I'm sharing my photos of just you and me for you Bill . I miss you !! Save me a princess spot next to you . I love you , Annie*



**Anne Franks** - June 01, 2022 at 06:03 PM

AH

“ Amy Hebert Hartwell purchased the Garden Accent Stone - “It Broke My Heart to Lose You” for the family of Mr. William Franks.



Amy Hebert Hartwell - June 01, 2022 at 11:06 AM

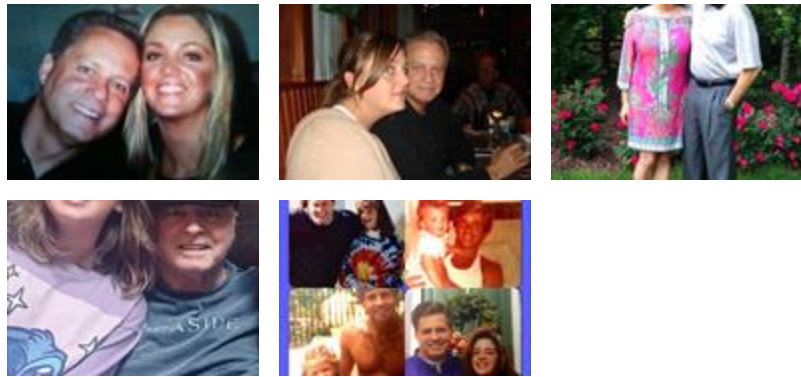


“ Bill will be greatly missed by all that knew him. My visits to his family over many years were always special due to his presence. I will greatly miss his wit, his listening skills and his ability to clean up after all of us. :) A wonderful human being. RIP Bill.

JoEllen Cron - May 31, 2022 at 06:42 PM

Jessica Franks

“ Love you so much dad ❤️



Jessica Franks - May 31, 2022 at 05:28 PM

JC

“ Bill was always a pleasure to spend time with - always positive, always up for any job or fun that was on the horizon. I hope great memories and inspiration replace your grief as soon as possible,

John Cron - May 31, 2022 at 05:04 PM