



## Mr. William Byers Funsten

August 13, 1948 - November 25, 2019

William Byers Funsten age 71 of Canton passed away on November 25, 2019 after a valiant battle with multiple long illnesses. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace. He was a member of Roswell United Methodist Church. He was a graduate of North Springs High School and attended Georgia Tech. He was a member of SAE Fraternity. He was preceded in death by his father, James Funsten. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Griggs Funsten; mother, Mary Funsten; step-children, Michael P. Gilbert ( Sabrina), Heather Morningstar (Aaron) and Rebecca Gilbert (Sean Holcombe); grandchildren, Ian and Tabitha Gilbert and O'Neil and Zariah Morningstar; siblings, James Funsten (Mary), Ellen Lundy (Greg), Marigene Horn, Roland Funsten (Jan), Laura Bayles (John), Michelle Foulk and Stephen Funsten; sisters-in-law, Linda Galezieski (Steve), Karen Medley (Robert); brother-in-law, Ron Griggs (Shirley) and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on December 5, 2019 at 11AM at Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Blvd, Roswell, GA. Inurnment will follow in the Memorial Garden of Love at the church. The Funsten family will receive friends after the service in the church parlor. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Heart Association or the Roswell United Methodist Church.

## Cemetery Details

### **Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory**

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Previous Events

### **Celebration Of Life**

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Roswell United Methodist Church  
814 Mimosa Blvd  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Byers Funsten*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sarah, Jen, Nicole, Angel, Chad & Heather purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Mr. William Byers Funsten.*



**Sarah, Jen, Nicole, Angel, Chad & Heather** - December 04, 2019 at 12:23 PM



“ *Bill and my mother married about a year prior to getting married myself. My sisters and I were older when they got married, so we had a different relationship with him. He has always shown great love for my mother and I loved him for that. He was a good man. My mother and Bill allowed us to live with them for almost 7 years now after life things happened. My children, now 10 and 11 grew up with Bill for the majority of their lives. He loved my children and I appreciate that very much. His relationship with my daughter was a back and forth deal. He loved to poke and tease with her. He was especially close with my son. I hate so much that he has passed on because I know that my mother was not ready for this yet, but no one ever is. We are sad that he is gone from our lives, but we are so thankful that he is not dealing with all the illnesses that had taken away his strength and happy for his home going. Bill was a Christian and Jesus was his savior. We know that he is know with our Heavenly Father and we will see him again one day. You will be missed Bill. Love, your stepson, Michael*

**Michael P. Gilbert** - December 04, 2019 at 12:09 PM

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“ *In lieu of flowers, Bill had requested to please make donations to the American Heart Association or the Roswell United Methodist Church.*

*Thank you*

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**Michael Gilbert** - December 04, 2019 at 11:55 AM

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“ *Bill,  
What can I say? You were very special to me  
--- more like a brother than a brother-in-law.  
We all had some great times in the mountains  
and only wish you could be with us on our  
next trip. Don't forget the garden and tomato relish and applesauce  
making!!! Those were the best of times!  
You loved my sister and I am so thankful to you for letting her enjoy  
life and together doing the things that brought both of you much  
happiness. She is continuing with the plans you made together and  
I know you will be there with her in spirit.  
You fought such a battle and I'm relieved that your suffering is over  
and you are free of pain. You will always have such a special place  
in my heart. We will see each other again on the other side.  
Your grandkids are missing you more than you know!  
Rest in peace Bill and know how much you were loved.  
Karen Griggs Medley*



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**Karen Griggs** - December 04, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. William Byers Funsten.



December 03, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. William Byers Funsten.



December 02, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ *With love from Marigene & the Horn Family* purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Mr. William Byers Funsten.



**With love from Marigene & the Horn Family** - November 29, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. William Byers Funsten.



November 28, 2019 at 11:38 PM

DM

“ *I always admired Bill's persistence in the face of so many health issues. I still think of him every time I use the rain barrels he made. Rest in perfect peace now with your heaven made body.*

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**Dianna Malta** - November 27, 2019 at 02:56 PM