



## Mr. William Baker Hamilton

February 7, 1956 - June 1, 2017

William “Bill” Hamilton, 61, died on Thursday, June 1st leaving his loving wife of 38 years, Deb, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Bill who was originally from Pennsylvania married his college sweetheart at the age of 23. In 1993 Bill, Deb, and their girls made Georgia their new home.

Bill was a lover of sports, especially his Red Sox and Philadelphia Eagles.

Although, we will say that Bill became an adopted Crimson Tide fan once his youngest daughter and money went there. But above all, Bill was absolutely devoted to his wife and daughters. He was a father who always involved

himself in every detail of his girl’s lives and supported, respected and loved his wife unconditionally. Bill always listened to people and never left anyone out.

This translated into coaching his grandsons’ soccer teams, being a spin instructor at the local Y, mentoring many along the way, and always putting the needs of his family and friends first. Every Saturday, he would take his 91-year-old father-in-law out to lunch. They had such a special bond.

Bill’s favorite place was Ocean Isle Beach, NC. Ocean Isle was a magical place for Bill. He loved to watch the sunset and make the most of each day.

Per Bill’s request, part of his ashes will be spread there.

Bill was a man of strong faith, believing in the power and strength of Jesus Christ’s love and the beauty and peace that would await him after his passing.

Bill always lived by the motto “Do what’s right and do what’s good. Be kind and help others”.

Bill is survived by his wife Deb; children Brooke (Tom) and Morgan (Matt);

grandchildren William, Wesley, and McKenna; sister Beth and brothers Walker and David; and father-in-law Howard.

A funeral is scheduled for 11am Wednesday, June 7 at Alpharetta United Methodist Church. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Bill's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Heart Association. [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

## Cemetery Details

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

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Previous Events

### **Celebration Of Life**

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Alpharetta First United Methodist Church  
69 North Main Street  
Alpharetta, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Baker Hamilton*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Deb, I am so, so sorry to hear of your loss. Oh my gosh. I just heard today and am heartbroken for you. I would have been there to pay my respects had I known. So young. You were married to a wonderful guy and I am so sorry for your family. You and Bill were always so nice to me. God Bless you all. I will pray for you and your family.*



**Kristin Howlett** - August 14, 2017 at 06:27 PM



“ *Wow! I'm in shock. I just heard about Bill's passing through a mutual friend at the Alpharetta Y where we did spin class together. Most recently I reconnected with Bill at the Vickery Y where he told me funny stories about his substitute teaching and other funny memories delivering packages for UPS. My prayers are for Bill's family as they mourn his passing but look forward in hope to be reunited one day!*

**Tim Coalson** - June 19, 2017 at 07:23 PM

CB

“ *Deb,*

*We were saddened beyond words when we heard of Bill's passing. He was such a great neighbor and friend, always ready with a kind word or good-natured quip. We shall miss him greatly. Sadly, we were out of country and unable to share our condolences in person at the service.*

*Our hearts go out to you and the girls. Please do not hesitate for a moment to call upon us for anything we can do for you.*

*Craig & Vickie Belton*

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**Craig & Vickie Belton** - June 15, 2017 at 06:36 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. William Baker Hamilton.*



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June 08, 2017 at 08:57 AM

PW

“ *Beth, I know your heart is breaking. Time will help you deal with this but I know for sure the grief will remain. I am so very sorry for this loss of yours.*

*With compassion and prayers, Pat Wiktorek*

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**Patricia Wiktorek** - June 08, 2017 at 07:44 AM

TA

“ *Deb, very sad to hear about Bill. I have many great memories of Bill as my college roommate, Fraternity brother, and friend. I remember the double dates we went on, he knew all the great places since he was local. We always had a great time at Delta Zeta & Theta Chi formals & functions. Bill had a unique sense of humor that was intellectual, witty, and very funny. I think of Bill every time Lynyrd Skynyrd Free Bird is played, he felt a connection to the song.*

*"If I leave here tomorrow  
Would you still remember me  
For I must be traveling on, now  
Cause there's too many places I've got to see  
But, if I stayed here with you, girl  
Things just couldn't be the same  
Cause I'm as free as a bird now"*

*You and your family are in my prayers.*

*God Bless!*

*Tom Albany*

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**Tom Albany** - June 07, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William Baker Hamilton.*



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June 06, 2017 at 03:07 PM

BP

“ *Deb, Brooke, and Morgan,*

*Very sad to hear about your loss. I have fond memories about being neighbors in NH during the 80's, shoveling driveways that were way too long and then buying and sharing a snow blower (Bill's idea) to make things a lot easier, helping each other pump water from our basements during a very wet spring, playing softball for 4F and tag football at the Tucker's on New Years' day, seeing the Red Sox at Fenway with the special seats Bill landed behind 1st base, helping Bill prove the probability of selling more caps during rainy ball games for a Statistics class he was taking toward earning his MBA, all the good times at the Bamford's especially your going away party, and of course the girls playing and growing up together on Burnham Woods Road.*

*Bill was a good neighbor and friend, someone you could count on, and we will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Bob and Donna Paré*

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**Bob Pare** - June 06, 2017 at 02:41 PM



“ *Deb, I am very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. It is hard to believe so many years have passed since our days at WCU. I called Bill about a year ago and we had a great visit laughing and reminiscing about the many fun things we did, especially the summer before senior year when I spent so much time at his Mom's farm and with the two of you.*

*Bill was a great friend to me so many years ago and I regret that we did not remain close. As I read the many warm memories shared on this page I know that my friend was also a great friend to many others. That is the Bill that I will always remember.*

*You and your family are in my prayers. God Bless!*

*Scott Hursh*

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**Scott Hursh** - June 05, 2017 at 09:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William Baker Hamilton.*



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June 05, 2017 at 07:21 PM

SM

“ Dear Hamilton family,  
I only met Bill this year when he subbed a South Forsyth Middle School. He was awesome with the students and always willing to help the faculty and staff. The students enjoyed their time with him. He always had a smile for everyone he passed. He teased me about being from the wrong side of Pennsylvania (Steeler/Penguin fan). My prayers are with all of you. God bless.

*Shari McAninch (teacher at South Forsyth Middle School)*

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**Shari McAninch** - June 05, 2017 at 07:18 PM

MW

“ Bill, Deb and family were wonderful neighbors and friends for over 20 years. It is saddening to learn of Bill's passing. May God bless them.

*Mark Wingate*

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**Mark Wingate** - June 05, 2017 at 07:07 PM

SD

“ Deb, I am so very sorry to hear this news. Bill was a great neighbor and friend for many years. I'm traveling this week so won't be able to attend his service on Wednesday, but please know I'll be thinking of you all.

*Scott Dixon*

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**Scott Dixon** - June 05, 2017 at 04:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William Baker Hamilton.*



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June 05, 2017 at 01:11 PM



“ *I am saddened and shocked to hear, through Bill Horne, of the passing of my friend Billie (that is what I called him). I met Billie late 2013/early 2014 while I was working in the Alpharetta area, we quickly connected and became good friends. Billie and I shared many great stories of our past and current lives. Many laughs and some tears, most of all a friendship was acquired. Even though we had not spoken for some time, the memories of Billie are very vivid. His out going personality and laugh were contagious. My sincerest and deepest condolences to the family of Billie, I pray for GOD's comfort and strength for you during this most difficult time.*

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**Craig Meier** - June 05, 2017 at 01:08 PM



“ *Craig Meier lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Baker Hamilton*



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**Craig Meier** - June 05, 2017 at 01:00 PM

BB

“ So saddened by the news of Bills passing. He will be missed by many. The memory I will always keep with me is Bill's constant desire to help those in need. He was always the first to extend a helping hand when needed. We love y'all and pray for your comfort st this time. Bill and Bonnie

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**Bonnie Busbin** - June 05, 2017 at 07:10 AM

JJ

“ Deb, Brooke and Morgan, There are so many wonderful memories of "Uncle Billy" - a childhood of laughter and fun with him and your entire family. Whether it was New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New Jersey or Georgia, I can see Bill around the house at times bantering with my Dad at other times playing Trivial Pursuit and Risk. There was never a trip without hearing the stories of Deb, Bill, Leigh and Hugh's time at West Chester. More recently there are fond memories of joyous celebrations of marriage - Bill changing into his Crimson tide polo shirt after too much dancing at our wedding and sharing in our impending parental journey with stories of all of the swim meets he attended when we were together in Chicago. The news this weekend that Bill is no longer with us truly rocked both Chris and myself and we want you all to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will hold on to happy memories at a time like this and hope you all know we are always here for you. RIP Uncle Billy.

Love, Jamie and Chris Jones

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**Jamie Jones** - June 04, 2017 at 04:01 PM

DF

Brooke and family I got the pleasure of talking to your dad often at the y. He always made me laugh. I am so sorry for your loss. Love Dee

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**Dee Ferraro** - June 05, 2017 at 06:38 AM

PF

“ *Deb, we are so sorry for your loss. We have great memories of all the years that y'all lived across the street from us. Bill and I had many a lengthy conversation on the sidewalk over the years...politics, the economy, religion, everything! We will miss him but know he's at peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Pete & Nora Foley*

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**Pete Foley** - June 04, 2017 at 02:57 PM

 Alison Sweeney

“ *Deb, Morgan and Brooke, such sad, sad news. Please know you are all in our prayers and thoughts as you struggle through this time. I remember Bill at Melanie Harris' New Years Brunch testing all the hot sauces. Sending hugs.*

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**Alison Sweeney** - June 04, 2017 at 10:03 AM

SG

*We are very sorry to hear the sad news. Thinking of your family during this difficult time.*

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**Susan Goldsmith** - June 04, 2017 at 08:23 PM

PB

“ *Deb, Brooke, and Morgan,  
We're stunned and saddened with the news of the passing of one of our closest friends, a true gentleman, fabulous dad, loving husband, and one who cared deeply for others. Our families had a special bond, evident during Chris' fight with cancer, you were always there, calling with support and willing to fly to Denver to be with us. We spoke about two weeks ago, with the same cutting humor we always have over the past 35 years, back to our Stratham days, something I'll truly miss. Tears flow now, down to a wry smile that's a product of so many great memories with all of you. We send you a loving hug from all of the Bamfords. Rest in peace, buddy. We love you and will see you on the other side.*

*Paul, Mary, and Michael Bamford  
Stratham, NH*

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**PAUL BAMFORD** - June 04, 2017 at 09:52 AM

CK

“ *Bill was such a kind, loving man and friend, who truly loved his family and his friends. He was always willing to offer a helping hand to anyone in need. His family was his pride and joy. He was passionate about life, and all who were in his life. When my husband was sick, Bill was the first person at the house to ensure he was okay until I arrived home. Then, when I had my auto accident, he was the first person to arrive at the scene to make sure I was okay. He had a very dry, witty, personality and would send funny texts just to stay in touch. He is gone from us way too soon. I'm sure God has a special plan and need for him. May the wonderful memories you shared with him soothe the grief and be forever in your heart. Our hearts, love and prayers are with you now and forever.*

*Much love,  
Bill and Candy Kane*

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**candy kane** - June 04, 2017 at 09:24 AM

KK

“ Bill, Debbie, Brooke and Morgan, will always be very special to us. We lived across the street from each other for many years. Our kids were best friends. Bill and I coached Softball together. He was so good with all the kids. Bill and my husband played tennis together. Bill would roll on the tennis court when he would hit a bad shot. He was demonstrative about his tennis!!! I remember Debbie always had lots of jobs lined up for Bill to do. He would cut the grass, do the yard work, and sometimes come over to our house to hide out after that to escape LOL! Bill's family came to stay with us for a few days when they were leaving PA and heading to GA. Lots of great memories, like our puppy getting a bottle of Bill's medicine and eating through the bottle, then eating all the Niacin pills!

*Bill was a wonderful man with such a heart for others. He truly cared about people.*

*Although we have drifted apart over the years, Bill and his family are very special people in our lives -- very loved by us!!! Bill may have passed, but he will always live through our wonderful memories.*

*I pray that the many happy memories of Bill's life with all of you will, with time, overcome the sadness and pain and fill you with the happy memories you have.*

*Praying for your family.*

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**Kathy Keefrider** - June 04, 2017 at 08:33 AM