



Mr. Inman William (Bill) Hearn

May 28, 2021

CLAXTON: Inman William (Bill) Hearn, age 86, passed away after a lengthy illness on Friday, May 28, 2021, surrounded by loved ones. Bill was an Evans County native, born in Bellville, Ga., and had been a resident of Daisy, Ga., for many years. He was a graduate of Claxton High School, class of 1952, and Abraham Baldwin College in Tifton, Georgia. He was the founder and former owner of Savannah Communications, Inc. in Savannah, Ga., and Communi-Tronics, Inc., in Claxton, Ga. He was also formerly employed at NeSmith Chevrolet in Claxton. He also served in the Georgia Air National Guard and was a licensed Coast Guard Captain, operating a charter fishing service out of Pine Harbor, Ga., for several years.

Bill was a former city councilman for the city of Daisy and served as the first chairman of Pinewood Christian Academy's Board of Directors for four years. He was a member of the Evans Memorial Hospital Board of Directors for 20 years and was also a member of the Claxton Jaycees. He served as president of Evans County Wildlife Club in 1968, which was the first year the Rattlesnake Round-Up was held jointly with the Evans County Farm Bureau. He was honored to officiate as the parade's Grand Marshal during the event's 30th anniversary in 1998.

As a faithful member of Claxton First Baptist Church, Bill served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, Discipleship training leader, choir member and property committee chairman.

Bill was an accomplished hunter who killed more than 100 white-tailed deer with a bow and arrow during his lifetime. He was also a member of Bulloch Bowmen in Statesboro, Ga., and enjoyed saltwater and freshwater fishing.

Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years, Priscilla S. Hearn; daughter, Juliann H. Cowart (Donald) of Brooklet, Ga.; son, Philip W. Hearn (Carmel) of Atlanta, Ga.; grandson, Robbie N. Cowart (Michell) of Frisco, Texas; granddaughter, Alex H. Swanger (Stephen) of Savannah; and great-grandchildren Alanah and Leila Cowart and David Swanger. Also surviving are Bill's sister, Emily Groover (David) of Bellville; and brother, Dr. Jack Hearn (Jane) of Valdosta, Ga.; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

The pallbearers will be Alan Groover, Neal Groover, Craig Smith, Jonathan Smith, Daniel Womack and Stephen Swanger.

A private funeral will be held on Tuesday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be sent to Claxton First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 607, Claxton, Ga. 30417.

Mellie NeSmith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

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Comments



“ So sorry to learn of Bill's death. He was such a likeable person and will be missed by many. Prayers for his family.

Grace Harden
Charlotte, NC

Grace D. Harden - June 16 at 06:26 PM



“ Please accept my sincere sympathy on the death of Bill. He was a good friend and a great neighbor. My prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.

Marcus D. Dukes

Marcus D. Dukes - June 01 at 12:25 PM



“ What a good friend who will be sorely missed. I sat right beside this man for I think it's been 35 years in the church choir (up until the covid virus) and what a wonderful bass voice he had. I looked forward to seeing him every Wednesday night at choir practice and on Sunday mornings. We always talked first about hunting and fishing before we did any singing however. Imagine that !

I have a lot of Great memories I could share of Mr. Bill, but the main one that sticks out in my mind is the time he took me on my first deep sea fishing trip with my Daddy. I guess I was about 13 years old. It was something I will never forget. We left from Pine Harbor and got out into the middle of the sound where the seas were 6 FEET. Bill stopped the boat and asked us if we wanted to keep going or turn around. Me of course being a youngin was ready to go but fortunately, Mr. Bill thought it would be best if we turned back and waited for a better day. Knowing what I know now, I'M SO GLAD HE DID.

I thank God for blessing me with such a Great Christian friend to have known all of my life. Now Bill can join that choir that Daddy has been singing in way up yonder !

Our thoughts and prayers will be with the whole family but especially Ms. Pricilla, Phil and Juliann. Please let Fran and I know if we can ever do anything for you. Mr. Bill has been so good to us and our whole family over the years.

With Love,
Quinn Tanner

Quinn Tanner - June 01 at 09:41 AM



“ Dessa Mainer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Inman William (Bill) Hearn



Dessa Mainer - May 31 at 08:48 AM



“ I have many wonderful childhood memories of Pine Harbor with our family's out together in the boat. Mr. Bill was a kind, wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kathryn Cribbs Sutton



Kathryn Cribbs Sutton - May 30 at 11:37 PM



“ Bill was a gentle fellow who wouldn't hurt a fly but deer weren't so lucky. That he hunted and killed 100 of them with the last, or one of the last, at the age of 80, is astounding.

My dad once went deep sea fishing with Bill and a few others. Dad got sick and Bill had him lie down up front on a bench near a porthole. Dad later said the only thing that made him feel better was when Bill's boat hit a swell and ocean water flew through the porthole and slapped him in the face. I seem to recall dad looking green around the gills when Bill brought the boat to shore!

Bill was a great guy and he is now waiting on the rest of his family and friends where joy is abundant and pain and sorrow are no more.

Jim Love - May 30 at 08:04 PM



“ I remember Bill as a kind, even-tempered man. He was the first grandchild of Marvin and Rachel Riggs and so loved by all of his family. He had a great sense of humor and was a joy to be around. What I remember most was his love of hunting and fishing. Once I went deep sea fishing with him. It was an amazing day. Bill was deeply loved and will be so missed. Reid and Carol Blades

Carol Blades - May 30 at 04:39 PM



“ Bill Hearn was a devoted family man and a friend to countless number of people. He shall be missed by many of us who knew and loved him too. His life was full of many activities which he enjoyed and achieved, however his love for God was always the most important part of his life. May God welcome you Bill with open arms to your eternal home in heaven.

Mary A. Garvin - May 30 at 01:14 PM



“ Parker And Shirley Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Inman William (Bill) Hearn



Parker and Shirley Anderson - May 30 at 11:26 AM



“ David Anderson Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Inman William (Bill) Hearn



David Anderson Sr. - May 30 at 04:52 AM



“ Sorry to here Mr Bill has passed, I have lot's of memories working with Bill at Nesmith Chevrolet in the 90's, what a great man he was.Prayers going out to all the family.

Respectfully

David & Laura Anderson

David - May 30 at 04:59 AM



“ Dear Phil and Carmel,
I'm sorry to see your dad passed away. Memory eternal!

Genie Brazzeal - May 29 at 07:36 PM