



*George Maurice Hill,  
III*

**Sept. 7, 1985 - April 29, 2026**

George Maurice Hill, III, 40, passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. Born on September 7, 1985, he was the son of Donna B. Hill and the late William A. Hill. George grew up in Morganton and was a member of First Baptist Church of Morganton throughout his childhood. He attended Freedom High School and later Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory. George enjoyed making others laugh and had a bright smile, which served him well throughout his many years working in the hospitality industry. He loved all kinds of music and was tremendously creative, much like his father. George was known for his mischievousness and playful nature, which made him a memorable soul. In his 40 years, George made countless friends from all walks of life and was deeply loved. He will be greatly missed by many.

In addition to his mother, George is survived by his sister, Sara Hill-Chrestman (Matthew); nieces and nephews, Leela, Miles, and Lucy Chrestman; grandmothers, Josephine Hill and Pearlene Norman; uncles, Larry Buff, Gerald Buff, Victor Wheeler, Tom Laundon, and Jody Price; aunts, Jean Pitts, Kathy Wheeler, and Dr. Melinda Hill-Price; as well as numerous beloved cousins.

In addition to his father, George was preceded in death by his grandfathers, George

Maurice Hill, Jr. and Frank Junior Buff; uncles, Miles Pitts and Robert Hill; and aunt, Dr. Caroline Laundon.

The family will receive friends from 1pm to 2pm on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at First Baptist Church of Morganton. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary at 2pm, with Dr. Thomas A. Bland, Jr. officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to

<https://afsp.org/chapter/north-carolina>

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



Oh my this just breaks my heart! I had no idea George had passed away till I saw his obituary today. Prayers for his family. I loved George a former student . Such a sweetheart.

–Rhonda Ramsey Robinson



May the stars and your angels guide you on a great journey across the heavenly dimension. Love and light, little one.

–Susa Evans

It is with much sadness that I acknowledge the transition of our beloved, George. I have known him since he was in elementary school and to know him was to love him. He was full of life and fun, accepted and connected with whomever he met. He was loved by many and his presence will be missed but his memory will be embedded in my heart and the hearts of many others. My sincere condolences to his great family.

–Artie McKesson



So sorry to hear you've left this world too soon, friend. I wish we could have caught up sooner. I hope you're feeling the love and freedom you needed, now.



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–Crystal Patterson



The smile in his eyes is going to live long in your hearts and memories. Be well.

–Jenny King and Robert Keller



I love you, and I miss you so much.

–Sara Hill