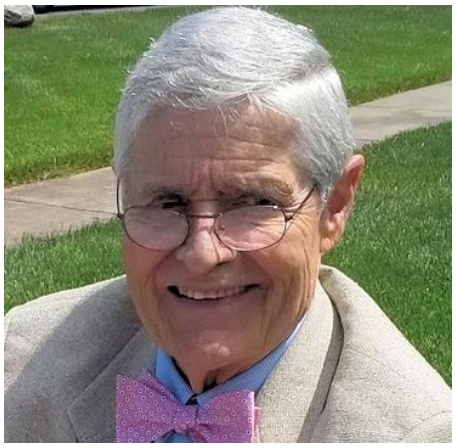
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William "Bill" Finley Davis

March 12, 1938 - March 15, 2023

William "Bill" Finley Davis, 85, of Morganton, NC, passed away Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on March 12, 1938, he was the son of the late Finley Webb Davis and Jeane Clarke Davis.

Bill was a veteran of the Army National Guard and was a member of St. Mary's/St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He graduated from Morganton High School in 1956, UNC Chapel Hill in 1960, and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Following his graduation, he returned to Morganton and began a 50-year career in insurance and real estate. Mr. Davis was the first inductee into the Burke County Realtors Hall of Fame in 2007.

Bill was deeply engaged in the community. He was a member of the Burke County Young Democrats Club, was Young Man of the Year in the Morganton Jaycees, and served on boards of directors for First Union, the Historic Burke Foundation, and Burke County Hospice. Bill was also a member of the Morganton ABC Board for 53 years, and he was chair of the board for 36 of those years.

Bill is survived by his wife, Judy B. Lane Davis; sons, William Davis, Jr. (Elaine), Jon Davis (Kimberly), and Don Davis (Rebecca); step-sons, Troy Furr and Brandon Lane;

grandson, Ryan Davis; step-grandsons, Hunter Riley, Ryan Lane, and Jacob Lane; sisters, Gay Gaston (David) and Lisbeth Fahey (Bill); and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his first wife, Donnell Mull Davis; and second wife, Virginia Anderson Davis.
The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Friday, March 31, 2023 in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church. The memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary with the Rev. Logan Lovelace and the Rev. Connie Connelly officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery.

The service will be live-streamed beginning at 3 p.m., Friday, on the Facebook page of First United Methodist Church Morganton (https://www.facebook.com/fumcmorganton) or YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/@firstumcmorganton9267/streams).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Amorem Hospice, 902 Kirkwood Street, NW, Lenoir, NC 28645 or to St. Mary's/St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, PO Box 2083, Morganton, NC 28680-2083.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the staff at Grace Ridge for their compassionate care during Bill's later years.

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

Tribute Wall

Loved My first cousin Bill..He was always smiling and loved his family and friends. There will never be another one like Bill. I attended his funeral yesterday and the memories and stories were abundant.

–Ibbie Alexander

Judy, I send you my love and deepest sympathy. Please give your family, especially Brandon my love. Edna Golding Buff

–Edna Golding Buff

It was such a joy to know Bill. My late husband, Jack Huffman, and I always looked forward to working with Bill in real estate. He was a fine man, and I know he will be truly missed by all who knew him. With love and sympathy, Guinn (Audry) Huffman

–GUINN HUFFMAN

Linda and I have so many fond memories of Bill. We will miss him dearly.

–Jim Belote

Bill will truly be missed! He was one of a kind, determined, sincere, and so much fun to be around. He always had a good story and he treated everyone with kindness. Thoughts and prayers to his sweet family. Love, Cissy & Danny

–Cissy & Danny Elmer



It was an Honor and privilege to help take care of Bill. His smile would make your day. Will keep the family in my prayers.



My deepest condolences to Judy and Bill's family. I always loved working with Bill. Such a fine man!

–Cindy Randolph



My sincere condolences to Judy and the family of Bill. May God bless each of you during this most difficult time in your lives.

–Diann Thomas Tate



I have wonderful memories of sharing music with Bill at Grace Ridge. His love of music was inspiring as was Judy’s devotion.

–Chesley Sigmon Mercado



My deepest sympathy to Bill's family. I was a neighbor many years ago and a playmate of his youngest sister. May knowing that he has rejoined his passed family in our Lord's Heavenly home bring comfort in this time of grief.

–Wendy Coffin

Bill was a friend who always gave me good advice. He is missed. His wife, Judy, went to Sunday School with me at First Methodist and she has my sincere sympathy.

—Steve Ivester

Bill my friend my brother in Lord Jesus Christ you were a great friend and could go on but I will make it short I will see you on the other side my friend when it's time for me to leave this crazy world we live in thank you for being my friend peace be with you

—Sidney Lane



Don, Georgette and I want to express our deepest sympathies on the passing of your father. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Rick & Georgette Arena

—Rick Arena