



William Russell Durden

March 5, 1944 - December 16, 2009

WILLIAM RUSSELL "BILL" DURDEN, AGE 65

And a resident of Franklinton died at 3:30 pm Wednesday December 16, 2009 at Lakeview Regional Medical Center. He was well known for his sense of humor, kindness, and friendship with so many people. The most important thing to him was time spent with his family. Bill had a tremendous love for his hometown and was a real friend to the clients he served. He was a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Hillcrest Baptist Church and an active member of the Franklinton Country Club.

Bill received his Bachelors degree in accounting from LSU in 1966 and later established his own firm in Franklinton in 1982. He is a member of the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Bill was heavily involved in community and civic organizations including serving on the Franklinton Town Council for 20 years, the Chamber of Commerce and Past President and Treasurer of the Lions Club. He was very involved in several committees of the Washington Parish Fair including the Midway Committee and as Chairman of the Stage and Parade Committee. He also served on the Fair Association Board as President, Vice-President, and most recently as Treasurer for the second time.

Bill was a loving husband, father, brother and grandfather. He was a true friend to all who knew him and he'll be greatly missed.

Survived by:

Wife: Linda Norton Durden of Franklinton

Daughter and Son in law: Debbie and Lance Jarrell of Franklinton

2 Grandchildren: Taylor Elizabeth Jarrell and Preston Russell Jarrell

Mother: Florena Jenkins Durden of Franklinton

Sister and Brother in law: Barbara and Paul Alford of Mt. Hermon

Niece and nephew in law: Theresa and Gene Consterdine of Baton Rouge

Great niece and nephew: Victoria and Haleigh Consterdine

He was preceded in death by his father Russell Durden, sister Candis Lorena Durden, nephew Preston Alford, father in law and mother in law Marion T. and Doris E. Norton

Visitation will be at Hillcrest Baptist Church Friday December 18th from 5 pm until 9 pm and after 9 am on Saturday. A funeral service will be held at the church at 11 am on Saturday with Dr. Gene Richards, Rev. Mike Edens and Rev. Denny Brumfield officiating. Burial will follow in Morris Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Richard Knight, Ron Brumfield, Dennis Crowe, Stephen Warren, Jeff Green, Randy Magee, Neale Brumfield

Honorary Pallbearers: Dale Spencer, Ted Spencer, Richard Jenkins, Daryl Jenkins, Charles Jenkins, David Jenkins, Jerry Jenkins, Don Lewis, Karl Casanova, Deacons of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Mayor and Officials of the Town of Franklinton

Tribute Wall

JV

“ Dear Linda, Mrs. Flo, Debbie and family, I know you miss Bill so much. My prayers have been with you all. May you find peace in your heart through Christ. God Bless you all. Love, Joanie and Jimmie D Varnado

joanie Varnado - February 19, 2010 at 08:36 AM

JV

“ Miss Linda and family, I am so saddened and shocked to hear of Mr. Bill's death. I know this time must be difficult for you. I pray for peace and comfort for you and your family. Hold each other close. Mr. Bill was always full of energy and a big smile. That is how he will be remembered. God Bless You, JoBeth

JoBeth Gatewood Valentino - December 22, 2009 at 04:38 PM

RM

“ We are so sorry about the loss of Mr. Bill. Such a great family man. I know he will be missed greatly by the whole community. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless

Robert & Connie McDaniel - December 22, 2009 at 09:27 AM

ER

“ William Russell Durden

Edith Rodriguez - December 21, 2009 at 07:14 PM

TL

“ Please accept my condolence during your very difficult time. I pray for the repose of Bill's soul. May you cherish and share many memories for years to come.

Tom Lewis - December 20, 2009 at 09:46 PM

JD

“ *My heart is truly saddened for you all. No words can truly express my sympathies. I will continue to pray for God to give you the strength you need during this difficult time.*

Jennifer Magee Domengeaux - December 20, 2009 at 03:01 PM

DW

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Darleen Warren-Murray - December 19, 2009 at 07:11 PM

MC

“ *Ms Linda, Debbie, Barbara, Ms Flo and family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you in this very difficult time. Mr. Bill was a wonderful guy. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow. Love, Missy & Benny Creel*

Missy & Benny Creel - December 19, 2009 at 06:32 PM

GS

“ *We were very saddened to learn of Bill's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God Bless you.*

Gary and Libby Stafford - December 19, 2009 at 06:32 PM

KM

“ *Ms. Linda and Debbie, I am deeply sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Bill. I have great memories of him as we were all growing up together. Please know that I will be thinking of you during this time. God bless.*

Kristi Alford Morgan

Kristi Alford Morgan - December 19, 2009 at 06:19 PM

MP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I truly enjoyed working for Mr. Bill. He was a wonderful man and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Melissa Moak Parkinson - December 19, 2009 at 01:38 PM

BS

“ Was such a shock to here that Bill has past. Our prayers to the family. May You find peace in your faith. He will be missed. Franklinton has lost a great man.

Ben and Paulette Sarro - December 19, 2009 at 12:51 PM

LS

“ Linda, I was so sorry to hear about Bill. I was only around the two of you occasionally over the years, but still considered both of you my friends and was always glad to see your smiling faces. I wish I could have been there for the services, but know that I wanted to be, and will pray for the healing that will eventually come for you and your family. Love, Larry

Larry Stringer - December 19, 2009 at 11:27 AM

LG

“ LINDA AND FAMILY, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. BILL WAS A GREAT PERSON AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. LINDA, BEING AN ONLY CHILD MYSELF, I KNOW THE PAIN YOU MUST BE GOING THRU, ESPECIALLY LOSING YOUR MOM AND HUSBAND SO CLOSE TOGETHER. DEBBIE AND HER FAMILY ALONG WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER WILL BE YOUR GREATEST STRENGTH. MISS FLO, I LOVE YOU AND YOU ALL ARE IN MY PRAYERS LINDA GALLOWAY

LINDA GALLOWAY - December 19, 2009 at 10:58 AM

SK

“ Linda, Debbie and Lance, May the Lord be with you during this most difficult time. Our entire community is shocked and saddened by the loss of Bill. I never saw him without that smile that he always had for everyone-a man with so very many friends, and so much enthusiasm for life. He loved his life here and gave so much to our town. His greatest joy came from just the mention of your names, and those precious children. That was his very favorite thing to talk about just any time that we saw him! Such joy you all gave to him. We will all miss him greatly. Please know that we love you and will continue to pray for you daily. It is the fervant prayers of God's people that will give comfort to you. You will feel those prayers and He will carry you through each day. Love in Christ, Sarah and Wayne Kuhn

Sarah Kuhn - December 18, 2009 at 10:24 PM

GS

“ Linda, Debbie and Lance, We were so sorry to hear of your tremendous loss. You've been in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Bill & Gail Stiles

Gail Stiles - December 18, 2009 at 08:21 PM

TO

“ With deepest sympathy for your losses this week. I will miss seeing Bill's smiling face at Church. Thinking of you - Toni and Mimi

Toni Oswald - December 18, 2009 at 07:38 PM

EH

“ My deepest sympathy is expressed to all of you. I know your hearts are broken and only time will mend that. Turn to the Lord for strength and know that only He can heal your sorrow. Mr. Bill will always be remembered by our family. I am comforted to know that he is with Mom and Dad rejoicing in heaven, and I am sure they welcomed him with open arms. I will be praying for all of you daily. We love you!

Ellen Schilling Hobson - December 18, 2009 at 07:35 PM

MS

“ We are sorry for your loss...our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Matt & Tia Seal - December 18, 2009 at 06:21 PM

KD

“ To Bill's family, my heartfelt love and sympathy to each of you. I have lived away from Franklinton for 50 years so I do not know you personally. I went to school with Barbara and my Mom went to school(and played basketball) with Miss Flo. Bill will be missed by so many in Franklinton. He is in a better place..... God Bless, Kaye

Kaye Jean Miller Doss - December 18, 2009 at 06:07 PM

PT

“ My prayers go out to you at this time of your great loss. We all played together numerous times at the Springhill Baptist Church where we all worshiped together and enjoyed "dinner on the grounds".

Phyllis C. Thomas - December 18, 2009 at 05:04 PM

LW

“ *Bill has been a wonderful person to my family, and most especially to my mother, Louise. His kindness and jovial personality will always be remembered. Your loss is shared by many others.*

Loretta Barber Wright - December 18, 2009 at 04:11 PM

WK

“ *Dear Linda, Debbie and family, There are no words to express our sadness in the loss of Bill. He was so dear to all of us. He was one of God's children who truly made a difference for good in this world. We are praying fervently that God will comfort you as only he can and that he will be with you and sustain you in the days to come. Love, Wayne, Sallie, Russell, Becky, Macaulay and Scott*

Wayne & Sallie Knight - December 18, 2009 at 03:39 PM

SN

“ *In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity, In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Steven Newman - December 18, 2009 at 03:38 PM

JM

“ *Our deepest prayful thoughts are with you and your Family at this time. May God's grace give you peace and comfort.....Johnnie Ray*

Johnnie Ray & Theresa McDaniel - December 18, 2009 at 01:37 PM

LR

“ I was so sorry to hear about your loss. I didn't know him very well, but I know that my Mom thought very highly of him. He will be missed.

Leanne Rushing - December 18, 2009 at 01:34 PM

DF

“ Linda, Debbie and Family, We are deeply saddened by your loss. Our hearts grieve for you, especially at this time of the year. Always know that everyone else knew the pride and joy he had for his family. The mention of his grandchildren's names brought a smile large enough to illuminate an entire city for a year. May God give you strength and hold you in his arms in this difficult time. Love, Danny, Karen, and Heather Jenkins

Danny Jenkins Family - December 18, 2009 at 11:29 AM

MB

“ Linda my prayers are with you at this time. Bill was a wonderful man and will be remebered by so many of us in town.

Marlene and Michael Brand - December 18, 2009 at 11:10 AM

DT

“ Linda and family,,,,, We're grieving with you over the loss of Bill and your Mother. Bill was a good friend of ours and a big part of our Church family. He surely will be missed.

Devon and Delores Thomas - December 18, 2009 at 10:51 AM

DF

“ God bless the Durden family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dana Medlin Foreman - December 18, 2009 at 10:27 AM

PC

“ Linda, Ms. Flo.,Debbie and your family,Barbara and Paul our hearts have just been broken since we heard the news of Bill. Barry goes way back with Bill in growing up on the Enon Hwy. together. There is no telling how much trouble they got in to. And Linda our LSU years together living close in the Married Student Apts. Those were the days. And us working on the old switchboard together. Also, in the loss of your dear Mother, we are keeping up the prayers for you. Ms. Flo our hearts go out to you, I know this is hard for you but God will see you through. We want you all to know that we love you so much and you are in our prayers and every thought. Memories are what keep us going at this time of sadness and I know you have a world full of those. Love, Paulette and Barry

Paulette and Barry Crain - December 18, 2009 at 08:20 AM

RM

“ We are sorry about your great loss. Bill was a GREAT person and will be missed by all!! May GOD surround you all with His great comfort and love today and in the days and months ahead. We love you all and are praying for you! Love in Christ, Ronnie and Terry Moak and Family

Ronnie & Terry Moak - December 18, 2009 at 08:02 AM

EN

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Bill was always pleasant and nice to everyone he met. He was a much loved figure in Franklinton. Please accept my deepest sympathy and prayers.

Eve Bickham Nations - December 17, 2009 at 09:56 PM

TH

“ Toby and I are very saddened to hear about Mr. Bill's death. Our prayers are with the Durden Family as they face challenging times ahead. We are also praying for the family's loss of Ms. Linda's mother. May God be with you!

Toby and Jill Hayden-Miller - December 17, 2009 at 08:11 PM

SK

“ Ms Linda I am praying for you at this time in your life when you have lost two very special people in your life. I pray that you can take comfort in knowing that God has them in his care, and we will see them again .

sharon k.corkern - December 17, 2009 at 07:47 PM

JN

“ Thoughts and Prayers

Jennifer Nielson - December 17, 2009 at 07:41 PM

SM

“ To all the family, please know that you are in my prayers. Mr. Bill was a wonderful man. As my first boss, he set the standard for what a boss should be. I am proud to say he was my mentor and my friend. He will be greatly missed, and I will never forget him.

Shane Miller - December 17, 2009 at 07:40 PM

BB

“ We grieve with you and we celebrate the wonderful friend Bill was to everyone. It meant so very much to have his advice and support to work through my father's estate.

Bill and Judy Burch - December 17, 2009 at 07:08 PM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as we remember the wonderful things Bill did for his family and his community.

D Glenn Simmons - December 17, 2009 at 06:06 PM

VM

“ Linda, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during the difficult losses that you have had lately. I will miss Bill, although it has been a long time since I have seen either of you. My brother John and Bill were the closest of friends, and Bill was often at our house...he was a wonderful person as you know and I am sure was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and the light of anyones life that knew him.

Velwood McDaniel FHS class of 59

Velwood B McDaniel - December 17, 2009 at 05:54 PM

MM

“ To Linda, Debbie, Mrs. Flo, and all Bill's family, my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. I always remember Bill as one of Mama and Daddy's greatest friends. I am so glad that I was in Franklinton for the Fair this year and got to see him. He made me laugh and laugh, as always! I know you will miss him so much! Our family will, too.
Love, Molly

Molly Green Morris - December 17, 2009 at 05:44 PM

PV

“ Linda, Debbie and Lance and Family
I am truly sorry for the loses that you have suffered this week. I pray that you will find comfort in the Lord and will trust in him for your strength.

You and your family are in my prayers...

Peggy Verberne

Peggy J. Verberne - December 17, 2009 at 05:42 PM

SB

“ Dearest Linda, Debbie & Lance, Mrs. Durden, Barbara & Paul....you have all lost a very bright light. Bill was always jovial, smiling and such a caring person. I have described him to others as being as bright and twinkling as a Christmas tree light. May his sweet spirit will stay in your minds until you see him again.
Love to you all, Sylvia

Sylvia Garrett Blouin - December 17, 2009 at 05:39 PM