



## Charlie Joel "Jody" Lail Jr.

December 27, 1961 - May 18, 2024

Charlie Joel (Jody) Lail, Jr., age 62, of Buford, passed away on May 18, 2024, after a long battle with glioblastoma.

Jody graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and the Georgia State University College of Law. He served five years on active duty in the Army as an Engineer Officer, then began his career as a banker while continuing to serve in the Georgia National Guard until he retired from military service in 2004. He worked for Trust Company Bank of Cobb County, SunTrust Bank, and Quantum National Bank. In 2007, he achieved his dream of opening a bank when he became the President & CEO of Chattahoochee Bank of Georgia when it opened in Gainesville.

Jody was diagnosed with glioblastoma in 2016. Although the average life expectancy is 12-18 months, Jody joined a group of fewer than 1% who survive eight years or more. While there were many ups and downs, Jody was able to enjoy more years than he had ever expected. In 2017, he worked to facilitate the sale of Chattahoochee Bank to Entegra and continued in a part-time role until 2019. He continued to work part-time as he was able with Carroll Daniel Construction and, most recently, with The Peoples Bank of Eatonton.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Hulon and Peggy Teague Garner.

Jody is survived by his wife of 26 years, Nancy Garner Lail; sons Chad and Jack Lail; sister-in-law Stephanie (Brandy) Humphrey; parents Charlie and

Carol Lail; siblings Chris (Karla) Lail, Patrick (Charlotte) Lail, and Betsy (Dave) Fitzhenry; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the West Point Association of Graduates, the American Brain Tumor Association. or Georgia Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries.

We are thankful for the village God assembled to help us through this journey. My family, friends, co-workers, and GAC moms met every need. We are eternally grateful for your help and support.

A Memorial Service will be held at Ivy Creek Baptist Church in Buford, Georgia, on Saturday, June 15th, at 2:00 PM, with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

Flanigan Funeral Home in Buford is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ivy Creek Baptist Church  
2500 Ivy Creek Rd  
Buford, GA 30519

# Tribute Wall

ES

“ As Jody's classmate and company mate at West Point, I remember what a kind demeanor Jody had. He always had a smile and easy way about him. A true pleasure to be around and an honor to have known him; even for a short time there.

*Unaware of his diagnosis and fight for the last years, I am sure he met it with grace and dignity.*

*Sue and I will keep his family and friends in prayer.*

*Be thou at Peace!!*

*Proud to be!!*

*Eric and Sue Sine*

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**ERIC SINE** - June 11, 2024 at 04:23 AM

CW

“ Rest well brother.

*Proud to Be 83.*

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**Colonel Greg Wyman** - May 30, 2024 at 06:43 PM

JW

“ Joy Williams lit a candle in memory of Charlie Lail



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**Joy Williams** - May 20, 2024 at 09:22 PM

SW

“ Jody, go rest high on that mountain.  
He was one of the kindest people I have ever work for in banking.  
He treated everyone with respect and dignity.  
Sending my condolences and prayers to his entire family.  
Well done, good and faithful servant. Matt. 25:23.

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**Shelia Williams** - May 20, 2024 at 08:42 AM

DD

Nancy and Sons, We were so sorry to hear of Jody's passing. Prayers and love for you and your family.

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**Dianne Garner and Dicky** - May 20, 2024 at 07:04 PM

NH

As a USMA classmate of Jody, I always remember his ever-present kindness and graciousness. He was always a gentleman and an outstanding member of the Long Gray Line. Condolences to his family. May the Perpetual Light shine upon him.

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**Nick Hyslop** - July 29, 2024 at 12:04 PM

LC

I remember hiring Jody into his first bank job at Trust Company of Georgia although we did not have an open position. He was so impressive and he never let us down. Just a wonderful young man.  
Lewis Culpepper

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**Lewis Culpepper** - January 15, 2025 at 06:45 PM