



## William Rufus Clayton

January 21, 2015

William Rufus Clayton (Bill) died January 21, 2015 at Lanier Village Estates, Gainesville, Georgia, following an extended illness. He was born in Spartanburg, SC, in 1940, the son of Ruth White Clayton and J.M.H. Clayton and grew up in Belton, SC.

Bill graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics. He was a member of the Tiger Marching Band, and as a devoted fan, he enjoyed watching Tiger football from his reserved seats for 50 years.

After college he spent two years with the Peace Corps, teaching in Nepal. He was an avid tennis player from an early age and also enjoyed hiking in the NC mountains.

Bill was greatly respected and admired by his colleagues and customers throughout his 34 years of employment with the Farm Credit System. He was fondly known as a quintessential Southern gentlemen and a man who loved his Lord. He served in various capacities at the several churches he attended over his lifetime.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Ann Tomlinson Clayton; daughter, Robin K. Clayton; stepson, Kevin C. Lear; stepdaughter, Stephanie L.

Henderson (Ian); and three stepgrandchildren, Ian, Clare and George Henderson.

A private inurnment and remembrance will be held at Big Canoe Cemetery for family members.

Gifts may be made in memory of Bill to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Rd. SW, Lilburn, Georgia 30047 or a Christian philanthropy of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Rufus Clayton*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



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“ *Ann,*

*We want you to know of our prayers and thoughts for you at this time. May our Lord surround you with His abiding love and peace. May you be sustained by His comforting promises in His Word.*

*Alleene Kracht for the Women at First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC*

**Alleene Kracht** - January 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Ann,

*It is with great sadness that we heard of Bill's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, if there is ANYTHING that you need do not hesitate to call.*

*Your Friends,*

*Libby, Jim, and Margaret Miller*

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**Jim Miller** - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Ann and family,

*It was my good fortune to work with/for Bill for over 30 years. Bill was the consummate professional and a never-tiring mentor. He had an inquisitive mind and robust sense of humor. He led by example, treating all with kindness and respect. I enjoyed our many business trips together, particularly those to visit the folks in the Florida sugar industry who we both loved so much. Bill profoundly impacted me over the years, and his guidance and example will be with me always. Terry and I send our love to the family.*

*Steve McClam*

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**Steve McClam** - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ May you find comfort in the memories that are yours to cherish always, and strength in the companionship of those who share your loss.

*You and your family have our deepest sympathy. Bill was a very special friend that will not be forgotten.*

*God bless you. We will keep you all in our prayers. Richard & Pat.*

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**Richard & Pat Haynie** - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My family is saddened to learn of Bill's passing.  
My mother is Anne Clayton Stephens and my grandfather, Jolly  
Carter Clayton was Bill's uncle.

*I never met Bill but my mother spoke fondly of him.  
Bill shared Clayton family photos and history that will always be  
treasured by my family.*

*Lauren Susanne Stephens-Tomlinson*

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**Susanne Stephens-Tomlinson** - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ It's hard to lose a loved one. May your family gain strength and  
comfort from the words at Revelation 21:4. "... he will wipe out every  
tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will  
mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have  
passed away”

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**constance** - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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JR

“ The Forest Lake Club tennis group offers our sincere condolences to Bills family. He was a gentleman on the tennis courts too! We have and will continue to think kindly of him.  
Sincerely.

Edmund. Austin. Bud, Bob, Bill. Richard, Dave, and Jack

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**Jack Robertson** - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Ann and all of Bill's family: Bill was the penultimate gentleman and genuine friend! His friendship always took on the feeling of having another brother!  
Devotedly, Charlie and Cathy Cook

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**Charles and Cathy Cook** - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM