



Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.

August 31, 1941 - February 5, 2019

On Tuesday, February 5, 2019, William Alfred Haywood, Jr., loving husband and father of three, passed away in Hartsville, SC at the age of 77.

Born August 31, 1941, in Moline, Illinois to William Alfred and Marjorie Eloise (Wardell) Haywood, his parents gave Bill a rich sense of humor and a strong Methodist belief, both of which sustained him throughout his life. Bill grew up with sisters Barbara and Susan and brother Robert. He enjoyed many family outings with his younger cousins, guiding them with his pearls of wisdom such as “Eat what you like, and plenty of it.”

He loved music all his life, singing and traveling around the country with the Moline Boys Choir, then later providing a hearty bass for several church choirs and community chorales. He played piano, delighting his grandchildren with boogie-woogie riffs, tooted a tuba in school (complaining the funnel was always a target for popcorn from the crowd) and struggling to master bluegrass on his banjo.

Graduating Moline High School in 1959, he went on to Millikin University, where he met Karen Sue Rinkema, his future wife. He graduated Millikin in 1963, then earned his MBA from the University of Iowa in 1968.

Marrying in Springfield, Illinois, in 1964 during an ice storm, Bill and Karen

would have celebrated 55 years this month. They had three daughters: Michele Haywood, MD (Jack Mitstifer, MD), Amy Haywood, JD, and Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Haywood, PhD, (Michael Sullivan).

Bill loved sports, growing up playing baseball and basketball, then becoming an enthusiastic golfer and runner, completing the Island Marathon. He loved the Iowa Hawkeyes, but he bled Cubbie Blue. A lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, his beloved team finally won it all in 2016. Almost as good, Ernie Banks once cheered him on. While jogging in D.C., Bill ran past Mr. Cub, who shouted encouragingly "Keep it up!".

In 1981, he could not take the Midwest ice and snow any longer and moved to South Carolina to take a computer auditing position with Sonoco Products Company of Hartsville, where he would finish his career. (However, he never liked the heat. Or the snakes.)

After retiring he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, choosing to be called DoDaddy: Jake and Cate Mitstifer, Elizabeth, Wes and Catherine Sullivan, and Beasley Haywood. A lifelong learner and avid reader, he particularly enjoyed history. He advocated for children as a Guardian ad Litem, recognized by the group as a role model by that system. He enjoyed beach trips, root beer challenges, Steak-n-Shake, and lots of butter. He traveled to all 50 states, even North Dakota.

Both Bill and Karen provided a loving home for numerous rescue animals over the years, too many to list. Many furry friends will miss him.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, February 9, 2019, at St Luke's Methodist Church, Hartsville, SC. Burial will be in Moline, IL, at the family plot at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Habitat of Humanity of Darlington County, Box 1432, Hartsville, SC 29551 or

Darlington County Humane Society, Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29551. Brown-Pennington-Atkins is serving the family.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke Methodist Church
302 Dunlap Dr.
Hartsville, SC

Visitation

FEB 9. 1:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ Cheryl Mims lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.



Cheryl Mims - September 30, 2019 at 01:30 AM

JW

“ Judy Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.



Judy Walters - February 16, 2019 at 05:32 PM



“ Joyce Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.



Joyce Beasley - February 11, 2019 at 10:04 PM

TB

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Sending much love to Betsy, your mom, sisters & Mike & the kids. Love from Dan, Tara, Ben & Cece Butzbaugh.



Tara Butzbaugh - February 10, 2019 at 08:32 PM

JH

“ *Judy Hemby lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.*



Judy Hemby - February 09, 2019 at 12:17 PM

DW

“ *David Weddington lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.*



David Weddington - February 09, 2019 at 11:51 AM

GB

“ *Gloria Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.*



Gloria Bell - February 09, 2019 at 08:30 AM

NP

“ There were two things my Uncle and had in common: our love for the Iowa Hawkeyes and our Chicago Cubs. I had forgotten how much we shared that love but I will always remember his smile. Aunt Karen, I’m sorry to hear of his passing but at least he is freely running in heaven pain free with my dad. To my cousins (Shelly, Betsy, and Amy) I’m sorry for your father’s passing. I know the pain you are feeling as I also felt that way when my dad (Uncle Rick) passed away back in 2011. I love you all!
Nicole “Rinkema” Parris



Nicole Parris - February 08, 2019 at 11:28 PM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the Haywood family on the loss of their dear husband, father, and grandfather, Bill



Dick and Faye Stinson - February 08, 2019 at 09:01 PM

JG

“ Jacqueline Gattison lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.



Jacqueline Gattison - February 08, 2019 at 07:40 PM

JG

“ *May God strengthen his family during this time and beyond .May God give peace an understanding as only he can he will be missed an especially with the Guardian ad Litem.Prayers to the family*

Jacqueline Gattison - February 08, 2019 at 07:39 PM

JW

“ *Judy Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.*



Judy Walters - February 08, 2019 at 03:10 PM

BS

“ *Brent Snyder lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.*



Brent Snyder - February 08, 2019 at 10:29 AM

WR

“ *Warner Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.*



Warner Rogers - February 08, 2019 at 08:47 AM

AM

“ Al And Sheila Mullis lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.



Al and Sheila Mullis - February 08, 2019 at 08:29 AM

RW

“ Karen, thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Bill was such a nice individual and will be missed by many.

Rhonda and Jimmy Watkins - February 07, 2019 at 09:00 PM

GM

“ GAIL S Mobley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.



GAIL S Mobley - February 07, 2019 at 08:35 PM

BB

“ Bobby And Violet Bragdon lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.



Bobby and violet bragdon - February 07, 2019 at 08:34 PM

CM

“ Praying for all the family.

charles mclendon - February 07, 2019 at 06:31 PM

IJ

“ Irene Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.



Irene Johnson - February 07, 2019 at 05:06 PM

IJ

I am so sorry. Remembering you and your family in my prayers. May God hold you close and comfort you.

Irene Johnson - February 07, 2019 at 05:09 PM

DF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We remember Mr. Haywood when he sang in our church choir. He was always such a kind gentleman. May God's great love comfort you all. Love and prayers Dan and Kathy Newsome family

Dan and Kathy Newsome family - February 07, 2019 at 12:52 PM

RB

“ Roy Bowers lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.



Roy Bowers - February 07, 2019 at 11:51 AM

JW

“ *Judy Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.*



Judy Walters - February 06, 2019 at 11:14 PM

BG

“ *Karen, love and prayers for you and your family. May you find comfort in knowing so many are praying for God to surround you and comfort you in the days to come.*

Bess Gore - February 06, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ *Ted and I are remembering you in prayer. Angelyn Bateman*



Angelyn Bateman - February 06, 2019 at 02:04 PM

BA

“ *Karen,*

Your St. Luke family continues to pray for you during this difficult time. May God extend his loving grace and mercy to you so that you will experience his enduring and everlasting peace.

Bob Abbott, St. Luke Prayer Committee



Bob Abbott - February 06, 2019 at 02:01 PM

BA

“ *Bob Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Alfred Haywood Jr.*



Bob Abbott - February 06, 2019 at 01:59 PM

VM

“ *Karen, we are so sorry for your loss. May God lift you up and carry you during this sad time.*



Vern and Nancy Myers - February 06, 2019 at 12:05 PM

DS

“ *Karen and Family so sorry to read about Bill, our prayers and thoughts are with you. Danny and Phoebe*



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - February 05, 2019 at 09:59 PM

MH

“ *My sincere condolences to you Karen! May God hold you and your family in the coming days! I'm sure Bill is singing with the heavenly choir now! Mark Howle*

Mark Howle - February 05, 2019 at 07:54 PM

LS

Sending hugs and prayers Karen. Linda Stacy

Linda M Stacy - February 05, 2019 at 09:00 PM

MM

*Karen,
We have loved sharing fellowship and friendship with you ad Bill through these past years. Dan would say that he and Bill would make joyful noise as the Bible says. We have missed him thiese last months when he could no longer be with us. We are keeping you and your family in our prayers as you go forward. You will always have loving memories of your long marriage together. We care about you. Marty and Dan*

Marty McCulloch - February 06, 2019 at 05:21 PM

JS

Karen, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers with the passing of Bill. Bill made enriched the lives of many people through his work in the community and at Sonoco.

John and Lenna Sharp

John Sharp - February 06, 2019 at 08:16 PM

RH

What a pleasure Bill Haywood was to work with at Sonoco. He was always very direct but soft spoken. Bill never talked about his faith with me – he did not have to. His life demonstrated it! Just as soon as Bill was missed here, he was welcomed into the presence of the Lord. Prayers and love for all of those he left behind. Rodger Hatchell

Rodger Hatchell - February 07, 2019 at 09:36 PM

KJ

Karen and family, so sorry to learn of your loss of Bill. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Karen Jeffords

Karen Jeffords - February 08, 2019 at 05:24 PM