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William Douglas "Bill" Hale passed away on Monday, April 26, 2021 at the age of 88 years. Bill was born in Mobile, Alabama. Bill worked for Chilton's Inc. in Mobile where he was very well known for his talent of restoring photos and picture frames. He restored one of the few famous photos of George Washington. He volunteered with the Junior Miss Pageant, now know as Distinguished Young Women, for 25 years and traveled all over the United States assisting. He also volunteered with the Mobile Azalea Trail, which had its beginnings in 1929, when the Mobile Junior Chamber of Commerce undertook a project to encourage citizens to plant azaleas along the Port City's thoroughfares. After moving to Leesburg, he laid out and created a large map of the City of Leesburg that currently hangs in the library. Bill also liked collecting model trains and model cars. He was an active member of the Lake Saunders Baptist Church in Tavares. Bill is remembered and will be dearly missed by his wife of 8 years, Rosalyn. Bill was the love of Rosalyn's life and the kindest man she ever knew. He is also survived by his daughters Cathy (Alan) Holden of Eustis and Karyn (Rick) Norris of San Antonio, Texas; and two nieces, Jamie and Julie of Mobile.

A memorial ceremony will be held soon at the Lake Saunders Baptist Church. Condolences, memories and photos may be shared on the tribute wall.



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Angela Powell posted:

Bill worked at my grandparents store, Chilton's, in downtown Mobile and was considered part of my family until he retired and moved away. Bill was famous with us for his clownish antics and the tiaras and magic wands he would make for my sister and I when we were young children and visiting at the store. Bill kept us entertained wiggling his ears, "taking our nose" and making impressive throat noises thumping out a rhythm. Bill left for lunch every day to make a PBJ and we were always glad to see him come back after lunch. He had a switch above the light at his work station in case we bugged him too much or misbehaved, but the switch was just for show as anything and we would shriek down the hall if he reached for it if we were being worrisome or misbehaving. We loved being around Bill as I think most everyone did. He was part of the family and thought highly of in Mobile. I have a beautiful Wedgewood medallion he framed for me as a wedding gift that I treasure and I think of him often seeing the gift. I was happy to hear that Bill had found a companion late in life and had married in his last years. My own father died a year or so before Bill and I don't think I knew Bill had passed away until I heard a Kieth Urban song on line that made me think of Bill and I searched Bill's name to send a card. I hope the family will get a notice of this tribute. I don't have an address to send a card, but you have my condolences. I am so sorry for your loss. Angela M. Powell. Mobile, Alabama

November 24 at 6:27 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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