



William "Bill" S. Branton, Jr.

November 5, 1939 - September 30, 2018

William S. "Bill" Branton, Jr., 78, of Summerville, husband of the late Rebecca Huggins Branton entered eternal rest Sunday, September 30, 2018.

The family has requested a private funeral and burial followed by a public gathering of family and friends at 1 o'clock on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at First Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10665 Dorchester Rd., Summerville, SC 29485.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be may be made to Agapé Senior Foundation, 2680 Elms Plantation Blvd. Suite #101, N. Charleston, SC 29406.

Bill was born November 5, 1939 in Summerville, SC, son of the late William S. Branton, Sr. and Maude Winningham Branton. He graduated from North Greenville Junior College in 1960 and continued on to graduate with his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of South Carolina in 1962 . He attended Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Palmetto Military Academy. Bill was married on November 20, 1961 to his college sweetheart the late Rebecca Huggins.

Bill devoted his life to the service of his country, his state, and community. He served on the Dorchester District 2 School Board from 1969-1970 and

Dorchester Council of Governments from 1972-1978. He served on the Board of Directors for SC Association of Counties from 1973-1974. He was active in the many organizations including: Summerville Family YMCA from 1974-1978; Advanced Board for Wachovia Bank from 1986-1996; The Marion Marauder Society; South Carolina Homebuilders Association, Summerville Chamber of Commerce; and Kiwanis Club of Summerville. He was awarded The Order of the Palmetto by Gov. Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. in 1988. He was Vice-President of Sumter Guards, and The Retired Officers Association, and National Guard Association of SC and US. He retired as a Colonel from the SCARING where he served from 1956-1992. He served in the SC House of Representatives from 1979-1984 and served as a SC State Senator from 1985-1988 and 1997-2003.

Bill Branton was survived by his son: William S. Branton, III (Beverlee) of Summerville; his daughters: Ginger B. Canaday (Donnie) of North Charleston and Shelley R. Hull (Phil) of North Carolina; five grandchildren: William Reed Branton, Ryan A. Branton, James D. Canaday III, Cade S. Branton and Mason W. Branton; as well as, five sisters: Virginia Branton Crosby of South Carolina, Gertrude Reeves (Robert) of Bamberg, Carolyn Black of Summerville, Barbara Jean Page of Summerville, and Brenda Britton (Wilson) of Hollywood. He was predeceased by his son: Britt H. Branton.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" S. Branton, Jr.*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Billy, Ginger, & Shelley,
Your Dad loved his politics and serving, but you were always his pride and joy! He accomplished a great deal and made many, many friends along the way, as you well know. I think you all know how much I care for each of you and your families and I pray that you will find comfort and peace in knowing how special he was and how very much he loved you all. Love, hugs & prayers - Janet Cooper-Tanner*

Janet Cooper-Tanner - October 16, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ *It is with deepest regrets that I learned today of Bill's passing. His fingerprints from his many, many years of public service to our county and state remain around us largely unrecognized but not forgotten. For example, were it not for his vision and determination, we would not have the boat landing at Oakbrook that so many families enjoy. He was one of the true titans of legend in Dorchester County politics, as both a Democrat and a Republican. On any issue, you knew Bill could be a formidable foe or a loyal ally. Having experienced both, I preferred the latter. His passion for and love of politics was only exceeded by his love of his family. I thank the family for sharing Bill with us during his decades of public service and hope that you find peace and comfort in knowing that we are all the better for having had the benefit of him. - Tom Limehouse and family*

Tom Limehouse - October 09, 2018 at 07:43 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Bill Branton was friends with my dad (Josh Ladson Jr) and my grandfather (Josh Ladson Sr.) We will be praying for your strength
The Ladson Family

Joselyn Ladson - October 05, 2018 at 05:57 PM

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“ *Saddened to hear of William's passing. Fond memories of Summerville High 1958 classmate and long time friend. May God bless and comfort all the family.*
Clayborne Cranford

CLAY CRANFORD - October 02, 2018 at 06:38 PM

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“ *I enjoyed my friendship with Bill during our service together in the SC General Assembly,*

*My sympathy,
Tom Marchant
379 Golden Bear Drive, J-2
Pawleys Island, SC 29585*

Tom Marchant - October 02, 2018 at 02:36 PM