



## William Gadol Jr.

October 14, 1942 - April 13, 2023

William Norman Gadol, Jr., passed away from a long battle with heart disease on April 13, 2023. He is survived by the love of his life, Karen Lemacks Gadol; his three children: William Norman Gadol, III (spouse, Toni Gadol); Heather Jane Hogan (spouse, Michael Hogan); and Sarah Gadol Mitchum (spouse, Travis Mitchum); his grandson John ("Jack") William Gadol; and seven siblings, their spouses, and many nieces and nephews.

Bill was born on October 14, 1942, to William Norman and Martha Irwin Gadol in Covington, KY. He had two sisters and became brother to five additional siblings when Martha married Les Molter, several years after William's passing.

Bill accomplished so much in his rich 80 years of life, including serving as a US Army Military Police Sergeant and a firefighter / paramedic and corporate emergency medical systems consultant to the FBI, US Secret Service, the National Football League, the National Ski Patrol, the Special Operations commands for all branches of the US Armed Forces and the Department of Homeland Security. He also served as a Senior Instructor for EMTs, AEMTs, and Instructor Trainer for CPR/AED for the American Heart Association, Instructor Trainer for Basic and Advanced First Aid for the American Red Cross and as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff assigned to the "Seahawk" Federal Anti-Terrorism Task Force. He was a Kentucky Colonel, a Life Member of the

Special Operations Medical Association, an Instructor for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for the Proprietary Security program (SafeGuard SC), a SCSLED Firearms Instructor, a SC CWP Instructor, a member of the FBI InfraGard and President of his own company that helped connect small businesses with the military for over three decades. He was awarded a "Friend of the Regiment" by the US Army Surgeon General, and a "Certificate of Appreciation" by the White House Medical Unit.

He also served as an Elder and as Director of Security for Seacoast Community Church in Mt. Pleasant. His true passion in his later years was keeping the Body of Christ safe in churches around the country, and he worked tirelessly to help educate and train others to do the same. He was an active member of the Faith Based Security Network and enjoyed his work with this organization. He was a published author, writing two books on church security protocols, and a leader and mentor to many.

More than any of these achievements, though, we remember the man Bill was. He loved his Savior, Jesus Christ, with every fiber of his being, and spent his life in service of God. He met the true love of his life, Karen, when he was 60 years old, and that love sustained him through the end of his life. He was a man of integrity and character, optimism and good humor. He was selfless and generous, compassionate and tender-hearted, and always ready with a "daddy hug" to anyone who needed it. He was a loving, doting father to his three children and grandson, and an "honorary dad" to more people than we can name.

An entire community of people feel the loss of this vibrant, sharp-witted, and kind man, who looked out for the well-being of others at all times. He is the true example of the "watchman on the wall." Our lives are immeasurably benefitted by the time spent with him, and we will mourn his loss greatly, while rejoicing that his body is fully healed in the presence of Jesus.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on Monday, May 1st, at Seacoast Church. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's honor can be made to Seacoast Missions (750 Longpoint Rd., Mt. Pleasant, SC, 29464) or to the Tunnel to Towers organization ([t2t.org](http://t2t.org)).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Seacoast Church - Mount Pleasant

750 Long Point Rd

Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

<http://www.seacoast.org/campus/mount-pleasant/>

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Although we did not see each other often I always enjoyed my visits with cousin Bill. He will be missed dearly. Sending condolences to family and loved ones.



Dorothy Gadol Burke - May 01, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William Gadol Jr..



May 01, 2023 at 07:44 AM

CG

“ I am writing for my husband, Len Gaffga who has Parkinson's disease.

*Bill was a great friend and I admired his zest for life.*

Cathy Gaffga - April 29, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of William Gadol Jr..*



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April 26, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William Gadol Jr..*



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April 25, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Karen, please know my love, thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. May you find peace and comfort in the arms of our Lord.*  
*Vicki Thomas*

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**Vicki Thomas** - April 18, 2023 at 06:37 PM



“ *So glad I got to be a part of the Gadol friendship circle, even it it was for a short time. Bill will be greatly missed by many. My prayers are for Karen and the family as you navigate life without Bill here. I'm sure your memories and the Holy Spirit will comfort you. I salute Bill as he is in the presence of other giants of the faith. Jacqui Brokaw*

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**Jacqui Brokaw** - April 18, 2023 at 03:23 PM

FG

“ *A wonderful man that I always learned something new when I saw him- always funny and sweet- he sure will be missed*

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**Fran Grossman** - April 18, 2023 at 08:56 AM

EE

“ *I am sadden not for him but those whose lives he touched... He never let me walk by him with out a smile and a hello.*

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**Elizabeth Elsey** - April 17, 2023 at 08:00 PM

JM

“ *Our love prayers are with the entire Gadol family.  
Love from Johanne and Matt Miller*



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**Johanne Miller** - April 17, 2023 at 07:46 PM

MH

“ *When the FBSN first started, Bill was the first one to reach out to me regarding our coalition and the church I serve at. I always appreciated him making that contact and respected his vast knowledge of church security. The Kingdom lost a valuable sheepdog, but Heaven is even better now with Bill there.*

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**Mike Harvill** - April 17, 2023 at 05:39 PM

CC

“ Christ told of signs that *"will FOLLOW believers"* in the 16th chapter of Mark. I am convinced Bill is a man we will see signs follow for many generations. He was a true leader and a gifted connector. I would have been a much poorer man had I never met Bill and our organization of church security professionals would not be what it is today without his significant support, input and advice. Thank you Karen for sharing him with us and so many others as he gave himself to this great endeavor of protecting our churches.

*Carl Chinn*

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**Carl Chinn** - April 17, 2023 at 03:52 PM