



## Dr. Bill Joe Swan

August 6, 1931 - December 26, 2020

Dr. Bill Joe Swan, 89, passed away Saturday, December 26, 2020, after years of declining health due to Parkinson's Disease at The Gardens of Taylor Glen in Concord.

A private funeral service is scheduled for 2:00 pm Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at Lady's Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Steve Hargett will officiate. Interment will follow at Carolina Memorial Park Mausoleum in Kannapolis.

Bill was born August 6, 1931 in Martel, TN. He was a son of the late Paul Watt Swan and Mildred Russell Fox Swan. He graduated from Farragut High School in 1949 and attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville for two years. He then entered the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis. While he was in medical school, he was elected President of his medical class, President of the All Students Club and President of his medical fraternity, Alpha Kappa Kappa. He graduated with his medical degree in 1954. After graduation, he moved to Shreveport, LA for his internship at Confederate Memorial Hospital. He married Lillian Bevins on October 8, 1955 in Concord, Tennessee. They enjoyed 65 years of marriage.

Bill's Medical Career began in Hammond, Louisiana, where he worked at Lallie Kamp Hospital. He was then drafted as a Captain into the US Army Medical Corps, where he served two years as an anesthesiologist at Valley Forge Army Hospital in Pennsylvania and at Fort Bragg. Following his military service, he completed a two-year residency in anesthesiology at Ohio State University. In 1960, he came to Concord to practice anesthesia at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital. He cared for many patients in the 29 years that he served there. Having passed the required examinations, Bill became board certified in anesthesiology. He served terms as President of the Cabarrus Medical Society, as well as the North Carolina Anesthesia Society.

Bill enjoyed working with Boy Scout Troop 3, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Concord. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow and was awarded the Silver Beaver for his volunteer service. He was grateful that his two sons became Eagle Scouts.

He worshipped at Concord First Assembly, where he was a longtime member. He served on the Church Steering Committee and as Chairman of First Assembly School Board. He memorized and received great comfort from his favorite scripture passage, Psalm 23.

After retirement, he enjoyed golfing, woodworking, making furniture, and traveling with his wife. He wrote a copyrighted book, *The Life of a Boy from East Tennessee*, because he wanted his children and grandchildren to have an appreciation for their roots and family background. A copy of the book is in the library at The Gardens of Taylor Glen, where he and his wife have been residents since 2014.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister, Barbara Swan Guinn; and brother, Paul Russell Swan.

Dr. Swan is survived by three children, Brenda Swan Hammill (Curt) of Burke, VA, Kenneth Allan Swan, CAPT, USN (Ret.) (Karen) of Yorktown, VA and Paul Robert Swan (Lisa) of Mount Gilead, NC; 11 grandchildren, Kristyn Swan Beam (Andrew), Wesley Swan, Brandon Swan (Cara), Travis Hammill (Rachel), Katie Swan Hickey (Robert), Masha Swan (Carlos), Austin Swan (Sara), Kendall Swan, Maggie Swan (Alex), Carson Hammill and Quinton Swan; six great grandchildren, Cillian, Vitaly, Amalia, Katerina, Hallie and Rowan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Multiply Church (formerly Concord First Assembly), 150 Warren C. Coleman Boulevard N, Concord, NC 28027 (<https://multiply.church/concord/>).

Taylor Glen provided such loving care for Bill in his last days. The family is grateful for the kindness and dignity that the staff afforded Bill.

Remembrances may be sent to the family online at <http://www.ladysfuneralhome.com>.

Lady's Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family of Dr. Swan.

# Comments

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Lady's Funeral Home & Crematory - December 30, 2020 at 08:17 PM

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“ An external video has been added.



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“ I thought the world of him. He was the best anesthesiologist. Always kind. I knew him from the hospital. So sorry for your loss. He will be missed



Lynne Furr Hughes - January 21 at 08:07 PM

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“ We went to church many years ago with Bill & Lillian. They were a special couple & loving friends. We enjoyed many happy moments in their home. They both were very encouraging & could be depended on as great prayer warriors. What a wonderful legacy Bill leaves. He was always so gracious, kind & we are blessed to have known him.

Allen & Linda McDonald

Linda McDonald - January 01 at 10:29 PM

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“ When my son Curt married into the Swan family, it was truly an answer to prayer. Not only did he get a wonderful wife, but a wonderful family also. When we found out Brenda's parents grew up near Knoxville, we were thrilled, as Knoxville was our retirement home. As we got to know Brenda and her family, we saw first hand what fine Christian people they were. My Bill and Bill Swan connected and became friends right away. Rest in peace, dear Bill, you will always be in our hearts. Betty Hammill

Betty Hammill - December 31, 2020 at 02:02 PM

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“ I never had the honor of meeting Dr. Swan, but I've had the real honor of knowing his son Paul now for many years. In knowing Paul, I fell I have grown to know his Dad. The way your children treat friends and others is a direct comparison of their upbringing. I want to extend our well wishes to Paul and his family from ours. May God bless Dr.Swan and keep him close and bless the entire Swan family. Rest In Peace.



Paul Baratta - December 31, 2020 at 07:58 AM

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“ Our heartfelt condolences, love and prayers go out to Mrs. Swan and all the family. May God comfort you as you grieve the loss of a beloved husband, father, grandfather and much more.  
The Bolden Family

Rosemary Bolden - December 30, 2020 at 01:45 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of spending countless hours with Dr. Swan as he shared his life story with me. He was a man of faith, hard work, love for his family and friends, and had an extraordinary memory of history--both American and familial. He and Lillian became my friends and for that I will always be grateful and blessed.

Rose Rummel-Eury - December 30, 2020 at 12:38 PM

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“ To the Family,  
We are saddened and pray for God's peace at this time.  
We have wonderful memories of Dr. Swan and the stories he would tell.  
We read his book cover to cover. Dr. Swan lived a rich life.

Darren and Sandra Anderson

sandra anderson - December 30, 2020 at 09:41 AM

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“ Dear Family,  
I will always remember his magic shows.  
May he rest in peace. Cynthia Porter

Cynthia A Porter - December 30, 2020 at 08:24 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with All the Family.

william & anne austin - December 30, 2020 at 06:39 AM

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“ Lillian. We are so sorry to hear about Bill. He was such a gentleman and an example of a Christian leader. Mom and Dad thought so much of you both and greatly enjoyed there days at your home. Our thoughts and prayers of comfort are with you and your family. Jerold and Kathy Marlow

Jerold Marlow - December 29, 2020 at 06:12 PM

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“ My memories of Bill are all good ones and I hate to see him go. Barbara Lynn, Billy Joe and PR were my favorite cousins (3rd) down south. We had wonderful times together: milking cows at 4:30 a.m., going to Gene Autrey movies in Lenoir City, and big family reunions at the Presbyterian Church. Bill was so smart, ambitious and beautiful. I hate to see him go.  
Joyce Krause, Bill's cousin in Detroit

Evelyn Krause - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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“ To my all-time favorite parent "Lillian B," Brenda, Kenneth, and Paul,

I was so saddened this morning to open the Observer and see the passing of Dr. Swan. What a special man! I will always remember and appreciate his support and kindnesses to me.

I am thinking of each of you and send you good wishes and sincere sympathy.

Bill Campbell

Bill Campbell - December 29, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ Paul, Lillian, Lisa, Kenneth, Brenda, and family,

I have fond memories of Dr. Swan from my years in Troop 3 as well as growing up in the neighborhood. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

- Bob Sumner

**Bob Sumner** - December 29, 2020 at 10:01 AM

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“ Our prayers are for Lillian & the entire family at this time. May God grant you comfort & peace during this time. Bill was always a joy & inspiration. He was one of the first to welcome & accept us to the CFA family when we moved to Concord. Remember all the good times and may God bless you.

Roger & Lynne Musser

**Roger Musser** - December 29, 2020 at 07:34 AM

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“ The David Collins family all send their condolences and have such fond memories of sharing beach trips and important life events with the Swans. I have such fond memories of good talks with Dr. Swan at the beach. He was one of the first people I saw at church when he helped greet during my wedding. He was such a good friend to my dad. His kind ways and smile will be missed. My love to all of you! Debbie Collins Thompson

**Debbie Thompson** - December 28, 2020 at 07:54 PM

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“ Our extended Carter family has been extremely fortunate to have joined the Swan family many years ago. Dr. Swan was an accomplished and impressive man in every way, and his influence and character will live on through his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We send you our condolences and warm wishes from Richmond.

Chip, Terri, Kelsey, and Grace Carter

**john carter** - December 28, 2020 at 06:50 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Bill Joe Swan.



December 28, 2020 at 05:35 PM

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“ Dr. Swan seemed to have lived a very full life and was loved and respected by many. Condolences to Mrs. Swan and all of her extended family.  
Kevin and Amy Carter.

**JKC** - December 28, 2020 at 04:45 PM

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“ So sorry to read of Dr. Swan,s passing...I worked in the hospital for years and I thought there was no one like him...May all his family be at Peace... for this man is at Peace now...I know there was a large crowd awaiting his arrival as everyone I knew loved him.

Barbara Metcalf Greene....Labor and Delivery Nurse

**Charles Greene** - December 28, 2020 at 04:01 PM