



Mr. William Humphries Holland

August 5, 1929 - February 26, 2019

Mr. William Humphries Holland (Bill) 89 of Sylvester, died on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at the Willson Hospice House. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 1, 2019 at Banks Funeral Home, interment will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery With full Military honors. The Rev. Steve Purnell will officiate.

Born on August 5, 1929 to Benny Vernon and Edith Humphries Holland in Pelham Ga., Mitchell County.

At the age of 17, Bill enlisted in the Marines to serve his country in World War II and was stationed from Camp Lejeune to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. In 1949, he joined the Air Force and was part of the 305 Bombardment Wing. He graduated top of his class from Chanute Air Force Base Airplane Mechanic School and moved up the chain to become Senior Master Engine Mechanic and Crew Member for the Air Force Boeing B29 Superfortress Bomber. He was also Crew Chief on the Air Force KC97 Stratofreighter Refueler Airplane that refueled the B47 Stratojet Bomber. He was promoted to Air Force Staff Sergeant at the age of 22. Bill is considered a World War II and Korean War Veteran.

After leaving the Military service, he worked for the United States Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany as a Planner/Estimator for all tanks, amphibious and tracked vehicles until his retirement in 1986. Bill continued to

advance his education by receiving an Associate in Arts degree from Albany Junior College. His Bachelor of Science and Master of Education were achieved at Georgia Southwestern College. He received a Bachelor of Laws and American Law and Procedure from LaSalle University, then the Juris Doctor degree from the Atlanta Law School. He was also awarded the Master Mason and Scottish Rite Master and Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. Bill was an avid fisherman and spent enjoyable time in the Gulf waters at Panama City, Lake Eufaula and the Flint River. He loved to build furniture and work on his home. He was a member of Pinson Memorial United Methodist Church in Sylvester.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Holland was preceded in death by his wife, Betty McDonald Holland.

Survivors include his children, Edie H. Kane (Steve) of Stone Mountain, Ga, Priscilla H. Carter (Hal) of Sylvester, Ga and Rebecca H. Johnson (Jackie) of McDonough, Ga; grandchildren, Will Carter (Mindy), David Carter (Jamie), Eden Tresize (Neil), Erin Johnson (Jayson) , Jim Kane (Sarah), Courtney Wanamaker (Brandon), Candice Davis (Jon); 9 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson. He leaves behind his beloved canine companions (Julie, Nate and JJ).

The family will receive friends on Friday from 10:00 AM until the service hour at Banks Funeral Home.

For those desiring memorials may be made to Pinson Memorial United Methodist Church P.O. Box 118 Sylvester, Ga. 31791 or the Willson Hospice House 320 Foundation Lane Albany, Ga. 31707.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
banksfh@yahoo.com
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

MAR 1 (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
701 S. Isabella Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall

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Melissa Walker - November 23, 2025 at 09:52 PM



“ *Mr. William Humphries Holland*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM

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“ *So sorry to learn of the passing of your father. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dianne Register - March 02, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William Humphries Holland.*



February 28, 2019 at 02:37 PM

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“ *You were the only true Grandpa I have ever known. RIP*

Melissa Kathleen Cyree Walker

Melissa Walker - February 27, 2019 at 09:36 AM



So sorry for your family's loss. Prayers for all of you for comfort and strength today and in the days ahead.

Betty Lister - March 05, 2019 at 10:27 AM



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