



## Reverend William Duke "Bill" Nunnally

December 2, 1941 - December 27, 2023

Reverend William Duke "Bill" Nunnally, 82, of Jonesboro, husband of Joyce Ann Hayes Nunnally, went to be with his Lord and Savior Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at The Hope House in Griffin.

Born in Decatur, December 2, 1941, he was a son of the late Hugh Dorsey and Beatrice Marie Thrasher Nunnally. Bill was a Veteran, having served in the US Coast Guard. He was a 1960 graduate of Stone Mountain High School and attended Young Harris College. He later graduated from New Orleans Theological Seminary in 1987. Bill formerly owned and operated Cardinal Wholesalers, a plumbing supply company in Austell.

Bill's walk with the Lord started early in his life. From 1969-1984 he served at Austell First Baptist Church, prior to attending Seminary, as a Youth Leader and was Minister of Recreation. He interned at Chattahoochee First Baptist Church in Atlanta where he served as Minister of Youth. After graduating Seminary, he served from 1987-1990 with Fairhaven Baptist Church in Demopolis, AL as Minister of Education and Recreation. From 1990-2000, he served as Associate Pastor of East Point First Baptist Church, where he also served as Minister of Youth and Recreation. Bill served as Senior Pastor of Lovejoy First Baptist Church from 2000-2005. Due to health reasons, he retired from full-time ministry.

In late 2006, Bill was able to return to work. He worked in the warehouse of Chic-Fil-A, and was named by co-workers the "Warehouse Chaplain". He enjoyed the people and was honored to help Truett Cathy from time to time with his foster children program. He retired in 2008.

A member of First Baptist Church Jonesboro, Bill was able to continue to serve God through teaching and leading others. He taught various Sunday School Classes and until his recent illness co-taught the Fellowship Sunday School Class. He had formerly served on the church visitation committee and throughout his life had shared God's word with countless people.

In addition to his parents, Reverend Nunnally was preceded in death by his son, William Scott Nunnally; brother and sister-in-law, Duane Wright and Brenda Nunnally; and a sister, Yvonne Nunnally Fries.

Surviving in addition to his beloved wife, Joyce, of 58 ½ years are his daughter, Shanna Marie Nunnally Thomas and husband Clif of Barnesville; grandchildren, Kaitlin Marie Cherry of Statesboro and Hayden Duke Cherry of Barnesville; brother and sister-in-law Ronnie and Virginia Nunnally of Hartwell, GA; brother-in-law, Lenny Fries of Watkinsville; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Reverend William Duke Nunnally will be conducted Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 11:00 AM from the Chapel of First Baptist Church Jonesboro with Reverend Alan Davis officiating. Burial with Military Honors will follow at 2:30 PM at Melwood Cemetery in Stone Mountain.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 10:00 AM until the service hour at First Baptist Church Jonesboro.

The family would especially like to thank the staff at Piedmont Henry and

Eternal Hope Hospice for their care and compassion shown to Bill throughout his illness.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests memorials be made to First Baptist Church Jonesboro Mission's Fund, PO Box 773, Jonesboro, GA 30237 or to Eternal Hope Hospice, 123 North 18th Street, Griffin, GA 30223 in memory of Reverend Nunnally.

For online condolences please visit [www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com](http://www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com).

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin is assisting the Nunnally family.

# Cemetery Details

## Melwood Cemetery

5170 East Ponce de Leon Avenue  
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Chapel  
142 College Street  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

## Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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142 College Street  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

## Graveside

DEC 30. 2:30 PM (ET)

Melwood Cemetery  
5170 East Ponce de Leon Avenue  
Stone Mountain, GA 30083



# Tribute Wall

SE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bill was very special. He officiated my wedding and I have known him since I was very young. He was a great neighbor to my grandparents whom always spoke so highly of him and Joyce. Sending love to you all.

Shelly Everette - December 29, 2023 at 11:25 AM

PL

“ Bill was a wonderful man. He lived next door to my parents for years. He will truly be missed by so many. He always had a smile and was such a kind and caring person. My thoughts are with you all. Patty Laster

Patty Laster - December 29, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reverend William Duke "Bill" Nunnally.



December 29, 2023 at 11:16 AM



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December 29, 2023 at 11:12 AM

AS

“ Larry & I were very close friends with Joyce in Glory singers & with Bill too. Our love goes out to Joyce & her family. Bill is rejoicing with Jesus now & not sick anymore.

Angie & Larry Shaw - December 28, 2023 at 07:00 PM

TG

“ Bill and Joyce were dear friends and neighbors of my parents, Carolyn and Broward Clark. I pray for comfort and HIS peace for you, Joyce, and your family.

Tammi Garceran - December 28, 2023 at 05:27 PM



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December 28, 2023 at 05:15 PM

DR

“ Bill was such a a gentle man with a Christlike spirit. He made all of the young people at FBC Austell feel important. His legacy will always be his love for God and how he projected it in every area of his life. Joyce, Faye and I will continue to pray for you as God guide you with His peace.

David Roberts - December 28, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reverend William Duke "Bill" Nunnally.*



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December 28, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Reverend William Duke "Bill" Nunnally.*



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December 28, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reverend William Duke "Bill" Nunnally.*



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December 28, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *Oh what a joyful celebration they are all having with Bill leading them. We will all celebrate Bill's life here and look forward to seeing him (and everyone) again!  
Joyce my thoughts and prayers are with you.  
You and Bill were always so wonderful to me and Momma! Love you, Sweet Friend!*



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**Ginger James** - December 28, 2023 at 07:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Reverend William Duke "Bill" Nunnally.



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December 28, 2023 at 06:00 AM



“ Bill & Joyce were the youth leaders in my church. They impacted many young people in a very positive way with their fine Christian example. They were a blessing to me and many! Heaven got one of the best with Bill! What a great homecoming I know he is having!!!

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**Risa Fielder** - December 28, 2023 at 01:50 AM



I so loved Bill, Joyce and family. My children were too young for our youth group at Fairhaven but i was Acteen teacher and worked closely with them. So many fond memories. His kindness and precious heart for our church made such a lasting impression on me and many others.

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**Jody Allen** - December 28, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ Angie H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Reverend William Duke "Bill" Nunnally.

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**Angie H.** - December 27, 2023 at 09:15 PM

BH

“ I feel so honored to have known the man and his family. All my love and prayers are with you all  
I know he was tired. He was a man of faith and is now with his Lord restored. You know there was a lot of hugging when he saw Scott. I love you all. Bill was a special man.



**Betty Honey** - December 27, 2023 at 06:48 PM

AM

Two Henderson girls felt how special this man was when he took the time to show up for our Daddy's funeral last year and speak a bit about Ray the boy and man he knew. I know my daddy is picking his guitar and singing "Will the Circle be Unbroken with Rev. Nunnally tonight.

**Angie Moncada** - December 27, 2023 at 09:20 PM

JJ

"Billy" and I were born in the same month and year. I have fond memories of him as a school mate at Stone Mtn. HS. He was one of the good guys even in high school. He was also good friends with my sister Carole. I was glad when we reconnected on Facebook. His life was a true testimony of his faith. Jimmy Hardy, Stone Mtn. HS Class of 1959

**James C. Hardy, Jr.** - December 28, 2023 at 07:09 PM