



## William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth

January 14, 1943 - May 14, 2017

William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth, 74, of Ringgold, Georgia passed away Sunday May 14, 2017. A native of Somerset, Kentucky, he has lived in the Chattanooga, North Georgia area for the past 64 years and was a member of Pathway Baptist Church. He was former owner-operator of Goforth Hardware, and also for Wilco Properties where he worked for 20 years. Bill loved to garden, loved his chickens horses and fish but most of all he loved his family. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Deborah Ann "Babo" Goforth; parents, William Jesse and Maymie Ladora Hamby Goforth; and granddaughter Dinika Goforth. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Wanda Blake Goforth of Ringgold, GA.; seven children, David (Beronica) Goforth of LaFayette, GA., Theresa (Bruce) Hall of Apison, TN., Tracie Perkinson of Van Buren, AK., Rebecca (Raymond Wilburn) Goforth of Apison, TN., Daniel Goforth of Ringgold, GA., Bryan (Karen) Goforth of Ringgold, GA., and Tami (Rick) Bratton of Ringgold, GA.; his beloved dog, Pepper; four sisters, Doris Yearly of Melbourn, FL., Hazel Bryant of Chattanooga, TN., Mary Murphree of Ringgold, GA., and Janice Leonard of Ringgold, GA.; two brothers, Edward "Buddy" Goforth of Jasper, AL., and Willis Goforth of Chattanooga, TN.; 21 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held 1:00 P.M. Thursday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Mike Goforth officiating. Interment will follow at Lakewood Memory Gardens-East. The family will receive friends 4-8 P.M. Tuesday, 9 A.M.-8 P.M. Wednesday and 9 A.M. until funeral time Thursday at

the funeral home. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memory Gardens East

4621 Shallowford Rd,  
Chattanooga, TN 37411

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 16.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Ringgold Chapel  
443 Boynton Drive  
Ringgold, GA 30736  
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## Visitation

**MAY 17.** 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

MAY 18. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

TP

“ One day not so long ago in a Lil town call apison there was a Lil girl that feel asleep in her class room she was very tiny and when time came for her to go home a big storm came. She was fast asleep while all others were rushing home . When she woke she found herself alone and scared. Lil did she know that floods had come and it was very dangerous outside . Roads flooding and had closed. What she did know her night in shining armer had arrived. He dashed in swooped her upput her in the Ford truck, and she was happy for home they were bound. However roads to home closed do to floods and her night shinning armer bravely put her on his shoulders and proceeded to walk through rushing waters left the Ford and she was not afraid for he held tight and with water up to his chin and at the bottom of her feet together they emerged from the waters with smiles for they had been up a creek no paddle and home was in sight. She happily went to her mom's arms and said mommie daddy found me . That was Billy Goforth andTracie one of his angels he saved. And moral of this story a father's love nothing greater course God says so. Course Billy Gogorth could not swim a lick. Best dad ever

Tracie perkinson - March 11, 2021 at 12:22 AM

TA

“ Tracie Perkinson Goforth 3rd Angel lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth



Tracie Perkinson Goforth 3rd angel - October 26, 2019 at 07:50 AM

SM

“ Susan Mullins lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth



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Susan Mullins - May 18, 2017 at 11:54 AM

HB

“ Hazel Blake lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth



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Hazel Blake - May 18, 2017 at 09:55 AM

MB

“ Marki Burkhart lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth



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Marki Burkhart - May 17, 2017 at 08:10 PM

BR

“ Brinda lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth



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Brinda - May 17, 2017 at 06:42 PM

MH

“ Missy Gibbons Hall lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth



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Missy Gibbons Hall - May 17, 2017 at 02:03 PM

L:

“ Bill was a very good friend of my husband and I for many years when we were in floor covering and tile business. He was truly a gold friend and his family are precious people. You all are in my prayers daily and I love all of you!

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Linda :Humphries - May 17, 2017 at 01:39 PM

L:

“ Linda :Humphries lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth



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Linda :Humphries - May 17, 2017 at 01:35 PM

RB

“ Pawpaw was my best friend I lived by him my whole life. I remember as a kid I always carry pocket knives just like him. He'd say " let me see that knife" then say "I don't want to catch you with any more of these" then would laugh and give it back it would always crack us up. I miss you Pawpaw and I wish I was there.

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Richard Bratton - May 17, 2017 at 09:21 AM

DP

“ *David Potts lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth*



David Potts - May 17, 2017 at 06:06 AM



“ *Karen Carter-Goforth sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth*



Karen Carter-Goforth - May 17, 2017 at 05:13 AM

RO

“ *Robin Oglesby lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth*



Robin Oglesby - May 16, 2017 at 04:01 PM

CM

“ *So sorry for your loss This is Susie's mother I am a cancers I know the pain,now he can rest in peace*

Carol Mann - May 16, 2017 at 02:20 PM

BE

“ Beverly lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hoyt Goforth



Beverly - May 16, 2017 at 10:19 AM

CW

“ Bill was such a sweetheart. Bill was a man that loved his family and loved to laugh. I can recall many times I got to share laughs with him. He will be deeply missed by many, but his love and laughter will live on in his family and friends. ❤️ Bill I hope you meet my mother and make her laugh just as you did myself. I will miss you sweet friend.  
❤️ Always,  
Cassie



Cassie Wood - May 15, 2017 at 06:28 PM

DP

What a great man he will be missed

David Potts - May 17, 2017 at 06:05 AM

MH

I am so sorry for this family's loss. He was always good to me whenever I visited (which was a lot). God Bless & keep you my friends/family. Prayers for you all and I love you all.

Missy Gibbons Hall - May 17, 2017 at 02:03 PM