



## John William "Bill" Hughes

June 1, 1946 - July 12, 2025

John William "Bill" Hughes, son of the late Joe Harold Hughes, Sr. and Nell Inabinet Hughes of Duncan, passed away at his family farm in Wellford on Saturday, July 12 in the loving presence of family and friends. Bill, often referred to as Bubba, had celebrated his 79th birthday the prior month. A lifelong resident of the Greer and Spartanburg area, Bill selflessly served his family, his country, his community, and his close network of friends and neighbors.

As Senior Vice President of Greer State Bank for almost 30 years and one of the cornerstones of its success, Bill sought to improve the lives of the many customers who sought his assistance as well as give back to the communities the bank served through his various philanthropic activities. He helped found the Cruise-In-for-a-Cure annual charity auction which raised funds for and heightened the awareness of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and drove numerous miles across the Upstate on his Harley Davidson raising donations for Toys-for-Tots. Towards the end of his career, Bill also became an avid supporter of the Greer Cops for Tots charity honoring the memory of friends who senselessly lost their lives during a bank robbery.

Bill found joy in making other people smile with his kind words, humorous nature, sparkling blue eyes, and heart-felt gestures such as sharing his love of Jesus Christ by handing the people he met a cross stamped penny with a reminder that "Jesus was the 'one cent' from God." Bill's faith and devotion to his Savior grew stronger over the years and the pastoral staff and

congregation of Duncan First Baptist played a monumental role in his spiritual life.

Bill is preceded in death by a brother Joe H. Hughes, Jr. of Stillwater, OK. He is survived by his beautiful and devoted wife Sandra Hughes; a sister Nancy H. Lynn and her husband Butch Lynn of Wellford; his son Scott Hughes and his wife Jessica Hughes of Charleston and their children Foster, Prescott, Charles, and Emily; his daughter Stacy Tapp and her husband David Tapp of Greer and their daughter Ivey; the son and daughter-in-law of his wife Austin Page and Amy Page of Duncan and their children Bryce and Conner; a brother-in-law Fred Turner of Spartanburg; a sister-in-law Shelby Denton of Duncan; a brother-in-law Gerald Turner and his wife Kay Turner of Greer; numerous nieces and nephews; and his loyal dog Annie.

Bill was blessed with seven beautiful grandchildren with whom he loved spending time and watching them shine in their various activities. He cherished every moment in their presence and is so proud of each of them. Foster, Prescott, Charles, Emily, Ivey, Bryce, and Conner loved their Papa Bill and will miss him very much.

The family extends their appreciation and heart-felt thanks to the multitude of nurses and health-care workers who graciously and humbly supported Bill over the years and especially the women and men at Agape Care Group and Visiting Angels for your kindness during the last few weeks of his life. You personified his favorite Bible verse, 2 Timothy 2:3: "You therefore must endure hardships as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that you celebrate Bill's life and honor his memory by supporting the charities that meant so much to him. Please consider making a contribution to the American Cancer Society and their fight against cancer by visiting <https://donate.cancer.org> or helping make the Christmas holiday brighter for children in need by mailing a donation to Greer Cops for Tots, 102 South Main Street, Greer, SC 29650 and do so in memory of Bill Hughes.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, July 16, 2025 from 1:00-2:00 PM

with the service beginning at 2:00PM at Duncan First Baptist Church, 103 E. Main Street, Duncan, SC. 29334. Interment will be private for the family following the service.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

JUL 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Duncan First Baptist Church  
103 East Main Street  
Duncan, SC

## Service

JUL 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Duncan First Baptist Church  
103 East Main Street  
Duncan, SC

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Bill. I had tge honor to work with him at C&S Babk in Camden sc in the late 70's. Stacey n my youngest daughter were born on the same day n his wife n I shared a room at Kershaw Health. He was a wonderful man n loved his family. His staff was sad when he left to go back to the town he loved. Prayers for his family

Sheryll Morris Rogers - September 30, 2025 at 02:16 AM

WE

“ Wendy Elder lit a candle in memory of John William "Bill" Hughes



Wendy Elder - July 15, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John William "Bill" Hughes.



July 15, 2025 at 03:18 PM

LD

“Please accept my sincere condolences, Bill was a very special person. He and I met at Community Bank (later BB & T) and worked together for years at the Greer office. Over the years he became like a brother to me, always thoughtful and kind. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

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**Lisa Hall Deyoung** - July 15, 2025 at 12:07 PM

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We are so broken when one's we treasure for who God had made them to be for us has to go home. We always find it's been for to short a time we shared life. We're never ready to let go. There in, those moments we recognize we are fully surrendered to God being God. We can't impose or change that which He knew all alone. Deut. 29:29..for the secret things belong to the Lord our God.. Humbled He loves us so (John 3:16,17) that surrender of acceptance means everything for those left behind. Bill loved JESUS! Your love and life example together speaks multitudes precious heart (Sandra). May all who knew and loved Bill be comforted by knowing he's with JESUS. Doesn't mean we don't grieve, but that HOPE anchors our hearts to peace and love to grow through the days that will come. May JESUS comfort you each as he will be missed. Love and prayers for all. Teresa Stancil Brown

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**Teresa Brown (friend)** - July 16, 2025 at 01:12 PM

AD

“ Fine man and friend for a long time remembering DOLLAR BILL

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**Adam** - July 15, 2025 at 11:59 AM

AA

“ Austin, Angela, Ayden & Anders purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of John William "Bill" Hughes.



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**Austin, Angela, Ayden & Anders** - July 15, 2025 at 11:59 AM

SM

“ Scott and family I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was the sweetest and most precious man. He shared his faith with all that he came in contact with. I will forever cherish the penny with a punched out cross that he gave to me when he would stop in at Benson CDJ. He will be greatly missed!!!

Susan Jennings Monte - July 15, 2025 at 06:38 AM

AA

“ Scott, Stacy, and Families, I am sad to hear about your dad's passing. I always thought a lot of him and respected him early on as a neighbor, businessman and banker. I always saw the same man every time I saw him, big hug, big smile and always asked about my family. That's who Bill was to me. He loved his family, community, fellowman, and was not ashamed of his personal relationship with his Lord and Savior. May you feel Gods love, grace, and mercy during this difficult time.  
Love, Angie AshmoreKruse



Angie AshmoreKruse - July 14, 2025 at 09:47 PM

MT

“ Mertie Taylor lit a candle in memory of John William "Bill" Hughes



Mertie Taylor - July 14, 2025 at 07:21 PM

MT

“ Scott, Stacy and family I am so sorry to hear of Bill’s passing. He was a wonderful friend and neighbor. The last time I saw him was at The Clock and we had a good time reminiscing. I’m happy to say I have one of his pennies that he shared. Praying for all of you.  
Mertie

Mertie Taylor - July 14, 2025 at 07:20 PM

BD

“ Stacy, so saddened to hear of Bills passing. Have you and family in my thoughts and prayers.  
BenDillard

Ben Dillard - July 14, 2025 at 07:08 PM

BS

“ My great grandfather Mr Ertzhburger was Lyman’s first constable, Bill drove a bus in school and helped him defend himself from two fellows that were vandalizing a bus.  
Thanks Willie!



Bill Smith - July 14, 2025 at 03:54 PM

SH

He was our bus driver #3,so nice,saw him at Bilo in Lyman and he said if we kept talking we were going to tell our age.

sue Harris - August 17, 2025 at 09:27 PM

JF

“ Jeff and Nina Ferracci and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John William "Bill" Hughes.



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**Jeff and Nina Ferracci and Family** - July 14, 2025 at 03:50 PM

DS

“ I met Bill Hughes back in 1989 as an incoming freshman at Furman University. I'll never forget his telling his son Scott, my roommate and best friend throughout college, and I that we were sharing a floor with the band. Bill and the entire Hughes family took me in and showed me incredible generosity and kindness while I was away from home and I will be forever grateful. Remembering all of his wonderful accomplishments in his too-short life brought a smile to my face. Love, prayers, and condolences to the Hughes family.

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**Doug Standard** - July 14, 2025 at 02:34 PM

KE

Sandra, I'm so sorry. I loved sitting with y'all at church. He was just the best! Love, po and condolences to your family.

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**Kathy Anne Elledge** - July 18, 2025 at 08:29 PM

JE

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I am his first cousin and had no idea! He was a barrel of fun always and had many fun stories to tell. Thinking of all the family!  
Jan and Ronnie Easterby

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**Jan Easyerby** - August 23, 2025 at 09:48 PM