William Nash (Bill) Wasson

William Nash (Bill) Wasson of Greenville died peacefully at home on Saturday, August 9th.

Son of Ellen Nash Wasson and the late Robert Claud Wasson, he was born May 31, 1934 in Hickory Tavern, SC.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Mary Burton Wasson, of Laurens; and two daughters, Kim Wasson, and Kelley (& Nick) Tuttle, both of Rock Hill. He was preceded in death by a son, William Nash Wasson, Jr.

Lovingly revered as "Boopa," he is survived by five grandchildren: Will (& Danielle) Massengill, Nate Massengill, Caroline (& Ray) Comer, Graham Tuttle, and Emma Tuttle. He is also survived by two sisters: Barbara (& Tom) Fischer, and Jane (& Marion) Burns, and predeceased by an infant brother, Robert Claud, Jr.

In 1956, Bill graduated in Civil Engineering from Clemson University. He fulfilled his U.S. Army obligation as an officer, training at Fort Knox and honorably serving his country as Captain in the Army Reserves for six years. He began his career as an engineer by designing bridges for the SC Highway Department, after which he enjoyed a 40-year career as a Professional Engineer at J.E. Sirrine Company (Jacobs Engineering) in Greenville.

Bill was a long-time member of and served as Deacon and Elder at Greenville A.R.P. Church. He also delivered Meals On Wheels for many years.

Bill was a talented craftsman and woodworker. In addition to being the family Mr. Fix-It, his meticulous attention to detail resulted in several family heirlooms, including a black walnut bedroom suite of furniture and an elegant 2-story dollhouse for his granddaughters.

. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, August 12th at 2:00 p.m. at Friendship Presbyterian Church in Hickory Tavern, SC (2094 Neely Ferry Rd, Laurens, SC. Memorials may be made to Meals On Wheels (15 Oregon St, Greenville, SC 29605), Triune Mercy Center (222 Rutherford St, Greenville, SC 29609), and the Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation (100 Park Ave, Suite 108, Rockville, MD 20850).



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