



William "Bill" Edwin Douglas Sr.

July 10, 1939 - August 18, 2018

William E. Douglas, Sr. (Bill), Age 79, of Tallahassee, Florida, died on Saturday, August 18, 2018. He was born July 10, 1939 in Jacksonville, Florida. After graduation from Landon Senior High School, he attended and graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from the Citadel. Bill worked as an engineer for the Florida Department of Transportation for 30 years, retiring in 1991. After retirement from the State, he owned several engineering firms including DEC Engineering, Sound Structures and Earthworks Geotechnical. Bill was a life member of the Florida Engineering Society, serving in various leadership roles during his membership. In addition, he was a Mason and a member of the Marzuq Shrine Temple.

Bill is survived by his wife of 57 years, Beverly T. Douglas; daughter Natalie Wolfe, of Tallahassee, FL; daughter Amy Scales and her husband Brian of Winter Springs, FL; son William Douglas, Jr and his wife Gidget of Elgin, SC; daughter Stacey Austin and her husband William (Wick) of Winter Springs, FL; daughter Stephanie Brown and her husband Mark of Cataula, GA; and numerous grand children and great grand children.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, August 24th at 3:00 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church, Tallahassee. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home, (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Douglas family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
120 West Park Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall



“ *Sending condolences to Bill Jr and the rest of the family.*

Mel Kiper / Mike Cook

Mel Kiper - September 18, 2018 at 02:20 PM

NA

“ As we look back over our time with you
We find ourselves wondering....
Did we remember to thank you enough
For all you have done for us?

For all the times, you were by our sides
To help and support us....
To celebrate our successes
To understand our problems
And accept our defeats?

For holding us up
When life got us down
For teaching us
The value of hard work, good judgment,
Courage and integrity?

We wonder if we ever thanked you
For the sacrifices you made.
To let us have the very best?

For being a father to the grandchildren
That didn't have one
And giving them a role model
To look up to.

Being the rock
that held this great big family together.
And for the simple things
Like laughter, smiles and times we shared?

If we have forgotten to show our
Love and Gratitude for all the things you did,
We're expressing it now.

And we are hoping you knew all along,

*How much you meant to us.
Watch over us from heaven
and know that you will always be in our hearts.*

Natalie - August 30, 2018 at 08:32 AM

RB

“ We were friends since 1955, so many memories on which to reflect, but first, my thoughts and prayers for Beverly and his family. We could not talk for months and then pick up right where we left off. From hanging out at Sr Prom to hanging out at TPC, such a meaningful part of my life. He came from a wonderful family, together with Beverly, he created a wonderful family. Being friends with Bill was a highlight of my life. Watching Bill and Beverly build such a fine family of such fine young women and Bill, was a joy. He will always be in my heart. He was an ethical and fun loving person and as hard a worker as I ever knew from pumping gas at his Dad's station to the DOT to running his engineering company. Last week, I talked with him, we shared stories of our families and laughed about old times. God Bless Bill and his family, God Bless Beverly.

Richard Bowers - August 23, 2018 at 12:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Edwin Douglas Sr..



August 23, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Edwin Douglas Sr..



August 22, 2018 at 09:14 PM



“ Thurman and Kim Roddenberry @ TRA, Inc. purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of William "Bill" Edwin Douglas Sr..



Thurman and Kim Roddenberry @ TRA, Inc. - August 22, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ Steve and Patricia Zigich purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of William "Bill" Edwin Douglas Sr..



Steve and Patricia Zigich - August 22, 2018 at 10:47 AM

JO

“ Brother Bill shall be missed by all with whom he had contact, as well as his family. I had the honor and pleasure of working with Brother Bill Douglas many years back when he was in F.D.O.T. Maintenance Utility Engineer. He was one if not the best and most understanding Professional Engineer I ever had the pleasure to work with.

He and I (Mostly Brother Bill) put the first Utility Accommodations Guide together for F.D.O.T. back in 1970's, it was a real pleasure to work with a man of his intelligence, that could convey his thoughts in simple layman's terms where anyone could understand where he was coming from.

May God Bless and Comfort the Family and Many Friends during this time of mourning. Just remember Brother Bill is in a better place and he is watching us from a better place.

John H. Owens

John H Owens - August 22, 2018 at 10:12 AM

EP

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We enjoyed working with Bill. He will surely be missed by The community. May his family find peace in their memories.

elva peppers - August 22, 2018 at 06:56 AM

WH

“ Miss Beverly and Family,
Shocked to hear the news of Bill's passing.
Always a true gentleman and a great Engineer! It's his greeting every time I saw him that I will miss the most. "Hey Stranger" 😊
Harold Palmer

WHP - August 22, 2018 at 05:40 AM

WV

“ Bill was one of the most kind, patient, wise men I have had the honor to work with. I will miss his wisdom, his patient counsel, his ability to resolve any issue to ensure a safe and sound design for every project great or small. He was a great Christian example, always serving and edifying others. I will cherish the memories and thank God for the time I had with him. He always took time to talk at length and was never in a hurry to end a conversation. Truly a man with the love of God in his heart. I can honestly say my life was enriched and better from having known Bill. My love, thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sincerely, Wilfred Varn (Fred)

Wilfred Varn - August 21, 2018 at 10:08 PM

JW

“ So sorry to hear. Really enjoyed working with Bill on few projects. He spoke an engineering language I could understand.
Jeff West

Jeff West - August 21, 2018 at 07:43 PM

AB

“ I worked under him as a Civil Engineer for 5 yrs!!! He was full of life.. my heart goes out to Beverly Douglas...

Anusha Balineni - August 21, 2018 at 06:39 PM

JM

“ I met Bill twenty years ago, or more. He was so nice, so pragmatic when it came to engineering. One of the very best! Jerry McFarland, James McFarland Builder, Inc.

James McFarland - August 21, 2018 at 03:48 PM