



## William "Bill" Thomas Haley

April 26, 1940 - May 10, 2023

William "Bill" Thomas Haley, age 83, passed away peacefully with family by his side on May 10, 2023. William was born on April 26, 1940 in Gainesville, GA to the late Tom Watson and Annie Lou Webster Haley. He graduated from Fair Street High School of Gainesville in 1960. He married Sandra Ann Johnson and together, they became the parents of two sons, Greg and Brian. In 1968, he joined the Gainesville Police Department. He was one of the first African-American officers to join the force. He later worked at Western Electric (which eventually became Lucent Technologies) as a fiber optic cable technician. He was afforded the opportunity to travel to Syracuse, NY to repair underground fiber optic cables. He retired from Lucent Technologies after 33 years of service. He is fondly remembered by his sons as a fun-loving father who gave them their first baseball lessons in the backyard where "many windows were broken". He took them to the Gainesville High School football games as a Friday night tradition, and planned summer road trips to family reunions around the country. As a member of the Gents Club, he was active in his community as a youth mentor. He was also a drummer of a local band and was known to be one of the best drummers in Gainesville. Bill was an avid bowler and he was a member of the Gainesville Bowling League. His picture still hangs at the Station 300 Gainesville Bowling Alley after being recognized as the only person to bowl a perfect game. He also played on various men's Softball teams. He is preceded in death by his father, mother, and brother, Sidney Haley. He leaves to cherish his memory his sisters Latisha (John

“Mickey”) Brown, and Bernice Kimbrough, 2 sons Greg (Kim) Haley, Brian (Nina) Haley, 9 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a host of extended family and beloved friends

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home  
325 Summitt St SE  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
(770) 536-3251  
info@wimberlyjackson.com  
<https://www.wimberlyjacksonfuneralhome.com>

## Receiving Friends

MAY 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

MAY 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
705 Summit St.  
Gainesville, GA 30501

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Thomas Haley*

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Douglas Stephens lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley*



**Douglas Stephens** - June 23, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Our prayers go out to the Haley family. Please accept our deepest condolences. We are here for you if ever you need us. Bill will never be forgotten.*



**Grover E & Janice C Young** - June 09, 2023 at 08:54 AM

DF

“ Family - with loving memory of my brother-in-law William Haley. I smile when I think back to when we were young and we would dance the night away all of us, but no one could be better than him and Sandra and his brother Sidney and me when when we came together to play bid whist and to dancing the night away. To Tisha, Bernice, Gregory and Brian he gave us the best he had now God has called him home. I love you all! He shall be missed. God will take good care of him now. Until we shall see him again. RIP 🥹 My Lovely brother. Della



Della Cook-Haley Fontés - May 19, 2023 at 12:48 PM

SJ

“ My deepest sympathy. Such a nice guy. To the family I hope you have peace and comfort. God is good.



Shirley Johnson - May 18, 2023 at 06:48 PM

MD

“ It is with great sorrow learning that Bill has passed. It was my good fortune to have known him and to have worked with him years ago at the Gainesville Police Department. He was a professional law enforcement officer and I learned a great deal from him during the early years of my career. My family wants to extend our heart-felt grief at his passing and to offer our prayers and blessings to his family and friends. Bill will be missed by many. -  
M.J. Darracott  
Captain of Detectives (Ret.)  
Gainesville Police Department

M. Darracott - May 18, 2023 at 06:38 PM

AN

“ *Ann Neal sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley*



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**Ann Neal** - May 18, 2023 at 04:05 PM

MF

“ *Great memories of William as one of the first African American Gainesville Police Officers. He along with Joe & Royce did a whole bunch for this community!*



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**myrtle figueras** - May 18, 2023 at 09:21 AM

SM

“ *Condolences to your family. I am so sorry for your loss. Sylvia Milner & Family*



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**Sylvia Milner** - May 17, 2023 at 10:26 PM

ML

“ *Marion Lott lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley*



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**Marion Lott** - May 17, 2023 at 10:11 PM

HF

“ Hopkins Family lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley



Hopkins Family - May 17, 2023 at 07:25 PM

YS

“ Mr.Bill you was such a fun loving Man, who always saw the best in every one. I loved his smile- that smile would spread through out his whole face 😁. Just being in his presence would make you feel like a celebrity ❤️. Mr.Bill you may be gone, but never ever will you be forgotten 😭.

Y.B. Stovall - May 17, 2023 at 05:55 PM

JM

“ Joyce Mitchell lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley



Joyce Mitchell - May 16, 2023 at 03:49 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Thomas Haley.



May 15, 2023 at 07:27 PM

GF

“ Gloria Kesler Maddox & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley



Gloria Kesler Maddox & Family - May 15, 2023 at 09:37 AM

RH

“ Sending My Condolences And Prayers 🙏 Out To Mr. William Haley And Family 🙏❤️❤�



Regina Harris - May 14, 2023 at 03:50 PM

CR

“ Sending my condolences to the family. My prayers are with you during your time of bereavement.

Crystal - May 14, 2023 at 05:24 AM

TP

“ Theresa Puryear lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley



Theresa Puryear - May 13, 2023 at 09:43 PM

PJ

“ *Patience Jackson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley*



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**Patience Jackson** - May 13, 2023 at 02:38 PM

CA

*Sorry for your loss may God comfort you during this time of grief!!*

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**Catherinewilmont** - May 13, 2023 at 07:08 PM

EF

“ *Elisa Bonds-Ratliff And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley*



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**Elisa Bonds-Ratliff and Family** - May 12, 2023 at 11:11 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley*



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**Star Johnson** - May 12, 2023 at 10:01 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley*



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**Star Johnson** - May 12, 2023 at 10:00 PM

TJ

“ *Toni Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley*



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**Toni Johnson** - May 12, 2023 at 09:06 PM

CD

“ *Clara Ramsey Dorsey lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley*



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**Clara Ramsey Dorsey** - May 12, 2023 at 06:20 PM

ML

“ *Marion Lott lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Thomas Haley*



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**Marion Lott** - May 12, 2023 at 06:13 PM

WC

*I'm sorry to here of Mr. W. Haley's passing! ! My prayer's are with the family He was my friend.*

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**Wilburn Cantrell** - May 13, 2023 at 05:29 PM

JR

*We sorry for the lost of you all Father. William you can now rest. We will miss you. John-Sheila Ramsey*

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**John-Sheila Ramsey** - May 15, 2023 at 06:29 PM