



William Harrington Norkett Jr.

April 29, 1945 - October 18, 2024

William Harrington Norkett, Jr, 79, of 5 Peden Rd, Piedmont, SC, died October 18, 2024, after succumbing to an ongoing heart condition. His family was gathered around him before he passed. A native of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, he was the son of the late William Harrington Norkett, Sr and Ada Edwards Norkett. Bill, as he was known, enlisted in the Air Force in 1962 where he served as a morse code intercept operator. After the military, he migrated to the Upstate in 1977 where he spent the rest of his career working for various companies in the air freight industry. Bill was a gifted baseball player in his youth, and a talented semi-professional bowler as an adult. He was also a longtime little league football coach for the Greer Recreation Department. Coach Norkett was known for making the game fun, and his players loved playing for him.

Bill is preceded in death by his first wife of 37 years, Judy Norkett. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Rachel Norkett, her sons Steven Thompson, Joseph Thompson, and his 14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren by them; his daughter Christy Norkett, his grandson by her Anthony; his son Michael Norkett, and his grandchildren by him, Rebecca, Haley, Evan, and Chloe; and by his sister Glenda Willams. A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held at the Spartanburg Police Club, 765 Police Club Rd, Spartanburg, SC 29307, on Sunday October 27, 2024, at 6:30PM. Bill and Rachel would prefer that you make a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of William Harrington Norkett Jr.*



Deborah Collins - October 31, 2024 at 09:00 PM

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R.I.P.

Deborah Collins - October 31, 2024 at 09:01 PM

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“ *Dad, you've always been there. It's hard knowing that you are gone now. Thanks for being there for me when I needed you. Thanks for working hard to provide for your family. Thanks for being my football coach. Thank you for loving me no matter what. May you be at rest now.*



Michael Norkett - October 23, 2024 at 01:37 PM