



## Emory Wilbur Atwater

April 22, 1943 - July 25, 2023

Emory Wilbur Atwater, Jr., 80, of Mooresville, NC, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at Novant Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. He was born on April 22, 1943, in Tifton, GA, to the late Emory Wilbur Atwater, Sr., and Lucille Mathews Atwater.

Throughout his fulfilling career, Emory dedicated much of his life to the soft drink business. Beyond work, he relished a diverse range of passions. From engaging in invigorating rounds of golf and honing his skeet shooting skills to embracing serene fishing expeditions and mastering the art of cooking, Emory truly lived life to the fullest.

An avid learner and social spirit, he found delight in participating in book and investment clubs. Family vacations and cherished beach trips were always treasured moments, but his ultimate joy resided in the company of his children and grandchildren.

Emory's commitment to his faith and community was steadfast. For over four decades, he had been a beloved member of Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church. For an impressive 25 years, he passionately taught the adult Sunday school class, enriching the lives of many. His service extended beyond teaching, as he actively assumed roles as Lay Leader and Chair of the building committee for the Sanctuary, demonstrating his enduring

dedication to the church's well-being and growth.

As we bid farewell to Emory Wilbur Atwater, Jr., we remember him as a devoted family man of unwavering faith, and a pillar in his community. His legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of all those whose lives he touched.

Emory is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Jane Branch Atwater; daughters, Jan Atwater, Amy Atwater Conniff, and Brooke Oblinger; brother, Pat Atwater and wife, Linda; and five grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, September 16th, at Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church in Mooresville, NC. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Cancer Research Institute or the charity of your choice.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Atwater family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church

575 Brawley School Road  
Mooresville, NC 28117

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Memorial Service

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emory Wilbur Atwater.

September 15, 2023 at 07:58 AM



“ I was the Iowa friend. Whenever we came down to NC I would ride with Emory and the gang to the sporting clay course at Hunter's Creek. He was a true gentleman and will be missed greatly. God Bless Emory

Ronald Leibold - August 15, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ My father was always joyful and not a jealous bone in this body. He loved his grandchildren faithfully. Charles, Evan and lil Emory have been so blessed to have him as a wonderful Papa teaching them about BB guns and the years and years of Hess trucks he so carefully bought for them during his favorite season, Christmas. He was always a kid at heart and enjoyed sharing it with my boys. I will love him eternally.

Brooke Oblinger - August 05, 2023 at 12:36 AM

PA

“ Emory was my older brother and hero who looked after me growing up. I was always so proud of him being a Georgia Tech graduate. We talked almost every day on the phone . While our sons, Emory 's nephews Patrick and Brian, were at the UGA, Emory made a special effort to visit them when he was there on business trips. Emory gave me his Vespa scooter, which I was so proud of, when he got his first car. I will say again, my brother I loved so much! He was my hero!  
Your brother, Pat.

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**Pat Atwater** - August 01, 2023 at 07:13 PM

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“ We spent many a Tuesday together along with many trips to Georgetown. He was a friend to all; his presence and stories will sorely missed. He will always be remembered.  
Alan Schaefer

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**Alan Schaefer** - July 31, 2023 at 03:59 PM

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“ Saw Emory recently & sad to hear of his passing. We enjoyed the shooting sports together through the Golden Boys, especially the lunches afterward. Rest in peace as one of the good guys in the white hat that shared his time with so many in our town. In sympathy & friendship, Hal & Hope Nordwall

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**Hal Nordwall** - July 31, 2023 at 10:46 AM

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*Jane, even though it has been over 60 years since we have seen each other, I want to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband, Emory. I did not know him well during our high school years, but I do remember him as a fine fellow.*

*LaVerne told me about his passing and that you are in Mooresville (I am in Asheville). I have good memories of our days at Brookfield and would love to hear from you. Please know that I will keep you and your family in my prayers as you adjust to this tremendous loss.*

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**Ann (Collins) Merritt** - August 27, 2023 at 12:30 PM