



## George Royal Bethune, III

December 12, 1947 - January 16, 2021

George Royal (Bill) Bethune III, 73, of Mooresville, NC, passed away peacefully on January 16th, 2021.

He was born in Cartersville, GA, on December 15th, 1947, son of the late George Royal Bethune Jr. and Ruth Gaines Bethune. Bill was a graduate of Decatur High school and Florence State University. He began his career in the cable industry and became General Manager of Prestige Cable. After retirement Bill began construction contracting as GRB Builders. Whether Bill was building a house or working on a small project, he just loved helping people. He never met a stranger and became a true friend to many. To know Bill was to love him. He would do anything for anybody, and he will be truly missed by so many. Bill enjoyed many different activities such as sailing, woodwork, flying, the ocean, antique shops, football, baseball, and NASCAR. He spent many years traveling to the Keys of Florida and loved spending time with friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as his brother-in-law Gene Holcomb.

He is survived by his wife, Tina King Bethune, and his daughter Shelby (Tommie) Locklear, grandson Dallas Locklear of Maxton, NC. He is also survived by sisters, Ann Holcomb of GA, and Beth (Wally) Sanders of AL. Nieces and nephews, Libba (Phil) Griffin of FL, Dr. Bill Holcomb of GA, Julie (Ian) Hayley of GA, Hal (Pam) Sanders of AL, and Kirk (Christy) Sanders of AL. Mother-in-Law, Jo-Ann (Rod) Honeycutt of Salisbury, NC, Brother-in-law,

Mike King of Mooresville, NC, cousins, great nieces, great nephews, their families, as well as many special friends.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 21 from 3:00-4:00 PM with a service following at 4:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John Miles officiating. For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC864hAs96dTRLVVL1la0Qlw/videos?view=2&flow=list>

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

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

JAN 21. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Memorial Service

JAN 21. 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ George Royal Bethune, III

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ George Royal Bethune, III

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ George Royal Bethune, III

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

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“ This is all about Bills memory with me,

*He was my rock, anchor, soul, best friend, and I will always cherish the memories I have with him.*

*I have never met anyone else like him and was the greatest man I ever had known, but when I met his dad, I could see where it all began..*

*He had great jeans from go and his family is still passing all the greatness along.*

*We laughed , cried , and sometimes had too much fun.*

*Bill was full of life , had the cutest smile and loved to make everyone around him laugh, comfortable and happy.*

*And god only knows how he put up with me is a different story , but that's how he was.*

*He is tremendously missed by myself and Shelby and I know by so many others I appreciate all the kind words and prayers for strength to help get through this time. I love him so much and he will never be forgotten.*

*I will have you in my heart and around me daily til we meet again  
Bill 🥺*

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**Tina** - February 09, 2021 at 09:55 PM

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“ TINA & FAMILY, OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME. SOUTH STATE BANK - MOORESVILLE BRANCH

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**TARA HENDERSON** - January 26, 2021 at 03:03 PM

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*Thank you Tara for your support and kindness.  
Tina B*

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**Tina Bethune** - February 09, 2021 at 08:16 PM

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“ *I grew up with Bill in Cartersville. His dad and my dad managed our Little League baseball team. We had a lot of good times both then, after college and the military days.*

*We lived in the same apartment complex and two things we did on the weekends was play volleyball and grill steaks.*

*No one could tell a story like Bill did. God bless the family and Bill.*

*Don Fortenberry*

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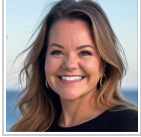
**Don Fortenberry** - January 20, 2021 at 11:28 AM

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*Thank you Don for the kind words and I will just say he did cook a mean steak. He had me spoiled.  
He is truly missed by so many*

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**Tina** - February 09, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *There will never be another man like Bill Bethune. I met Bill 20 years ago when I was just beginning my real estate career. I will cherish all the times we spent together. He has been such a huge part of my life and my family's life. I am so thankful for the man I knew and the special friendship we shared. I will remember the days spent on the lake, the beach, in Disney, the parades among so many others.*

*No one will tell stories like Bill. The way he told the story usually made me laugh harder than the story itself.*

*I will be forever grateful for being able to be with him at the end.*

*Cancer sucks!*

*Until we see each other again. I love you dear friend and I will take good care of Tina for you XO*

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**Wendy Smith** - January 19, 2021 at 10:49 PM

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*Oh Wendy, that is sooo true about him and your family friendship. He absolutely loved you guys and yes his stories, well , they were funny to listen to. Thank you so much for everything you have done for me., love, support and prayers.And you are not done yet girl. We just got started. Love you bunches.*

*T B*

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**Tina** - February 09, 2021 at 08:53 PM

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“ Dear Tina and family, I am so sorry to hear the sad news about my long time friend, Bill. We had many good times together and I enjoyed my last visit with him. I could just pick up the phone and catch up and enjoy talking about old times with him. Bill will be dearly missed. Take care and God Bless. Glenn Nicholls Sr. and Roberta

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**Glenn Nicholls Sr. and Roberta** - January 19, 2021 at 10:45 PM

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Thank you guys so much. We enjoyed your visit and he talked about it for the longest time. Yes he is truly missed by so many of us.  
Tina B

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**Tina** - February 09, 2021 at 08:56 PM

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“ Bill was an anchor to so many of the friendships I have in NC. I met him nearly 25 years ago when we both worked in cable and we were both new to living in NC. Bill said he was building a house and getting to know some of his neighbors. And, true to his word, one night he invited me to go out with these ‘new’ neighbor friends. And the rest is forever friendship history. The holler will never be the same without Bill. You were a very special man Mr. Bethune. You touched many, many people. I miss you Billy Bethune ❤️

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**Bobbie Orchard** - January 18, 2021 at 07:23 PM

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Absolutely true to words. It won't be the same in the holler and he has touched so many people and brought a lot of family friendship around in the circle. One of a kind . Thank you for the kind words and support.  
Tina B

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**Tina** - February 09, 2021 at 09:05 PM