



## Forrest Hill, Sr.

March 14, 1951 - July 10, 2019

William Forrest Hill, Sr., age 68 of Conyers, died Wednesday, July 10, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Miriam Hill, and brother, Danny Hill. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Susan Hill; children, Forrest Jr. and Julie Hill, Michael and Maryann Hill, Max Hill; brothers and sisters-in-law, Tommy and Fran Hill, Stanley and Pat Hill; grandchildren, Matthew, Michael, Kayla, Brianna, Alex, Nathan; great-grandchildren, Hudson, Gabriella, Piper, Francesca; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Mr. Hill retired from Sears and Roebuck. He was a musician and had a band named 'The Gang of 5'. Forrest was a lover of music, an avid story teller, a fisherman, a gardner, and a manager with a bright mind. Forrest loved the Lord. He was a brother, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather and a friend. Funeral Services will be held Friday, July 19, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Heritage Hills Baptist Church with Rev. Doug Drucker officiating; interment will follow at Midway Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Decatur, Georgia. Body will lie in state beginning at 10:30 until 11 a.m. Family will receive friends Thursday, July 18, 2019 from 4 until 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Condolences may be submitted on-line at <http://www.scotward.com>. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

# Cemetery

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## Midway Presbyterian Church Cemetery

3363 Midway Rd  
Decatur, GA, 30032

# Events

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**JUL 18**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow  
Memorial Gardens  
699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA, US,  
30012

**JUL 19**   **Visitation**   10:30AM - 11:00AM

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Heritage Hills Baptist Church  
2987 Highway 212, Conyers, GA, US, 30094

**JUL 19**   **Service**   11:00AM

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Heritage Hills Baptist Church  
2987 Highway 212, Conyers, GA, US, 30094

# Comments

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“ Thomas Bullard sent a virtual gift in memory of Forrest Hill, Sr.



Thomas Bullard - July 18, 2019 at 07:41 PM

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“ Dennis & Marybeth Cabe lit a candle in memory of Forrest Hill, Sr.



Dennis & Marybeth Cabe - July 18, 2019 at 11:01 AM

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“ 15 files added to the album LifeTributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - July 18, 2019 at 09:37 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Forrest Hill, Sr..



July 18, 2019 at 01:01 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Forrest Hill, Sr..



July 17, 2019 at 01:14 PM

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“ Love Tim, Patty, Darryl and Andrew Hill purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Forrest Hill, Sr..



**Love Tim, Patty, Darryl and Andrew Hill** - July 17, 2019 at 12:49 PM

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“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Forrest Hill, Sr..



July 17, 2019 at 10:34 AM

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“ My love and prays to the family and Susan. May God give you stringth to get though this very sad and hard time I wish I could be there I'll be there in spirit God bless you all

**Candy Davis** - July 16, 2019 at 11:12 PM

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“ 37 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Scot Ward Funeral Services** - July 15, 2019 at 01:20 PM

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“ A few years ago I got to know Forrest responding to Facebook and some of his emails. I knew his brothers Danny and Tommy well but I was older than Forrest and did not remember him. As time went on our friendship continued to grow. I too have a great love for music and my relationship with Forrest led to the idea of the “Gang of Five.” Forrest came up with the idea of the name so he began by asking a few of us over to his house and begin playing music again. I had played in a group called the Collegiates while attending West Georgia College with his Brother Danny. It had been many years since I played a piano and my time early on with Forrest rekindled by interest in music. The initial members of the gang of five were Forrest, Phil Lazenby, Mike Russell, Glenn Johnson and myself. That first practice was one of getting to know one another and start something that none of us could imagine the impact it would have on so many people. But that is the way the Lord works. At the time I had no idea of the promoter and the leader that Forrest could be. He saw the vision from God and everyone knows the rest of the story. Others have mentioned the many people he has brought back together as a result of his efforts through his love for music and other people. I participated with the gang for the first couple of years but moved away to North Carolina to be closer to my children and grandchildren. As a result I could not be as close to the action if the festival as I once was. The only thing I can add to the conversation is that if it had not been for Forrest I would not have restored my interest in playing music again and I would not have renewed my old friendships if the past. Only the Lord knows the true value of Forrest and what he intended Forrest to be. I am also honored that Forrest chose me to write a chapter in his recent book of remembering ole Decatur. I too have been praying for Forrest every day since this very unexpected illness and I know he will be going to a better place. At some point in ours lives we all will have to make this journey and we should all use the time we have left to better ourselves, get our life in order so we can be acceptable in Gods graces just as Forrest has.

**Thomas Bullard** - July 14, 2019 at 09:18 AM

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“ 20 files added to the album Memories Album



**Tommy Pittard** - July 12, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ We will miss the voice that Forrest used to sing and spin yarns and his hands used to skillfully write and craft so many things. Now he will continue to use all of those skills in the presence of the ultimate CARPENTER and LORD OF LORDS. Forrest will not be forgotten, because he gave and shared so much of himself that touched so many people and brought them together in joyous celebration.

**Gerry Lingle** - July 13, 2019 at 12:17 PM

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“ Vicki Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Forrest Hill, Sr.



**Vicki Nicholson** - July 12, 2019 at 09:16 PM

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“ I knew of Forrest at Avondale High. I got to actually know Forrest maybe 10 or so tears ago on Facebook. When Forrest was writing his first book about where he grew up and the surrounding area. He had asked about different places and I shared a story with him about Lake Spivey. My father built the actual lake and beach for Mr. Jake Spivey who was a dentist. When the lake was finished filled with water and fish Mr Spivey had our family to come for a picnic at the beach with his family. My dad brought an inner tube from one of his large tractors, Mr. Spivey's daughter, my older sister, older brother and I were the first to ever play in that lake. I believe that it was in the summer of 1957 when the lake opened. I I was about 2 years and 8 months old an was in a yellow polka dot bikini! Just like the song!

When the book was finished and was up for sale I had been very ill and our money was very tight. Forrest sent me a free copy of his book. I sent him a thank you note, and have loaned that book to many more folks so that they could read and reminisce about our youth at a time when growing up was the greatest time in history of the United States.

I missed the very first Music in the woods Festival due to surgery to my spine. However, my husband Alfred and I attended the next 3 held in April. Alfred was the crazy silly fellow helping to keep the food served, and rotated, so that no one got sick from food spoiled from the heat of the sun. As I found a place in the shade to listen and visit with old and new friends.

Forrest has prayed for me many times over the past 5 years as I am in Stage 4 Renal failure. He has lifted my spirits, and showed me how to have faith that God has a plan for us all.

Most of all he told me how to bring God back into my home.

Ten years ago I invited my husband to go to church with me. He always said no! One day I told him I was worried about his soul. What do you mean he asked and I told him that I had accepted Jesus as my saviour and into my life. I had been baptized and was forgiven of my sins. I knew where my soul was going when I died. But I was afraid that I would never see him in heaven.

He began going to church with me the next Sunday. About 8 months later he accepted Jesus, and was baptized in front of the congregation.

He really got deep into reading and asking questions trying to understanding the bible. A few years ago as my health began to get really bad I was unable to attend each week. We tried to attend together but many times I was just to tired, or had another surgery. We eventually just stopped attending.

I spoke to Forrest about how difficult is was for us to attend. He said where there are two or more together you can read the bible and praise the Lord. We did not have to do this in a church we could do this in our home together. We began with prayer before breakfast, and we found several preachers on TV. We would sit together every Sunday after breakfast and would listen to 3 preachers that we enjoyed listening to. Forrest reminded me that God is always listening and watching. He knew what was in our hearts and would show us the way. Sure enough, we attend when we can, but many times especially in winter, or if I am in a lot of pain, or Forrest has showed so many how faith, and believing and trusting in God has made miracles come to pass.

He has been a great teacher, for I have learned how to bring love, peace, compassion and joy to others through sharing my own stories of miracles!

Thank you Forrest! You have touched so many lives through your faith, work,

dreams, and love of others.

Rest in Peace dear friend, until we are all together again! What a wonderful Festival that will be!

**Vicki Nicholson** - July 12, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ Thanks for sharing. My sis Lee helped your hubby with the food tables. I asked to meet you but you may not remember me. Forrest brought so many folks together who might never had crossed paths. He always said " God is in this".

**Renee Mock** - July 12, 2019 at 11:36 PM

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“ I met Forrest on the internet about 6 years ago and during conversation discovered that his brother(Danny)and I graduated from Avondale in class of 1960. We talked for quite awhile especially when he discovered that I was a career Policeman with DeKalb County. Forrest had a liking for the department and knew several who worked there. One day our washing machine belt broke and Forrest came to our home with a belt and repaired the machine out of the kindness of his heart. He saw all the Police related memorabilia on the wall of my office. He then stated he was writing a book about the history of Decatur and his family also wanted to include a chapter on DeKalb Public Safety. He learned that I had been an Investigator(Detective)in burglary and homicide before retirement.,He ask me if I minded writing a few incidents that I handled back then and some photos of me in my uniform. Several months passed before Forrest called me and notified to come by his house and pick up my copy of the book he had gotten published ("Paradise in Olde Decatur". This book is to me a lifetime of my life living in the Memorial Drive area of Belvedere, also attending schools and college in DeKalb County Georgia.

William Forrest Hill was a friend. He just plain loved people and conversation about anything.Will remember you until the end.

Larry Walker

**Larry Walker** - July 12, 2019 at 07:58 PM

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“ What more can you say about a man like Forrest, full of spirit, love of life and always friendly. Worked with Forrest for several years and he always had kind words to share. I

I did not have the opportunity to see Forrest over the last several years, but know he will always stand out in my eyes and be remembered as well as missed, by all who knew him.

Roger Maynard

**Roger Maynard** - July 12, 2019 at 05:34 PM



“ Forrest Hill was like a brother to me in many ways..  
We share telephone conversations about every couple weeks if not more..  
His Love for the Lord showed in all aspects of his life and I will miss these times we had together..  
Thanks for giving me the opportunity to share music, laughter, and joyous times with you Forrest...  
Love You Brother...Sleep Now..I'll see you soon!!  
Jim Tweedell

Jim Tweedell - July 12, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ FORREST HILL ..... started with a dream ... That dream brought many people together and back together that had not been seen or, in some cases, thought of for many years ... For this all we can say is ... "THANK YOU" .... You will be missed and remembered by many .... Now "FORREST HILL" .. "REST IN PEACE" ....

... Buddy Ward (SWD "64) ...



Robert (Buddy) Ward - July 12, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ Forrest Hill is One of the Most Godly Men I have ever Met.. He is soaring above all of Us Saying How Beautiful Heaven is.. My heart goes out to the Hill Family. Every One that Met him Loved Forrest.. Thank You for Being a Friend

Shirley Sanders Parks - July 12, 2019 at 03:08 PM