



Jim Hill

August 4, 1930 - September 25, 2019

HILL, Jim

Jimmie 'Jim' Charles Hill, age 89, of Conyers, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Sept. 25, 2019. Born in Hoschton, Georgia, on August 4, 1930, he spent his early childhood years in Winder, Georgia. After a few years of the family living in various cities along the East Coast, they eventually settled in Atlanta, in 1945. Jim attended Boys High, before graduating from Grady High School in 1947. After graduation, Jim began working for Southern Railway - where his father, Charles Hill, had worked for many years. Always a hard worker, Jim was quick to rise at Southern Railway; starting as a general laborer then promoting to a lineman position, ultimately he was entrusted to train other people how to be linemen as well. In 1950, he stepped up to serve his country during the Korean War, as an airman in United States Air Force. After serving in the USAF, Jim went back to work at Southern Railways, but in 1956 he began working at Delta Airlines. Over the course of his 35-year career at Delta, he went from an apprentice - aiding in the maintenance and repair of propeller engines - to a foreman that oversaw the engine shop's evolution into the modern jet age. Jim, an ardent and lifelong lover of baseball, played in the Atlanta Baseball League from 1946 until 1956. After deciding to hang up his cleats, Jim took on the role as a mentor in his community. He coached Babe Ruth Little League in Hapeville, Georgia, was a volunteer police officer in Hapeville, a volunteer firefighter in Red Oak and assisted in various community projects in Rockdale County. After his retirement in 1992,

Jim spent much of his time doing what he loved: watching baseball, hunting, fishing, studying history, reading and spending time with family and friends. He was also a longtime member of the Hapeville Masonic Lodge Number 590. A lover of truth, transparency and forthrightness, Jim placed enormous value on his love of God, love of family, friendships, environmental stewardship and living altruistically. His wit, effusive generosity, unvarnished advice offerings and love had a profound and lasting impact on the people in his orbit. He was a force of nature that reshaped the landscape around him; to say that he will be missed is a gross misstatement of words. He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Dorothy (Castleberry) Hill; two daughters, Angela Hill of Blue Ridge, Georgia and Sandra (Felton) Sandling of St. Simons Island, Georgia; two grandchildren, Alan Raymond of Huntsville, Alabama and Alyson (Jay) Parker of Woodstock, Georgia; two great-grandchildren, Samantha and Jackson Parker; and many cousins. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel with officiating; interment will follow at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends from 3 until 4 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. The family would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you and deepest gratitude to the staff at the Oaks at Ashton Hills in Covington, GA and Abbey Hospice in Social Circle, Georgia, for their loving, compassionate and dignified care of Jim, during his final months. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to the Masonic Home of Georgia, Grand Lodge Secretary, P.O. Box 4665, Macon, GA 31208. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 American Legion Rd NE
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

SEP 28. 4:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall

FJ

“ Dorothy, Angela, and Sandra,
Jackie and I are certainly sorry for your loss. I've known Jim for many years and he was not only my boss but a good friend. After he retired if I didn't call him on a regular basis he would call to check on me. I'll miss him but I know he's in a much better place. (He worked with my dad at the Southern Railway).

Farrell Jackson

Farrell Jackson - September 27, 2019 at 07:44 PM

FM

“ When I first started at Delta in 1991, I was assigned to the Oil Component Shop in the Technical Operations Center at the Atlanta airport. The foreman's name was Jim Hill. He seemed to me to a little gruff but I had worked for all kinds of people when I had been in the Air Force so I was sure I could work for Jim. I was advised to watch myself around Jim because he didn't take guff from anyone. I was determined to fit in with my new Delta family and to not rub Jim's fur the wrong way.

Right after I started with Delta, my wife was placed in the hospital. As this was the summertime, school was out. There was no one to watch our children during the day. The nearest childcare facility didn't open until 6:30 AM. By the time I got the kids dropped off and made it to the Atlanta airport it was well-past the 7:42 start time at my new job. In those days at Delta, three "lates" in any one month was grounds for dismissal. I had been late every day for a week! Jim calls me in to his office, "What's up with you? Why can't you get to work on time?" I told him the whole story. He tells me, "You get here when you can. I'll work it out with the Lead Mechanic. Jim maybe wasn't a bad guy after all., was he?"

So I spent 23 happy years with Delta. I like to think that I was able to succeed with the company because I had been given such a great start by Mr. Jim Hill.

Fred Miller - September 27, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ Aunt Dorothy, Angela, and Sandra: I am so sorry for your loss and do sorry for all that I know you must have been through. I imagine Uncle Jim is now enjoying a happy reunion and a good laugh with Mom and Dad. I hope you all can be at peace and experience happiness. You all were family to me growing up and you always will be family. With all my heart, Janet Goodblood Jones

Janet Jones - September 27, 2019 at 05:03 PM

ES

“ We are so very sorry about the loss of your father, Sandra. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Felton, and your family.

Joey and Elizabeth

Elizabeth Sandling - September 27, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jim Hill.*



September 27, 2019 at 08:15 AM

DC

“ *Dorothy, Angela and Sandra,
This world has lost a wonderful MAN. Jim Hill is one of the most favorite people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Working for him @ Delta certainly made my life better and taught me more about being a man than anyone can imagine. I counted him as a dear friend that stepped up when my family needed him most. I hurt for you loss and pray God has opened His arms up wide to receive this wonderful person into His Kingdom
With deepest Sympathy.
Dan Conrey*

Dan Conrey - September 26, 2019 at 08:40 PM

VI

“ *RIP Jim,i know Charles is up there with you with nonstop talking,he appreciated so much with all your love and support ,you have been a cousin, friend and mentor to him ,*

vickie - September 26, 2019 at 06:10 PM