



## Rev. William H. Osborne Jr.

September 19, 2018

William H. "Bill" Osborne, Jr. age 76 of died Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at the Trellis Supportive Care-Kate B. Reynolds Hospice House in Winston-Salem, NC. He was preceded in death by his father, William H. Osborne, Sr.

Rev. Osborne was a United Methodist minister for more than 45 years. He served churches in Pineville, Huntersville, Concord, Clemmons and High Point. In administrative positions with the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, Rev. Osborne served as Chairman of the Board of Ordained Ministry; District Superintendent of the Marion District and the Salisbury District; Dean of The Cabinet; and Assistant to the Bishop. He has been a valued mentor to many ministers.

Bill graduated from Pfeiffer College (now University) and received his Masters of Divinity degree from Duke University. Bill was devoted to his alma mater, Duke University, enjoying all sports there, especially Duke Basketball.

Rev. Osborne is survived by his wife Jane; son Matthew Osborne, and wife Mary Beth of Durham, NC; his beloved granddaughters Isabel Osborne and Eloise Osborne; his brother Barry Osborne and wife Judi of High Point, NC; and his mother Kathleen L. Osborne of Winston Salem, NC.

A Memorial Service will be held 1 PM Wednesday (Sept. 26) at First United Methodist Church of Salisbury. The family will greet friends in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Officiating are Rev. Dr. Mark Conforti and Rev. Sally Langford.

The family is grateful to the Trellis Supportive Care- Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home for their care of Rev. Osborne and his family.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, designated for Youth Ministry Fund, 217 S. Church Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Osborne family. On-line condolences may be made to [www.summersettfuneral.com](http://www.summersettfuneral.com)

# Events

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**SEP**   **Service**                      01:00PM

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First United Methodist Church

217 S. Church St., Salisbury, NC, US, 28144

# Comments

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“ I learned of Bill's passing at the Duke Virginia Tech game this weekend. It is well that he did not see the game as Duke laid an egg on national TV and this would have been a big disappointment to him!!

What do you say about the man who not only married you (twice including a recommitment service at our 25th anniversary!!) but mentored you through the rough waters of adolescence and High School travails? Bill was an avid weight-lifter and we worked out together when I was preparing to play at Duke. He was the one spotting me when I first benched over 300lbs!! He was a source of inspiration, encouragement, and of course the humor that was the Osborne trademark. He was steadfast to the end and when I visited him in the hospital it was he who encouraged me, not the other way around! What a distinguished career of service. I loved Bill as we all did.

Bill has always been a steadfast friend who will be missed by many. I just look forward to seeing him on the other side when we can both bench over 300lbs again!!

Love to Jane and Matt and the grandchildren. You are from great stock and don't let your dad confuse you--the color is Dark Blue!!!

T.Moorman

T.Moorman - October 01, 2018 at 03:32 PM

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“ Jane,

Received word of Bill's passing through our Class of 60 website, and, as too many times more frequently now, another cherished piece of our world fell crashing beneath us.

First, our deepest and most heartfelt condolences. Life brings death, and all you can do with death, when you're the one left behind, is think how much emptier your life would have been had never he lived.

The same for us.

As you know, Bill was one of our dearest friends in high school. Full of wit and joy. Ever fun loving and into mild mischief. We loved you too. We love that you and Bill made life's trip together. Some of our warmest and most lasting memories circle the times the four of us gathered and made fresh mints at your house, on an erstwhile "double-date."

And, of course, you know that Bill, at our behest, was one of the groomsmen at our wedding 54 years ago.

Lord, oh Lord, Time & The River. Miles & Moments, Minutes & Years.

How we both regret that we let all the years pass without renewing the bond in earnest.

Profound and tender wishes for peace and tranquility in the days to come.

Our love and prayers for you,

Mike & Loretta Gaddis

**Mike Gaddis** - September 27, 2018 at 12:27 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. William H. Osborne Jr..



September 25, 2018 at 01:40 PM

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“ I can't imagine the world without Bill Osborne. Bill made such an incredibly positive influence on so many young people in Salisbury when he was at First Methodist Church. He was truly a member of the "Young Family." As we joked, he "married sister Debbie," "buried Mother Lois and Dad Clyde." His humor and personality will be missed. Much love to Jane and all the family.

Cam Choiniere

**Cam Choiniere** - September 24, 2018 at 10:44 AM

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“ We were just heartsick to learn that Bill had passed away. He was the minister at Clemmons United Methodist Church when we joined there and he will always be one of our favorites. Our prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

**Mike & Kathy Phillips** - September 24, 2018 at 10:10 AM

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“ What a loss for me and my family. I have known and loved Bill since I was a child growing up in Salisbury, NC. I first came to know him as a member of the First United Methodist Church where he taught my confirmation class as the Youth Minister in 1968. He and my father were avid sports fans and attended many high school football games together. On one of those excursions, my father misjudged the speed of an oncoming vehicle and pulled out in front of the car, only to be hit. No injuries, but some minor damage to the grill of the other vehicle. My father offered to pay for the damage, but not having enough cash with him, the driver of the other car required collateral before he would allow my father to drive home to get the money. Dad went back to the car and told Bill that he was being put up as collateral and would have to ride in the other car and follow him home so he could get the cash. Despite incidents such as this, Bill and Jane remained among our closest friends. Later in life, he officiated my marriage to Mike, christened our son Neil, and officiated Neil's marriage to Amanda. He also preached my father's funeral and my mother's funeral. What a gift it was to have Bill and his wonderful family in our lives for over 50 years. We will love him and miss him forever. Monnie Gerald

Monnie Gerald - September 22, 2018 at 12:41 PM

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“ "COME SUNDAY"  
COME SUNDAY, OH COME SUNDAY, THAT'S THE DAY. LORD, DEAR LORD  
ABOVE, GOD ALMIGHTY, GOD OF LOVE, PLEASE LOOK DOWN AND SEE MY  
PEOPLE THROUGH.  
I BELIEVE GOD IS NOW, WAS THEN, AND ALWAYS WILL BE. WITH GOD'S  
BLESSING WE CAN MAKE IT THROUGH ETERNITY.

WITH FOND MEMORIES.  
JAMES R. JARRELL

James R. Jarrell - September 22, 2018 at 09:19 AM

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“ Growing up in a small town church, He was the breath of fresh air that we needed and our church flourished under his leadership! He and I developed an instant friendship of unending teasing! Rev Osborne came to my house after Christmas when I was 10 or 11 to play with my 8 track race car set! We had a ball! At 12, he performed my Confirmation. When asked for my hand in marriage, no one would do but Bill! That was in 1988, the last time I saw him, sadly. My family loved the Osborne's!!  
Jane, Matt and family, the world has lost a truly Godly man! May you find peace and comfort! Relish the memories!  
Love, Marla Little Faulkenberry

marla little faulkenberry - September 22, 2018 at 07:22 AM



“ We are so sorry to learn of Bill’s passing. We celebrated 42 years of marriage this past April 24, officiated by Bill. He was our counselor, pastor and friend. Heaven is a bit livelier now. Our sincerest condolences to Jane and Matthew.  
Karen and Michael Raper

**Karen Raper** - September 21, 2018 at 09:53 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. William H. Osborne Jr..



September 21, 2018 at 10:33 AM

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“ Kim And Pat Whitfield lit a candle in memory of Rev. William H. Osborne Jr.



**Kim and Pat Whitfield** - September 21, 2018 at 08:38 AM

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“ Jane,

We are so very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He will always hold a special place in our hearts for marrying us. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

Jeff and Claire Batts

**Claire Batts** - September 21, 2018 at 07:45 AM

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“ Barbara Lucas Lassiter lit a candle in memory of Rev. William H. Osborne Jr.



Barbara Lucas Lassiter - September 20, 2018 at 11:48 PM

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“ Bill was a wonderful neighbor and friend. Bill enjoyed laughing. I remember one day I called Bill and told him Faye and I had some Krispy Kreme donuts before we could hang up the phone Bill was knocking on the front door, just laughing and ready to eat. Bill will be missed by his friends, his church and his family. May God Bless his family.

Faye and Charlie

Faye and Charlie - September 20, 2018 at 04:04 PM

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“ Our memories are so many.  
Bill was a man who was not just a friend, but along with wife Jane, was always there to comfort us during our days of sadness and happiness. Bill was NO DOUBT our best support during our marriage and through the loss of our our two sons., Carl and Keith. Along with wife Jane, they made our darker days brighter and our "HAPPY DAYS" even happier. We spent wonderful times together in travel and at home. I don't think we missed sampling most of the food establishments in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties. Bill would call and say "lets go to ..... restaurant for supper", and off we'd go! It was always a treat to spend an evening with Bill and Jane no matter where we went or what we did. Bill was a big ol' HUGGER. We need more huggers in our world ... just like Bill.

We will forever miss Bill, our dear friend for life. Rick and Judy Doby



Rick and Judy Doby - September 20, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ I went to school with Bill. He was a year behind me in HS. What a nice guy he was. I have not seen him in many yrs. Blessings to his family. I know he will be missed by all those that knew and loved him.

Barbara Lucas Lassiter.

**Barbara Lucas Lassiter** - September 20, 2018 at 11:54 PM

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“ Went to a Duke football game many years ago. Jan and I had blast. Best memory was when he turned to me and said if they (n c state) get a first down on the next play he was going to slap me upside my head. Thank goodness they did not get the first down and my Preacher did not hit me. Also the trips to Ronnie's for Hot Wings. Rest In Peace my friend

**Ray Meadows** - September 20, 2018 at 03:16 PM

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“ Lawrence And Kay Moffitt lit a candle in memory of Rev. William H. Osborne Jr.



**Lawrence and Kay Moffitt** - September 20, 2018 at 02:18 PM

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“ Bill was the very best of brothers... my mentor, my advisor, and a caring big brother. So very proud of him. Love him much! May he have God's "deep peace."

**Barry Osborne** - September 20, 2018 at 01:42 PM

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“ I loved him. He was, at he same time, my mentor, confessor, theological sparring partner, and friend. Seldom could we agree on the color of white paint. He led the best, the very best Disciple Bible Study for pastors in Marion First Church for the Marion District in '94 and '95. We have shared a million laughs, and have at times wept. He was sharp as a razor in his thinking, definitely in charge as a D. S., and could indeed make a decision. I chided him often that he understood the workings of the local church (both medium and large, town and city) very well, but that he didn't have a clue about small, rural mountain church congregations. (He knew enough not to be bullheaded with them). He was a genuine person; a practicing, spiritual follower of Christ, and from what I have heard, a pushover for his granddaughters. My greatest joy, absolutely, it to know that he was met at the gate in Paradise by Ignatius

Loyola and Thomas Aquinas, who promptly enrolled him in Systematic Theology. No more Boston Personalism for you, Uncle Bill! It really is Transubstantiation, after all! Thank You, O Lord, for the life, the love, the understanding, the rare sense of humor, and the discipleship of William H. Osborne, Jr. In the name of God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
Love always, Rev'd David Hughes Hobson

Rev'd. David Hughes Hobson - September 20, 2018 at 01:05 PM

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“ Very saddened to hear of this great loss! We loved Bill so very much! He was a wonderful mentor and friend to all! Praying for all of you.  
May God comfort and strengthen you,  
Freida Hobson

Freida Hobson - September 20, 2018 at 12:48 PM