



William Lynn Southworth

November 29, 1962 - September 28, 2021

William “Bill” Southworth, a loving father, brother, and friend, unexpectedly passed away on Tuesday, September 28th, 2021. Born to John D. Southworth and Ruth Ann Southworth on November 29th, 1962 in the Chicago suburb of Northbrook, IL, Bill had a loving, joyful childhood spent alongside his family and numerous childhood friends. In 1981, Bill graduated from Loyola Academy and left Illinois to pursue a degree in Hotel Restaurant Management from the University of Denver (DU).

In college, Bill was heavily involved in DU’s chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha. Despite the devastating loss of his father in 1984, Bill finished his degree and managed restaurants for a number of years in Dallas, TX and Chicago. After deciding that the hospitality industry was no longer for him, Bill found his calling in a position at Cone Mills in Greensboro, NC, beginning a nearly forty-year long career in textiles that allowed him to travel and live around the globe. Bill was a true “people person”; he loved making new friends and upholding the highest levels of integrity in both his work and personal life.

Outside of work, Bill was entirely devoted to his two daughters, Megann and Lauren. Bill was the quintessential example of a devoted Girl Dad, and dedicated his life to making them happy. Most of Bill’s free time was spent traveling to and from volleyball games, going on vacations, visiting his girls at App State and UNC Charlotte, and occasionally getting pedicures (which, despite his initial protests, he actually loved!). For Bill, Megann’s and Lauren’s interests and aspirations came before his own and he was always quick to boast about their recent accomplishments to everyone he knew.

Bill is survived by his two daughters, Megann and Lauren Southworth, his Mom, Ruth Ann Southworth, and his two brothers, Todd and John Southworth. He is preceded in death by his father, John D. Southworth. Bill will always be remembered for his upstanding character, humor, and heart.

A celebration of life will be held at the Forbis and Dick Funeral Service Chapel at 5926 W Friendly Ave, Greensboro, NC 27410 at 2 pm on Saturday, October 16th, with a backyard

reception to follow at the Southworth household. The service will be livestreamed for those who are not able to join us in person. If you plan on attending the backyard reception, please RSVP with Megann or Lauren Southworth.

In lieu of flowers, monetary donations can be sent to Shea's Chase, an annual 5k fundraiser that supports the Greensboro Mental Health Alliance. Donations in honor of Bill can be made through this link: <https://sheaschase.com/donate/>

Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Lynn Southworth.



October 18 at 07:41 PM



“ Elizabeth Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of William Lynn Southworth



elizabeth Rodriguez - October 16 at 10:05 PM



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Paul Valdenaire - October 16 at 01:23 PM



“ Northbrook Junior High and GBN band, 8th grade graduation party chaperoned by Mrs. and Mrs. Southworth, and days and years to follow. I didn't see Bill much after Northbrook days, but always smile with affection and love for the life he was living and for the amazing man he was, the love of Megann and Lauren, Ruth and family. This world will miss you, Bill.

Laura Geras

Laura Geras - October 16 at 09:05 AM



“ Bill was a friend from the first day we met in Marina Del Rey to take part in a golf tournament for charity. He was a man of his word and brought up two beautiful daughters of which he was very proud. He represented all that is good in life. He never had a bad word for anyone. I loved Bill like a brother and will miss him dearly.

Chris Connolly

Chris Connolly - October 15 at 08:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Lynn Southworth.



October 15 at 10:20 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William Lynn Southworth.



October 14 at 03:02 PM



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October 14 at 11:09 AM



“ Bill was a wonderful guy that I only knew a few years as a golf buddy. He always spoke of his daughters and their accomplishments and was fun to be with , we will all miss him.

Rick Schneider

Rick Schneider - October 14 at 10:12 AM



“ Combs purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William Lynn Southworth.



Combs - October 14 at 09:42 AM



“ Bill was a great guy who truly loved his kids! I had lunch with Bill in August and he was full of life taking on his new career path of 6 months and updating me on his kids and his life. He had the ability to focus during our lunch as if I was the most important person in the room. Bill was a blessing! Prayers to Bill's family.

Greg Current

Greg Current - October 11 at 03:38 PM



“ Terese Netzel Cowell lit a candle in memory of William Lynn Southworth



Terese Netzel Cowell - October 08 at 04:15 PM



“ Bill and I shared time at Cone Mills and your obituary captured him beautifully. Megann and Lauren, may the grief that fills your hearts now become fond and happy memories of the special times you had together. Blessings, John Bayersdorfer

John Bayersdorfer - October 08 at 01:59 PM



“ What a shock. Bill was one of the happiest guys I know. We worked and played together from day 1 at Cone Mills. He was the complete salesman - never met a person he didn't like. He loved his daughters above all else. We had many trips together and good times on the golf course. My prayers go out to the family . I will miss him.

Joe White

Joe White - October 08 at 10:18 AM



“ Hope Woods lit a candle in memory of William Lynn Southworth



Hope Woods - October 07 at 12:17 PM



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October 06 at 03:22 PM



“ The first time I met Bill was at Erin Hills Golf Club for one of our last golf outings. I quickly found out Bill had that salesman's ability to meet strangers and talk to them like friends. Over the 4 years or so with QST, Bill and I found many common interests...especially golf, the Colorado mountains and music. On his many trips to the Dallas area, we enjoyed meetings with customers, listening to the similar music we loved while driving from one account to another and the numerous dinners with customers...back before Covid of course. When he left the company, we continued to talk regularly. He always asked if his room was ready for his visit and I always responded "yes, you have a cot ready in the garage"! He always spoke glowingly about his girls and trips to visit them in college...and looked forward so much to their graduations and his pride in their accomplishments...and the ending of tuition bills. I was so shocked to hear of his passing but still, will keep that cot ready in the garage.
God bless your soul my friend.

Richard Shanhouse - October 06 at 02:05 PM



“ The first time i met bill was at our office in new york when he worked for qst.he was so humble and full of energy coming up to me and introducing himself to me and making conversation not knowing who i am that was so nice of him.we became good friend and he will call me almost every day to chat about our family and what was happening at the office.he always showed me respect and kindness whenever we would meet .bill you will be forever missed my friend where ever you may be may you be happy always.

Adrian Rahim - October 06 at 07:29 AM



“ April Bracco lit a candle in memory of William Lynn Southworth



april bracco - October 05 at 07:52 PM



“ Pat Turner lit a candle in memory of William Lynn Southworth



Pat Turner - October 05 at 06:58 PM