



Mr. James William Hill

December 24, 1925 - February 5, 2022

Mr. James William Hill, 96 years old, was born December 24, 1925, Author Hill and Mary Esther Hall Hill in High Point, North Carolina. James William Hill passed away on February 5, 2022, at his home in Durham, North Carolina. He attended public schools in High Point, North Carolina and was a graduate of William Penn High School. As a young man, James developed a strong work ethic that motivated him throughout his life.

From William Penn High School, he entered North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. While in college, he was initiated into Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated on December 7, 1944, where he served as Polemarch of the Alpha Nu collegiate chapter. James was also President of the Student Government Association at NC A&T.

From Greensboro, North Carolina, James William Hill moved to Durham, North Carolina hoping to make use of his Business degree, and exhibit the work ethic that he had developed early on. He worked at several jobs, including shoe repair and teaching business courses at Durham Business College.

It was during this time that James William Hill met Beulah Virginia Rowland of Durham, North Carolina. They were married on May 27, 1950. They were

blessed with three children, James Rowland Hill, Virginia Dianna Hill, and Esther Althea Hil. It was also during this time that James William Hill began attending St. Joseph African Episcopal Church in Durham, North Carolina. There, he became a member and began lending his voice to the Senior Choir and later serving on the Steward Board. He did so for many years. He also lent his voice to speaking on behalf of St. Joseph AME Church as a delegate to many African Methodist Episcopal Church Conferences and was President of the Laymen's Organization at St. Joseph. He has been heard to say many times, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

As time went on, James William Hill became involved in the community. He was a member of the NAACP, and regularly attended their annual conventions. He attended the well-remember March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963. He continued to teach at Durham Business College and took on additional administrative responsibilities of Comptroller and Business Manager. Durham Business College grew in enrollment, and became Durham College, offering Associate and Applied Science Degrees. In 1974 James William Hill became President of Durham College and oversaw the matriculation and graduation of hundreds of students who were seeking college degrees while learning the skills needed to be successful in the business world. After the closing of Durham College, James William Hill worked as a Certified Public Accountant for Garrett and Sullivan Accounting Firm handling various accounting and auditing cases.

James William Hill remained an active alumnus of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, a true "Aggie." He was also a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, where, over the years he held various official posts, including Polemarch of the Durham Alumni Chapter. In recent years, James William Hill has limited his outside-the-home activities. Yet, he could still be heard from the family room of his home singing the

refrain “trust and obey for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey...”

James William Hill was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Beulah Rowland Hill, and is survived by his son James Rowland Hill (Candice), daughter Virginia Dianna Hill, and daughter Althea Hill McPhail (Gerald); sister Barbara Hill Boulware; five grandchildren- David Hill, Joel A. Hill (Chenique), JoAnna McPhail, Rachel Hill Kuiper (Brandon) and Jessica McPhail Ross (Kashin); and 3 great grandchildren – Kylenn James Ross, Prayer McPhail-Neal, and Emerson Lily Kuiper, along with a host of nieces, nephew, and friends.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Mr. James William Hill are as follows: Viewing; Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., with the Celebration of Life Service beginning at 11:00 a.m., at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707, with the Reverend Valerie McIver delivering the eulogy.

Burial will take place on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at Glennview Memorial Park, at 2:00 p.m.

•Attendance at the service is limited to one hundred and fifty individuals and in every effort to protect our families and their guests, face coverings are required upon entering our facility.

The Homegoing Service for Mr. James William Hill will be streamed live via the St. Joseph AME Church's website at <https://www.stjosephame.org/>

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to:
Dementia Alliance of NC-

<https://dementianc.org/?form=DANCDonate>

Durham College Alumni Association:

Send donations to the Association's CashApp at \$DurhamCollegeNC or mail checks, made payable to Durham College Alumni Association, to Sarah Baldwin, President, Durham College Alumni Association -
3411 Winston, Road, Durham, North Carolina 27704

Please keep this family in your thoughts and in your prayers.

Cemetery Details

Glennview Memorial Park

NC Hwy 55
Durham, NC 27713
(919) 596-8102

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church
2521 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 683-1379

Celebration of Life

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James William Hill*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I was sadden to hear of the passing of Durham College's beloved Dr. Hill. Even though it is difficult to find the right words to say during this sad time, I am honored to be blessed to have known Dr. Hill. I will always remember that beautiful smile that always greeted me. God has given him eternal peace and rest. May the family find strength in the days ahead through fond memories.*

Jackie Futrell - February 13, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ *Jackie Futrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Hill*



Jackie Futrell - February 13, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Bernadette Lipscomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Hill*



Bernadette Lipscomb - February 12, 2022 at 01:44 PM

BL

*To the Hill Family,
We at the Bell-Yeager FWB Church Food Pantry would like to share
our sincere condolences and love to you at this difficult time. May the
peace of God continually be with you.*

Bernadette Lipscomb - February 12, 2022 at 01:48 PM

GE

*“ My sympathies to the Hill Family during this
difficult time. His presence is already missed;
I was looking forward to seeing him at the
next Durham College Reunion. Mr. Hill, such
a wonderful man, giving and unselfish,
dedicated to all the programs and projects that he was involved in, a
true humanitarian. I am so thankful that his path crossed mine.
Again, he is missed already. May God continue to bless the Hill
Family.*

Golda B. Ellis, Durham College Alumni.

Golda B Ellis - February 12, 2022 at 11:17 AM



CD

*“ James and Hill Family:
Our condolences are shared with you and
your families as you celebrate and pay tribute
to the well-lived life of your father. May the
beautiful memories of his life forever remain
in your heart.*

Carmen Ellison Dorsey & Elvert Dorsey

Carmen Dorsey - February 12, 2022 at 09:10 AM



RJ

“ To the Hill Family:

Althea, on behalf of the McAllister/Ochman Family, we extend our deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing of your father, Dr. J. W. Hill. He and my dad worked together diligently on their taxes together as well as our fraternity (Kappa Alpha Psi) business. May the peace of God which passeth all understanding sustain you and the family in the days, weeks, and months ahead. HHS Class of 78. 🙏



Raymond McAllister, Jr - February 10, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mr. James William Hill.*



February 10, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James William Hill.*



February 10, 2022 at 12:20 PM

CJ

“ *'JW' was always a Kind & Gentle soul.. May he RIP. Gone but NEVER Forgotten*

Carletta Judd - February 10, 2022 at 08:58 AM

BG

“ I have nothing but fond and loving memories of Uncle James. He was always so encouraging and inspired me in many ways. His was a life fulfilled and he was a blessing to many. May the peace of God sustain his children, grandchildren and the family. Lovingly, Britani.

Britani Golden - February 09, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James William Hill.



February 09, 2022 at 07:10 PM

PJ

“ To the Hill family!!! May these days and in future years serve as reflections of love and sacrifices your Dad, grandchildren, brother made for each of you! My prayers and love are with you!! God is with you!!

Phyllis Joyner

Phyllis Joyner - February 08, 2022 at 06:20 PM

CB

*Thinking of the Hill family and praying for you with deepest sympathy
---Clarence Bonnette (Durham college '67"*

Clarence F Bonnette - February 08, 2022 at 07:24 PM

JM

“ James W. & Catherine Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Hill



James W. & Catherine Mitchell - February 07, 2022 at 12:32 PM

CW

“ To the family of Dr. James W. Hill,
You have my sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Dr. Hill was a dear friend to me and gave me the beginning of my lifetime career of teaching. When I became employed at Durham College, it was a blessing to work with Dr. Hill and Dr. Lucinda McCauley Harris. That friendship continued until the end. with both. Let the work he did speak for him. He touched the life of so many students that he can never be forgotten. RIP
Constance Sartor Walker

Constance Sartor Walker - February 07, 2022 at 12:50 AM

DC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. May the precious memories of Mr. Hill warm your hearts and comfort you in the days ahead. May God bless and wrap His loving arms around each of you.



Diane Cox - February 06, 2022 at 07:19 PM

EG

Mr. Hill and all of the teachers at Durham Business College/Durham College were the best. I owe a lifetime of beautiful memories to all of the faculty.

Earnestine Goods - February 07, 2022 at 08:57 AM

JG

To the Hill Family,

As a graduate of Durham College, I am deeply indebted to Dr. Hill for being a tremendous role model for students who attended Durham College. Dr. Hill was the epitome of professionalism to which I paid close attention to his impeccable business attire to which I emulate him to this very day in my work space. I also had the pleasure to observe Dr. Hill as a faculty member at Durham College, and I was always very impressed with his stellar work ethics and his emphasis on neat appearance in the working environment. He would often tell Durham College employees "if you look sharp, you will feel sharp and you will be sharp." Even today, I quote Dr. Hill's words to students when I am speaking to them about making an impression on your target audience.

Please know that you have my deepest sympathy during this difficult time. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe keep you in His care.

Best regards,

Jerome Goodwin

Jerome Goodwin - February 07, 2022 at 09:34 AM

JS

Very sad to hear of Dr Hill's passing. I feel grateful to have met Dr Hill, once at his home and again at the most recent Durham College Reunion. A good man.

*John Schelp
Durham*

John Schelp - February 07, 2022 at 10:24 AM

SH

Good Bless the Hill Family. As member of St. Joseph AME Church he will be missed dearly. May God wrap his loving arms around the Hill Family.

Sharnia and Shirley Herbin.

Sharnia Herbin - February 08, 2022 at 11:03 AM

LH

My sincere condolences to the Hill Family and the Durham "Business" College Family as we mourn the loss of a very accomplished and spiritual leader. I was both an Administrator and Business Instructor at Dear Ole DBC. I will always remember his dedication and support during some trying times.

Lottie Godette Hayes

Lottie Godette Hayes - February 10, 2022 at 03:23 AM

LH

My prayers and love are with you as you face these difficult times. May God help us to allow his fond memories over shadow our grief and sadness. "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart; lean not to your own understanding but acknowledge Him in all of your ways; He shall direct your path" Proverbs 3:5,6.

Lottie Godette Hayes - February 10, 2022 at 03:33 AM

CP

Brother Jimmy Hiill, I was heartbroken for you when I heard about your father's passing. I know how much you looked up to him. He was truly a super great guy who left behind many wonderful memories that will stay with you and everyone who knew him for a very long time. Know that I'm thinking of you. Brother C. N. "Pap" Parrish

C. N. "Pap" Parrish - February 12, 2022 at 11:18 AM