



## Mr. E. Lamar "Bo" Hilley

June 11, 1950 - October 25, 2024

E. Lamar "Bo" Hilley, 74, of Seneca, died on October 25th, 2024 at Cottingham Hospice House surrounded by his wife and their children after a brief illness.

Born on June 11, 1950 and raised in Walhalla, South Carolina, Lamar was the son of E. Lamar Hilley Jr., Dessie Hilley Beasley, and step-father Tom Beasley.

Lamar graduated from Walhalla High School in 1970, Tri-County Technical College in 1972, and South Carolina Bankers School at The University of South Carolina in 1984.

After college, Lamar began working at South Carolina National Bank which began a lifelong career in banking. He had a deep passion for banking and a strong commitment to serving his community. Lamar was a volunteer for United Way, and served in leadership roles at Seneca Chamber of Commerce, Seneca Sertoma Club, Business Industry Education Committee of Oconee, Tri-County Technical College Business Advisory Committee and Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority. Lamar retired from BB&T in 2008.

In retirement, Lamar particularly enjoyed golfing with buddies and having breakfast with "The Romeos" (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Lamar loved music, particularly Eagles, Little River Band, and Earth, Wind & Fire. He was known to stay in his vehicle until a song ended, long after arriving at his destination.

Lamar was happiest being around people and water, but his greatest joy in life came from being with his family, who cherished him in return.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his niece, Lori Anne Payne.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years and his favorite dance partner, Bridget Sosebee Hilley; daughter, Vanessa Hilley of Seneca; son, Austin Lamar Hilley of Clemson; sisters, Elaine (Mike) Lee, Debbie (David) McClure; Donna Harden, and Teresa (David) Bates; and numerous nieces and nephews, and all loved him dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks memorials be made to Parkinson's Foundation by visiting [parkinson.org](http://parkinson.org), the American Cancer Society by visiting [donate.cancer.org](http://donate.cancer.org), or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Friends may visit the family at Utica Baptist Church in Seneca on Tuesday, October 29, from 10-11 AM, followed by the funeral at 11 AM. Burial will be at Oconee Memorial Park after the service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Utica Baptist Church  
4056 Wells Hwy  
Seneca , SC 29678

## Funeral Service

OCT 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Utica Baptist Church  
4056 Wells Hwy  
Seneca , SC 29678

## Burial

OCT 29 (ET)

Oconeel Memorial Park  
1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard  
Seneca, SC 29672  
<http://oconeememorialpark.com?>

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.



Patricia Graham Holcombe - November 10, 2024 at 11:11 PM

BR

“ Barbara Roach lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Lamar "Bo" Hilley



Barbara Roach - November 08, 2024 at 09:52 AM

EM

“ Eddie and Greta Moore lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Eddie and Greta Moore - November 05, 2024 at 11:22 AM

LB

“ Larry And Pamela Ball lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Lamar "Bo" Hilley



Larry and Pamela Ball - October 31, 2024 at 03:29 PM

ET

“ Evelyn Cox Teague lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Lamar "Bo" Hilley



Evelyn Cox Teague - October 31, 2024 at 01:17 PM

JS

“ John Snead lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Lamar "Bo" Hilley



John Snead - October 31, 2024 at 08:37 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. E. Lamar "Bo" Hilley.



October 30, 2024 at 03:15 PM

MB

“ I am very sorry to learn of the passing of Lamar. I meet Lamar back in '68 when I went to work with him at Duke's Drugs in Walhalla. We became good friends until we graduated, and I moved away in '70. But everybody who knew Lamar called him a good friend. It seems like a lifetime ago, only because it was. Dear family, I pray God will bless you and keep you in this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,  
Marvin Terry Burton

Marvin Terry Burton - October 29, 2024 at 08:44 PM

JC

“ Bridget, Vanessa and Austin: Sending sincere condolences to you and all other family and friends. We remember fondly our days as your next door neighbors. May God comfort you and sweet memories sustain you in the days ahead.

Jimmy & Sandra Cox - October 29, 2024 at 04:10 PM

RW

“ RL Wilson lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



RL Wilson - October 29, 2024 at 03:59 PM

SH

“ Prayers for the family 🙏 Steve & Deb



Steve Harvey - October 29, 2024 at 02:26 PM

RW

“ Praying for the family!



Rod Winkler - October 29, 2024 at 12:56 PM

JH

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. May God wrap His loving arms around you all and grant you peace that only He can give during this sad time. Sending our love and deepest sympathy.

Jill Huston - October 29, 2024 at 08:58 AM

TP

“ Dear Bridget and family. Steve and I are so sorry for your loss. The Pruitt Family



Teresa Pruitt - October 29, 2024 at 08:27 AM

GW

My deepest condolences to the family Bridget I'm sorry to hear about my friend (Lamar ) I often wondered how you all were doing .May God continue to cover the families with his loving care during this time of loss. Sending hugs of healing much love in Christ. # Remembering the good old days.....SCN strong!

Gloria Wright - October 29, 2024 at 05:25 PM

JM

“ Jim & Becky Manley lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Jim & Becky Manley - October 29, 2024 at 07:54 AM

AW

“ I never knew your brother but you girls were good friends from Sangamo. I send you my love prayers and sympathy.  
Alice wilbanks formerly talley

Alice wilbanks - October 29, 2024 at 12:09 AM

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton sent a virtual gift in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Wayne F. Barton - October 28, 2024 at 11:16 PM

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Wayne F. Barton - October 28, 2024 at 11:15 PM

LC

“ 🙏💔🙏 Linda Chapman



Linda Chapman - October 28, 2024 at 10:49 PM

LL

“ Leonard Loudermilk lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Leonard Loudermilk - October 28, 2024 at 09:04 PM

AH

“ Bridget and family, Dale and I were so devastated to hear of Lamar's illness and death. We have many fond memories of the good times personally and professionally. You are in our hearts and we grieve with you in your loss. Love and hugs until we meet again. Ann & Dale

ann hampton - October 28, 2024 at 07:04 PM

JK

“ John Kelley lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



John Kelley - October 28, 2024 at 04:49 PM

HA

“ Harold Alexander lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Harold Alexander - October 28, 2024 at 04:14 PM

BB

Bridgett and family... Gene and I are so sad to read of Lamar passing... we have such good memories of him when he worked at SCNB.. he was our banker when we first moved to Seneca...May all of you lean on Gods comfort during this time...Our love and prayers

Brenda Bradsher - October 29, 2024 at 04:49 PM

FB

“ Fred Ball lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Lamar "Bo" Hilley



Fred Ball - October 28, 2024 at 01:36 PM

PB

“ Bridget, Vanessa, and Austin,  
I am so very sorry to hear of Bo's passing. Thinking of you and praying that you will feel the deep love of family and friends.

With sincere condolences,  
Peggy Bodie

Peggy Bodie - October 28, 2024 at 01:18 PM

JC

“ As a young boy Lamar and Elaine were friends and classmates. Lamar gained my respect as he was a very nice man.



Joel Collins - October 28, 2024 at 12:41 PM

RA

“ Richard And Connie Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Lamar "Bo" Hilley



Richard and Connie Addis - October 28, 2024 at 12:06 PM

PB

“ Bo was my banker from the time he was at SCN until he retired at BB and T. In the early days he would "take care" of me when other institutions were reluctant to meet my needs. May you rest in peace, my friend. We are only here for a little while. Your friend, Phil Burgess

Phil Burgess - October 28, 2024 at 11:58 AM

DW

“ Prayers to your family.I always remember Bo as being the same funny, out going guy he was in high school.He never changed.

Debbie Ward - October 28, 2024 at 10:41 AM

WS

“ Walt & Judy Deal Stephens lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Walt & Judy Deal Stephens - October 28, 2024 at 10:23 AM

WF

“ wayne fowler lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



wayne fowler - October 28, 2024 at 09:54 AM

JM

“ Johnny Mize lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Johnny Mize - October 28, 2024 at 09:25 AM

DA

“ Don & Darlene Albertson lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Don & Darlene Albertson - October 28, 2024 at 09:17 AM

ML

“ Mike lee lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Mike lee - October 28, 2024 at 08:29 AM

MK

“ Vanessa,  
I'm sending love and prayers to you and your family.

Michelle King

Michelle King - October 28, 2024 at 05:40 AM

AC

“ Anne Crenshaw lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Anne Crenshaw - October 28, 2024 at 12:48 AM

WT

“ Bridget and Family ..  
I am so sorry for your loss..Bo was always a very kind, mannerly and sweet man.  
Bo was a perfect gentleman since the first time I met him when he first dated  
Bridget.  
Debbie McClure and sisters.. my prayers for you and extended families.. You had  
a wonderful brother with many cherished memories I'm sure.  
God Bless  
Wanda McCoy Thomas

Wanda Thomas - October 27, 2024 at 11:23 PM

LG

“ Bridget, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing.  
May he rest in peace.



Lauren Gay - October 27, 2024 at 10:30 PM

PN

“ *Bridget and family my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I'll keep you in my prayers. It's really tough losing someone you e spent most of your life with. Patti Nelson*



Patti Nelson - October 27, 2024 at 10:08 PM

WS

“ *Warren Smith lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley*



Warren Smith - October 27, 2024 at 09:23 PM

BB

“ *I've known Bo almost literally since we were born two months apart in the Bear Swamp/ Coneross/Blue Ridge community. We went to church and school together growing up and played in Coneross Creek. I was blessed by his friendship!*

Bill Barker - October 27, 2024 at 08:42 PM

JG

“ *Bridget, I am shocked and saddened to hear of Bo's sudden passing. Cling to your endless wonderful memories. I always enjoyed seeing him at BROA. Will keep you in thoughts and prayers!*

Jane Guthrie - October 27, 2024 at 08:23 PM

DW

“ *I am truly saddened to learn of Bo's death. My prayers are with all of you girls and wife and children. He was such a sweet and funny person when we were in school all those years. 💔*

Doris Cooper Wilson - October 27, 2024 at 07:42 PM

BL

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. May God's Love and Promise give Bo's family and loved ones comfort in the days ahead. RIP my friend.



Burgess (Bird) Laye - October 27, 2024 at 07:08 PM

ML

“ Mike lee lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Mike lee - October 27, 2024 at 06:42 PM

RR

“ Rod Reid lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Rod Reid - October 27, 2024 at 06:33 PM

LS

“ Lynn Cunningham and Ruth Sloan purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. E. Lamar "Bo" Hilley.



Lynn Cunningham and Ruth Sloan - October 27, 2024 at 06:17 PM

JS

“ Dear Bridget, Vanessa and Austin, We are sorry to hear about the loss of someone so precious and dear to you and all of us. Bo never met a stranger and we were happy to call him friend. May God hold all of you in his hands and bring you peace and understanding. Our love and continued prayers for all of you.  
Harry and Judy Stancil

Judy Stancil - October 27, 2024 at 05:18 PM

JB

“ Vanessa abd family please know how very sorry I am. Praying God will hold you all close and comfort you lije only he can.

Joyce Barnes - October 27, 2024 at 05:05 PM

JB

“ Joyce Barnes lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



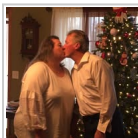
Joyce Barnes - October 27, 2024 at 05:03 PM

ML

“ Mike lee lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Mike lee - October 27, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ Susan Harper lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Susan Harper - October 27, 2024 at 04:03 PM

CS

“ Bridget and family, Ken and I are so saddened to hear of Bo's passing. He was so full of life and fun and a great banker and friend to many. Our prayers for comfort and peace for you all. Cindy Swafford

Cindy Swafford - October 27, 2024 at 03:54 PM

DQ

“ Prayers for the family and friends 🙏🙏



Durrell & Carol Quarles - October 27, 2024 at 03:31 PM

JR

“ Jana Reid lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Jana Reid - October 27, 2024 at 03:11 PM

JB

“ Jimmy Barker lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Jimmy Barker - October 27, 2024 at 03:00 PM

DH

“ Debbie Harvey lit a candle in memory of E. Lamar Hilley



Debbie Harvey - October 27, 2024 at 02:36 PM

RB

*My prayers are with the Hilley family. I believe that Bo never had an enemy!*

Rosemary Bailes - January 12, 2025 at 11:24 AM