



Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr.

February 15, 1949 - January 21, 2024

William Strother Darby, Jr., 74, husband of Deborah Senn Darby, of Walhalla, passed away surrounded by his family, on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at Oconee Memorial Hospital.

A native of Walhalla, SC, Dr. Darby was the son of the late William Strother and Marian Elizabeth Darby. He graduated from Walhalla High School, where he excelled in sports. He played football, earning the honor of having his #14 jersey retired, held the state record for the long jump, played baseball, basketball and enjoyed competitive water skiing. Dr. Darby graduated from the University of Georgia in 1971, where he was defensive captain of the football team, was all SEC and was voted pre-season All-American. He received his doctorate from MUSC Medical School and returned home to serve his community in private practice at Oconee Medical Center for 40 years.

Dr. Darby was an avid bird hunter, having taken many hunting trips out west. Continuing his love for the sport he and Deb opened Whitetail Kennels, breeding German Wirehaired Pointers for thirty-five years. They also started the Palmetto Pointing Breed Club, which just celebrated its thirty-year anniversary. Billy trained many AKC and NSTRA field champions including his beloved Kate Darby (six-time NSTRA Champion) and Atz Darby (DC/AFC/MH).

He was known as Dr. Darby by many but as “Papa Billy” by his grandchildren, who cherished every moment with him on the farm. He was a member of Walhalla Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Darby is survived by his children: William Derrill Darby (Katie Lynn) and Jana Darby Scroggins (Lee); and grandchildren: Darby, Caroline and Andrew Scroggins, and Ella, Marian and Smith Darby all of Greenville, SC.

In addition to his parents, Dr. Darby was preceded in death by his sister: Anne Darby.

The family will receive friends from 4:00-6:00 PM, Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at Davenport Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 AM, Thursday, January 25, 2024, at Davenport Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to the National German Wirehaired Pointer Rescue, www.nationalgwprescue.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home
311 S Highway 11
West Union, SC 29696
(864) 638-3611
davenportfhome@gmail.com
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

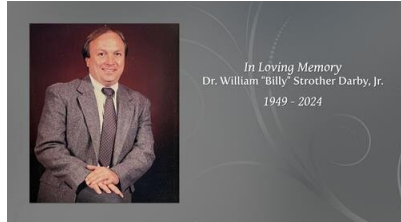
JAN **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Davenport Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr.*



Davenport Funeral Home - January 24, 2024 at 12:03 PM

JD

“ *Billy and I trained together in Greenville. He was a one of a kind character and had such energy and devotion to his patients. My condolences to his family.*

john y davenport - October 27, 2024 at 08:56 AM

MH

“ *Dr. Billy Darby was my doctor from the time I moved back to Walhalla from college until he retired from his practice. I respected and loved him as did many of his patients. He was kind and never rushed through any of my visits. He took time, not only with my medical issues, but for a friendly visit as well. I will never forget him.*
Marylou Hamilton

Marylou Hamilton - January 28, 2024 at 08:20 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hamilton lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Mary Lou Hamilton - January 28, 2024 at 07:44 AM

FB

“ *I was so sorry to read about Billy's passing, I knew Lib and Strother very well and remember Billy as a child. I did not live in Walhalla but I was ther a lot visiting relatives. Fred Bischoff*

Fred Bischoff - January 26, 2024 at 08:28 PM

DP

“ *Dianne Patrick lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Dianne R Patrick - January 26, 2024 at 06:47 PM

CS

“ *Carol S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..*

Carol S. - January 26, 2024 at 11:31 AM


Rhonda
Smith

“ *Rhonda Smith lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Rhonda Smith - January 26, 2024 at 09:47 AM

CS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all. Billy was a great friend. I will never forget whelping 2 litters back to back so Billy could work the next day. We had a fun, laughing time. Love to all*



Carol Shealy - January 25, 2024 at 03:54 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Morehead lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Debbie Edwards Morehead - January 25, 2024 at 11:45 AM

BV

“ *All of the Darby Family,
I have known Billy since he was six years old. He and I shared lots of water skiing challenges in our younger days. Maxine and I also had the opportunity to watch Billy play football at UGA. We can recall hearing his name called out often during the game. We were proud of our Walhalla friend! We are saddened, and we will be in prayer for your family.*
Ben & Maxine Vissage

Ben Vissage - January 25, 2024 at 09:56 AM

AS

I knew Billy in the 50's, 60's, and 70's. He was the Golden Boy of Walhalla. He excelled in everything he attempted from every sport to academics. He was the greatest fun on the basketball bus. He led us in singing songs and telling funny stories. He was loved by all - students as well as faculty members.

Deb I am so sorry for you and the rest of the family. I played bridge with your mom, Sue and your aunt, Carolyn Cochran. But somehow I missed knowing you. Sue and Carolyn said many nice things about you. My heart goes out to you and the family. I will keep praying for you all. It takes a long time to recover from a death. I have my copy of the UGA football program with Billy's picture on the cover. I don't know if you would like to have it for one of the grands, but I will be happy to pass it on to you. Billy put Walhalla on the map that day! He will be sorely missed.

Andera Stroud - February 02, 2024 at 09:02 AM

RJ

“ *Ron and Pam Jacobson purchased the "In Loving Memory" 30" Chime for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..*



Ron and Pam Jacobson - January 25, 2024 at 09:32 AM

RJ

“ Ron and Pam Jacobson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..

Ron and Pam Jacobson - January 25, 2024 at 09:32 AM

DL

“ Dennis Lusk lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Dennis Lusk - January 25, 2024 at 06:10 AM

SC

“ Sandra Cantrell~Burrell lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Sandra Cantrell~Burrell - January 24, 2024 at 09:41 PM

BB

“ Deb, Derrill, Jana and family our prayers are with you at this difficult time. Dr. Darby was such an asset to the community for many years and he will truly be missed. He did so much good for everyone he touched. He loved his patients and they loved him. I worked with him for many years, starting at the Old Medical center, we were all just one big family and shared many good memories He was always there for us and was such a good friend also. Bob always enjoyed talking to him about his show dogs that he loved. May God grant each of you comfort and Peace at this time . with love Bob an Dot Brown

Bob & Dot Brown - January 24, 2024 at 06:01 PM

RI

“ Prayers are being lifted up for the family. He was a good doctor and a friend. Rest in peace my friend.

Rita - January 24, 2024 at 05:22 PM

BT

“ Brian Rhonda Tippett lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Brian & Rhonda Tippett - January 24, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..



January 24, 2024 at 03:10 PM

TC

“ Tania Campbell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..

Tania Campbell - January 24, 2024 at 03:10 PM

WS

“ Wayne Peggy Sibbett lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Wayne and Peggy Sibbett - January 24, 2024 at 02:50 PM

YF

“ YOUR KEN'S THRIFTEE PHARMACY FAMILY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..

YOUR KEN'S THRIFTEE PHARMACY FAMILY - January 24, 2024 at 12:31 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..



January 24, 2024 at 12:31 PM

LH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time.



Larry and Wanda Laye Harden - January 24, 2024 at 10:58 AM

DE

“ Debbie & family,
Billy was a good friend to me when I was a youngster, someone we all looked up to. Later he took care of us and most everyone in Walhalla as our local doctor. We'll always be thankful of that. You are in our thoughts & prayers.

Danny & Sherry Edwards

Danny Edwards - January 24, 2024 at 10:35 AM

DH

“ Dr. Darby will be greatly missed. The family has our sympathy during this time.
- Doug and Sheila Hamby



Doug & Sheila Hamby - January 24, 2024 at 09:59 AM

MO

“ Prayers and condolences to Derrill Darby and family - May you find comfort in the years of fond memories of your loved one.



Michelle Osavio - January 24, 2024 at 08:27 AM

SH

“ Susan Hollifield lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Susan Hollifield - January 24, 2024 at 07:51 AM

LO

“ Leland Pettit(my Dad) thought so much of Dr.Darby.He was the only doctor my Dad trusted.Sorry to hear of his passing.He was a pleasure to know.
Prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Lita Justus Roger Oakley - January 23, 2024 at 09:50 PM

CS

“ Deb,Derrill,and Jana,
My heartfelt condolences to each of you for the loss of Dr. Darby. I have so many fond memories of the years that I worked at the Medical Center with him.
I grew up going to The Medical Center as a patient and was so thankful that he hired me after graduating from Tri County Tec. He along with other providers taught me so much about caring for patients. He had a great bedside manner, a caring disposition for all his patients. He was one of the best and I am thankful to have know him. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers in the days to come. RIP Dr. Darby
Carolyn Sullivan-Spight

Carolyn Sullivan-Spight - January 23, 2024 at 09:35 PM

SH

“ Sherry lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Sherry - January 23, 2024 at 08:41 PM

SA

“ Sherry & Randy Jr. Abbott lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Sherry ,Matt & Randy Jr. Abbott - January 23, 2024 at 08:40 PM

SM

“ Billy my best friend and my catcher! There's a hole in my heart but there's a song in my soul.
You will continue to live in my memory every day until the day I die.
Steve

Steve McQuaig - January 23, 2024 at 08:26 PM

GN

“ Gerald Carolyn lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Gerald and Carolyn Nix - January 23, 2024 at 07:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..*



January 23, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..*



January 23, 2024 at 06:29 PM



“ *Diane and Chuck Cooper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..*

Diane and Chuck Cooper - January 23, 2024 at 06:29 PM



“ *Deb and family we will always fondly remember our field trial days with you and Billy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Butch and Kathy McElhany*

Kathy McElhany - January 23, 2024 at 05:35 PM

SA

“ *Sherry, Abbott lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Sherry, Matthew&Randy Abbott - January 23, 2024 at 05:30 PM

BW

“ *Becky Winchester lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Becky Winchester - January 23, 2024 at 04:57 PM

KS

“ *Deb.....I am SO sorry to hear about Billy's passing....my heart aches for you and your family knowing the grief you all are feeling at this time. Please know you are in my thoughts. Kathi Stringer*



Kathi Stringer - January 23, 2024 at 04:47 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Cantreal-Burrell lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Barbara Cantreal-Burrell - January 23, 2024 at 03:56 PM

LS

“ *Lois Smith lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Lois P Smith - January 23, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..*



January 23, 2024 at 03:05 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..*



January 23, 2024 at 02:25 PM

PC

“ *Pat Culbertson lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Pat Culbertson - January 23, 2024 at 12:48 PM

EM

“ Deepest sympathy for the family



Elaine Mize - January 23, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ Jamey White lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Jamey White - January 23, 2024 at 11:47 AM

RC

“ Richard Carter lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Richard Carter - January 23, 2024 at 11:38 AM

RM

“ Randy and all of Tilson Mechanical purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..



Randy and all of Tilson Mechanical - January 23, 2024 at 11:33 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..*



January 23, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ *Jerrie Lusk lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Jerrie Bell Lusk - January 23, 2024 at 10:24 AM



“ *Walt Judy Deal Stephens lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Walt & Judy Deal Stephens - January 23, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ *Judy Higgins lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Judy Higgins - January 23, 2024 at 09:55 AM

JS

“ John Snead lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



John Snead - January 23, 2024 at 09:21 AM

YF

“ Your Span-America family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..



Your Span-America family - January 23, 2024 at 09:07 AM

YF

“ Your Span-America family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..

Your Span-America family - January 23, 2024 at 09:07 AM

AH

“ ann hill lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



ann hill - January 23, 2024 at 01:11 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..



January 23, 2024 at 01:00 AM



“ *Richard and Lisa Haddad* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..

Richard and Lisa Haddad - January 23, 2024 at 01:00 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..



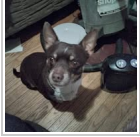
January 23, 2024 at 12:42 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..



January 22, 2024 at 10:52 PM



“ Was great in Bible School, I shagged balls for him on Sundays when he was going for a starting kicker. During his residency he saved my Daddys life in Greenville. He would come to Cane Creek Landing and just fellowship with the hole group. Mighty fine man who will be missed.

Argus Sanders Jr

Argus Sanders - January 22, 2024 at 09:54 PM

WS

“ Warren Smith lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Warren Smith - January 22, 2024 at 08:49 PM

PH

“ Dr Darby was my mother's Dr and I also worked for him loved Dr Darby so sorry

Patsy reid hubbard - January 22, 2024 at 08:27 PM

HA

“ Harold Alexander lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Harold Alexander - January 22, 2024 at 08:25 PM

RO

“ Randy Kathy Owens lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Randy and Kathy Owens - January 22, 2024 at 08:09 PM

JJ

“ Billy was a good friend of my dad who also passed this week! Both were UGA grads as myself. Billy was my doctor for as long as I can remember even thru college. I was fortunate enough to hunt with Billy on several occasions when I was younger! He will be missed by many as well he was a DGD RIP Dr Darby... my thoughts and prayers go out to Deb and all his friends and family!

John Wyatt Little, JR - January 22, 2024 at 08:07 PM

TS

“ Trent Smith lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Trent Smith - January 22, 2024 at 07:30 PM

RT

“ Randy Tilson lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Randy Tilson - January 22, 2024 at 07:23 PM

BH

“ *Bill Hanvey lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Bill Hanvey - January 22, 2024 at 07:08 PM

RE

“ *Deb and family thinking of you. Praying for all of you during this difficult time. Ruthann and Brent Evans*



Ruthann Evans - January 22, 2024 at 06:40 PM

DA

“ *Don Darlene Albertson lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Don & Darlene Albertson - January 22, 2024 at 06:35 PM

JT

“ *Jamie Tilson sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Jamie Moore Tilson - January 22, 2024 at 06:26 PM

RB

“ Renee Butts lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Renee Butts - January 22, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ It is said that to grieve we must first have loved! As we grieve the loss of a husband, father, grandfather and friend let us also celebrate the love he shared with each of us! We will be reunited one day! Know they're celebrating his arrival in heaven now! Derrill

Derrill Thompson - January 22, 2024 at 06:11 PM

DR

“ Donnie Rogers lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Donnie Rogers - January 22, 2024 at 06:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Billy" Strother Darby, Jr..



January 22, 2024 at 06:00 PM

BL

“ *Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Bobbie Ledford - January 22, 2024 at 05:39 PM

DD

“ *Daniel Melissa Duncan lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Daniel and Melissa Duncan - January 22, 2024 at 05:37 PM

DL

“ *David Carolyn Littleton lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



David and Carolyn Littleton - January 22, 2024 at 05:36 PM

GG

“ *Ginney Green lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Ginney Green - January 22, 2024 at 05:35 PM



“ *Debbie Howe lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Debbie Howe - January 22, 2024 at 05:26 PM

BL

“ *Deb & Family, please accept my condolences. Prayers for Peace and Comfort to you all, in the days ahead.*



Burgess (Bird) Laye - January 22, 2024 at 05:11 PM

RA

“ *Rod, and Kristy Albertson lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Rod, Katherine and Kristy Albertson - January 22, 2024 at 05:01 PM

SR

“ *Steve Reid lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Steve Reid - January 22, 2024 at 04:59 PM

ML

“ *Marsha Lee lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Marsha Lee - January 22, 2024 at 04:59 PM

PT

“ *Phyllis Thompson lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Phyllis Gamzon Thompson - January 22, 2024 at 04:58 PM

SC

“ *Scenic Chevrolet lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Scenic Chevrolet - January 22, 2024 at 04:56 PM

DS

“ *Dave Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Dave & Donna Stephens - January 22, 2024 at 04:55 PM

KH

“ *Karen Harmon lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Karen Harmon - January 22, 2024 at 04:53 PM

BD

“ *Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Bobbie Duncan - January 22, 2024 at 04:16 PM

LL

“ *Leonard Loudermilk lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,*



Leonard Loudermilk - January 22, 2024 at 03:49 PM

ML

“ Went to school with Billy at Walhalla 11 years. He was one year ahead so we also played all sports together. No doubt the best all round athlete Walhalla has ever saw. He helped my mom and myself along with countless others through his medical expertise. Billy was loved by many and will truly be missed. Wm S. Darby jrs only come around once in a lifetime and I was fortunate to be a team mate and friend. RIP Dr. Billy Darby.



Marshall Loudermilk - January 22, 2024 at 03:47 PM

RR

“ Rod Reid lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Darby,



Rod Reid - January 22, 2024 at 03:45 PM

RP

“ Words can never express the gratitude I have for Dr Darby. I am so blessed to have gotten to work with him for 15 years. His gentle encouraging, knowledgeable teaching, and funny senes of humor got his office through some memorable times. You will always be in my heart.
Until we meet again, Rhonda

Rhonda Pearson - January 22, 2024 at 03:38 PM

AB

“ Prayers for his family.



Audrey A Barker - January 22, 2024 at 03:24 PM

IR

“ Dink&Iris Duncan lit a candle for Dr.William
“Billy”Strother Darby,Jr.



irisduncan - January 22, 2024 at 03:08 PM

SH

“ Dr was a great person. Saw many times over
the years. Prayers for the family 🙏 Steve &
Debbie



Steve Harvey - January 22, 2024 at 03:03 PM

NG

“ Nancy Goehle lit a candle in memory of
William “Billy” Darby,



Nancy Goehle - January 22, 2024 at 02:58 PM