



Mr. William S. Atwood

June 8, 1943 - May 22, 2017

William (Bill) Sylvester Atwood, 73, was born June 8, 1943 in Welch, West Virginia to James Atwood and Beatrice Love Atwood.

Bill graduated from Chattaroy High School in Chattaroy, West Virginia. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Science from Bluefield State College in Bluefield, West Virginia. Bill attended John Carroll University's graduate program in Urban Education in Cleveland, Ohio. He received his Master in Social Science Administration from Case Western Reserve University's School of Applied Social Sciences.

Because of his passion for children, Bill dedicated his career to early childhood development. He was the Executive Director for Neighborhood Center Association Child Development, Inc. for 21 years. Bill served as the Director of Youth Programs for the YWCA of Cleveland and, until shortly before his death, he served as a consultant for Starting Point. In the interim, Bill proudly started his own company, One World, Inc.

Bill is survived by his wife of 43 years, Paula Pride Atwood. He also leaves to cherish his memory his four children, William Spaulding (Brandie), Brian Johnson, Tricilla (Robert) Atwood Williams, Quiana Atwood; his siblings, James (Janet) Atwood, Cheryle (Forrest) Atwood, Thomas (Anita) Atwood, Michael (Lori) Atwood, Anthony (Stephanie) Atwood; step-brother Larry Johnson; family that preceded him in death, Betty (Tom) Anderson, Gwen (Robert) Saunders, Amos (Linda) Atwood and step-brother Gregory Johnson and daughter-in-law Mary Spaulding; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Bill's ashes will be taken back to Peace and Goodwill Baptist Church in Chattaroy, West Virginia, where his family worshiped early on, to be buried under a rose bush in fond remembrance of his life.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Bill Atwood. He was not only one of my favorite employers (NCA Headstart), he was a very intelligent, upstanding man - one that I was honored to know. I'll hold on to all of the great Shaker Blvd memories and send Prayers of Peace & comfort to his family. Rest Peacefully my friend.*



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“ *I had the honor of knowing Bill Atwood. He was first and foremost a good man of character who loved his family and work with children and families. He and soul mate Paula Atwood were a loving couple who were assets to the Cleveland community. You could not mention one without mentioning the other. Bill will be missed but not forgotten. His deeds and memories live through his family and friends. Condolences to Paula and the Atwood family.*

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