



Dr. Wayne T. Hill

March 30, 1942 - February 5, 2026

Dr. Wayne Thomas Hill, 83, passed away peacefully at his home on February 5, 2026.

Dr. Hill was born on March 30, 1942, in Belzoni, Mississippi, to Bill Gully Hill and Nova Zona Smith Hill. A lifelong learner and devoted educator, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Education from Mississippi State University, and later earned both a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry from the Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies.

Wayne faithfully served as a Baptist pastor, educator, administrator, and self-employed tradesman throughout his life. He was a retired Baptist pastor, answering his final pastoral call at Beacon Street Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Mississippi. At the time of his passing, he was an active member of South Louisville Baptist Church.

A man of many talents, Wayne was known as a preacher, teacher, administrator, barber, mechanic, and mentor. He was a Mason and Shriner, a skilled tradesman, and a lifelong auto mechanic whose passion was auto restoration. Widely known as “the Bug Man,” he was regarded by many as the best Volkswagen mechanic around. His joy was in work—his hobby was work—and he found great satisfaction in using his hands, his mind, and his faith to serve others.

Wayne shared the latter part of his life with his wife, Joyce R. Hill, whom he married on December 18, 1993. Their marriage was marked by companionship, faith, and mutual support.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce R. Hill; daughters Shellye Hill Snowden (Chris), Renee Hill Johns, and Belinda Rogers Swart (Ron); sons William A. "Will" Hill (Sarah) and Richard Rogers; and sisters Dorothy "Dot" Hames and Jewel H. Norderud.

He is also survived by his grandchildren: Michael T. Johns, Barley S. Johns (Kayla), Madison Snowden Elkins (Zach), Macie Snowden, Kellynn Hill, Trip Hill, Eva Hill, Steven Rogers (Kali), Austin Swart (Karleigh), Hunter Swart (Mallory), and Hayden Rogers; and great-grandchildren Bear, Everly, and Clara Elkins; Heidi, Ledger, Tatum, and Riggins Swart; and Jax and Kenzi Rogers.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Sandra Smith Hill, whom he was widowed from in 1992; his brothers William Timothy Hill (twin), Earl Hill, Sam Hill, and Junior Hill; his sisters Sarah Ivy Vigoletti and Margaret McCord; and his infant son, Billy Wayne Hill.

Wayne was many things—a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather ("Pawpaw"), uncle, cousin, and friend—but above all, he was a servant. His life was marked by faith, hard work, curiosity, and a deep love for people. His legacy lives on through his family, his ministry, and the many lives he touched as a teacher, pastor, and friend.

Funeral services will be held at South Louisville Baptist Church on Monday, February 9, at 11:00 a.m.

Visitation will be Sunday, February 8, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Massey Funeral Home in Louisville, Mississippi, and again one hour prior to the service at South Louisville Baptist Church.

Interment will follow at Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Winston County.

Arrangements are entrusted to Massey Funeral Home of Louisville, Mississippi, 724 N. Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS 39339. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.masseyfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Visitation

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

South Louisville Baptist Church
612 South Church Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

South Louisville Baptist Church
612 South Church Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339

Interment

FEB 9 (CT)

Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery
12956 Highway 490 East
Louisville, MS

Tribute Wall

CO

“ My condolences and prayers to all the family. I remember Mr Wayne since I was very little. He will be greatly missed

Connie Reed Olachia - February 09 at 07:59 PM

YC

“ Your friends at the Municipal Service Co purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Dr. Wayne T. Hill.



Your friends at the Municipal Service Co - February 09 at 10:17 AM

YC

“ Your friends at the Municipal Service Co planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Wayne T. Hill.

Your friends at the Municipal Service Co - February 09 at 10:17 AM

DH

“ Sending many prayers for his family. He will be missed.

Debbie Hooks Howard - February 09 at 09:57 AM

MH

“ Sincere sympathy,
Mozell Hull

Mozell Hull - February 09 at 09:26 AM

BC

“ Wayne was one of my Royal Ambassador (R.A.) leaders at Macedonia Baptist Church south of Louisville when I was growing up. Wayne was a powerful and positive influence in my life during those years. A lot of the spiritual belief systems that he and others helped to install in my life remain a part of it today. I'm truly thankful for the time he invested in me during a time when I needed it. I'm thankful and blessed to have known Wayne and his family, and to have been able to call Wayne my friend in life. He will be blessed in heaven because of his tireless efforts here on earth to be a blessing to others, and to make this world a better place for so many people. We all will miss him. Benny Cherry

Benny Cherry - February 09 at 05:22 AM

TE

“ Wayne was one of a kind. We spent countless hours working on cars and sharing. He taught me much. He was real. He was a true Christian friend. He will be missed. My deepest condolences to the family. For me it's not goodbye; it's see you later. He knew and I know that our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, is real. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ has died! Christ is risen! He will come again!

Thomas Eaves - February 08 at 08:57 PM

DK

“ So sorry Mr Wayne was very special prayers for all the family
Don kinard

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WP

“ He was a really good friend of mine and kind caring person. He will be missed

William Parkes - February 08 at 05:27 PM

JK

“ Bro. Wayne, the world will miss you. I cannot consider childhood without your presence. You were a "church dad" to us all at West End Baptist. Thank you for putting up with our shenanigans and attempting to set us kids straight. You've left a strong, fruitful legacy to be proud of. Enjoy your rewards!

Jill Clifton Knight - February 08 at 01:19 PM

LP

“ We are praying for you Will and your family! Your dad will certainly be missed. He touched so many lives and was certainly a servant of the Lord. Linda and Tim Pepper, Chris and Lucy Cournoyer and Benji and Lauren Foreman

Linda Pepper - February 08 at 11:54 AM

JH

“ Wayne has been our friend for a long time! He worked on our Volkswagen several times. As a man of many talents, he helped many people and will be missed. Prayers for his family during this difficult time. God Bless.
Janice and Hubert Hunter

Janice and Hubert Hunter - February 08 at 10:18 AM

DV

“ Brother Will, this is Brother Don in Center Grove. When my dad went on to be with the Lord, I embraced the verse that says, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I pray that the Holy Spirit and the Holy Scriptures will comfort you and your sweet family.

Don R Vaughan - February 08 at 09:56 AM

RP

“ *Mr.Hill was a great friend and teacher he was my Voc Tech teacher in auto mechanics in Eupora I will always remember him one of the best men I have ever known Mr.Hill you will never be forgotten RIP on that High Mountain*

Robert Pogue - February 08 at 03:08 AM

LW

“ *I loved Bro. Wayne. I have so many great memories of him as our pastor at Trinity Baptist Church in Philadelphia. One special memory is when he baptized my son, Brian, and me on February 29, 2004.*

His many messages were well received and memorable. We had so many great conversations. He and I just "clicked" as we were both educators! I will miss him.

Laura Jenkins Watkins, Philadelphia

Laura Watkins - February 07 at 09:21 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne T. Hill.*



February 07 at 09:21 PM

MS

“ *Martha Spencer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Wayne T. Hill.*

Martha Spencer - February 07 at 09:21 PM

KS

“ Prayers for all of the family. Wayne was a first cousin. Losing too many. We all thought so much of him, especially my parents. He leaves a great legacy.

Karen Moody Stevens - February 07 at 03:36 PM

CS

“ Bro. Wayne baptized me at 12 yrs old and was always a great person to talk with.



Cassie stapleton - February 07 at 01:46 PM

EH

“ Wonderful man . He fixed my bug .He will be missed. Ed in Carthage

Ed Heidorn - February 07 at 10:42 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne T. Hill.



February 07 at 12:21 AM

CB

“ Casey, Lesley, and Andrew Baker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Wayne T. Hill.

Casey, Lesley, and Andrew Baker - February 07 at 12:21 AM

PT

“ So very sorry for your loss. Praying for all of you. We love y'all. We will miss him more than ever! Pam Thomas and Renea Kugle.

Pam Thomas - February 06 at 10:58 PM

RF

“ Praying for the Hill family during this difficult time. God Bless! 🙏



Representative Carl L. Mickens & Family- - February 06 at 10:15 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne T. Hill.



February 06 at 08:35 PM

JB

“ Jack & Karan Brister planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Wayne T. Hill.

Jack & Karan Brister - February 06 at 08:35 PM

DS

“ Wayne was so good to my parents and my nephew. He went above and beyond for them. I think so much of him. Will, you know how sorry i for your loss. Spike to him just a couple of weeks ago. Our loos is Heaven’s gain 🙏🙏🙏

Donna Sinclair - February 06 at 06:42 PM



“ White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Wayne T. Hill.



February 06 at 03:01 PM

PH

“ Bro Wayne you poured into me all my life. And you poured into everybody in your pathway that God put there. You and Mrs Sandra would drive around different neighborhoods and take all us kids riding in the dune buggy. You two were a joyful pair and we will never forget y'all. There is no telling how many people young and old, that you have impacted their lives for Jesus. What a legacy you leave!
Paul Halfacre.

paul halfacre - February 06 at 02:26 PM

HE

“ Wayne was a life long friend. He was always there in time of need. Definitely, a hard worker up to the end. He will be greatly missed, but we know he is in a better place. Our prayers are with you during this traumatic time in lives.

Harley Eaves - February 06 at 11:54 AM

RB

“ I'm sorry for your lost. Uncle Wayans was a wonderful person. And I will keep all of the family in prayer



Rosie Bradford - February 06 at 11:23 AM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. Glad I got to hear Bro Wayne preach last Sunday Prayers for your family

Ann Wilson - February 05 at 09:28 PM

JN

So sorry for the family

Jeana Neely - February 06 at 01:30 AM

DH

It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to my cousin and friend. From childhood adventures to grownup chats - you will be deeply missed. May your spirit rest in God's eternal peace, until we meet again. My thoughts and prayers are with the family, may you find peace and comfort in cherished memories.
Love, Don Hill and Family

Don Hill - February 06 at 08:59 AM

BC

What a joy to hear Bro Wayne preach the Word of God on what would be the last Sunday of his wonderful life! I only knew him for a short time, but he had such a huge impact on me simply with the joy he had when preaching and teaching God's Word and being in God's house with God's people. What a man. His last words to me: " I did not feel great Sunday, but I will never turn down the chance to preach God's Word. More alive now than ever, brother. See you one day soon, Bro Wayne!!!

Bubba Cefalu

Bubba Cefalu - February 06 at 06:23 PM