



Mr. William Elliott "Billy" DeLoache, Jr.

September 8, 1931 - August 25, 2020

William Elliott DeLoache, Jr., 88, of Columbia, died Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Born on September 8, 1931, he was a son of the late William Elliott DeLoache, Sr. and Nell Ray Spann DeLoache, owners of DeLoache Florist in Columbia. Bill graduated from Dreher High School before earning a basketball scholarship to Clemson University. While in high school he played baseball and basketball, including Boys Allstate and American Legion Baseball. Bill thoroughly enjoyed competitive tennis into his 80's and one particular highlight was playing in the SC Southern Cup.

Bill was a member of Greenville Country Club, Palmetto Club, Cotillion Club, Rockbridge Club, and Wildewood Country Club. He served on the board of Bankers Trust as well as Peoples National Bank. Bill would often say that the most fun he ever had was coaching 6th grade through 9th grade boys basketball for church leagues and the YMCA in Greenville.

A member of the Board of National Association of Electricians, Board of Deacons at First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, President of Perry Mann Electric Corporation for nine years, President of Shealy Electric Wholesales Incorporated for 12 years (1955 to 1979), Chairman of the Board of Greater Fifth YMCA, Bill enjoyed serving in many leadership positions throughout his life. Bill also immensely enjoyed a second career in sales and development at Laurel Crest Retirement Community.

In his free time, Bill loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He especially enjoyed time at Pawleys Island and Litchfield Beach.

Survivors include his sons, John Shealy DeLoache (Cindy) and William Elliott DeLoache, III (Allison); grandchildren, Brittany Westbrook (Blake), Ali Gray Tollison, (Lassiter) Bailey DeLoache, Stephanie Jones (Bryan), Caroline Christiansen (Brad), Shealy Lundblade (Eric); six great grandchildren; step children, Charles Weston Houck and Elizabeth Ariail Houck; and a sister, Nell Ray Hillsley. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his former wife, Elizabeth "Molly" Ariail DeLoache; and brother-in-law, Robert Bland Ariail.

The funeral service for Mr. DeLoache will be held 10 o'clock, Friday, August 28, 2020, at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia. The Rev. David H. Lauten will officiate. A visitation will follow the service at the funeral home; after which a private burial will be held in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Mask and social distancing are required. For those unable to attend the service, you may view the livestream by visiting his tribute page at ShivesFuneralHome.com

Cemetery

Greenlawn Memorial Park

7100 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia, SC, 29209

Events

AUG 28 **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel
7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC, US,
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AUG 28 **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - August 28, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ On behalf of John and myself, I would like to express our most sincere condolences to Bill's family. Both John and I found Bill to be a most courteous and friendly person. I visited with him regularly at Muv-Fitness where we both worked out on the cardio equipment and shared our fitness goals and challenges as well as neighborhood news. Bill always kept an upbeat, positive spirit. We will miss him. Carol and John Kososki

Carol J Kososki - August 30, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ Over the last few years, I got to know Bill at the gym. What a wonderful man; he always had a smile and something nice to say. Bill was a tireless worker at the gym. But, he always had time to visit. He lived a wonderful life; I am going to miss him. May he rest in peace; know that he is in better place.

Oliver Wood

Oliver Wood - August 28, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Bill. Our memories of Bill are warm, happy memories. We got to know Bill very well as a result of his years at Laurel Crest. He was a true Southern Gentleman in every sense of the word. He was truly a "gentle man". While our relative was living at Laurel Crest we had to make some tough decisions and Bill was there to help us throughout the process and decision making. Later we were able to reconnect with Bill through First Presbyterian Church. We send our love and deepest sympathy to Bill's family during there loss of such a dear man.

Elmer and Carolyn Knight

Elmer and Carolyn Knight - August 28, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ It has been a pleasure to have Bill as a friend. We enjoyed getting to know him through activities at Rockbridge Club. Both on the tennis court and socializing with other good friends. We spent relaxing times with Bill and Bess at his favorite beaches , watching Clemson sports on TV, and Sundays at Johnny's church. He was a true Southern gentleman, so positive and such a good christian. We already miss him.

Dale and Rebecca Krueger

Rebecca Krueger - August 28, 2020 at 09:40 AM

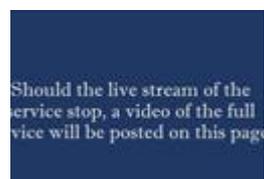


“ Our friendship with Bill meant so much to George and me. We shared many good times with him and his cousin Harriott. He loved his family so much. George was grateful that an outstanding tennis player like Bill would ask him to play. He will be missed by so many. George and Peggy Lafaye

peggy lafaye - August 28, 2020 at 09:28 AM



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Shives Funeral Home - August 28, 2020 at 08:32 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear that Mr. DeLoache passed away. He was a lifelong friend of my father and I was fortunate to have been able to call him my friend. He was a kind Southern gentleman and a great South Carolinian. He will be missed. May God bless him and his family.

Joe Berry III - August 27, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ Ed and I knew Bill mostly through Rockbridge Club where Bill had played tennis and enjoyed coming out to watch in his later years. He was a good friend to us and other Rockbridge friends. He was the epitome of a Southern gentleman and had a gentle warmth about him. We had periodic tennis social gatherings of couples prior to COVID19 and Bill and Bess always came to these events. We will miss him.
Anna and Ed Griswold

Anna S Griswold - August 27, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ I was saddened to learn of Bill 's passing .My sister ,Kathy Folks , a member of the church notified me, which I very much appreciate . I was Bill's " rat" at Clemson in 1951.He always was nice to me and I always had very fond memories of him My sincere sympathy is extended to the family, what a very pleasant person Bill was ! I am Dick Mitchell of Greenville.

Dick Mitchell - August 27, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Randolph & I extend our sympathy to all of Bill's family, knowing their loss is great. Bill was such a kind & gracious man, capable & thoughtful in his interactions with others. We rejoice that his faith in Christ assured him of eternal glory. Randy & Kathy Folks

Kathy Folks - August 30, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ I was so sorry to read of Bills passing this am. I worked with him at Laurel Crest in the early 90's for several years. He was such a kind and gentle man. He spoke of his his wife and family so often. I remember one particular story about Molly's Christmas tree because he knew I loved decorating and that I would appreciate her eye for detail. I also remember being in a group meeting and another staff member said something out of place. Bill came to my office afterwards and apologized for the "other" persons behavior. That was just the kind of man he was. He treated everyone with dignity and respect no matter their station. What an honor to have known him. Prayers for the family. Sincerely, Stephanie Crider Martin (former Activities dept. at Laurel Crest)

Stephanie Martin - August 27, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. William Elliott DeLoache, Jr..



August 26, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. William Elliott DeLoache, Jr..



August 26, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William Elliott DeLoache, Jr..



August 26, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ I had the privilege to work with Bill on the Laurel Crest Retirement Center project from 1992 through 1995; his tireless devotion to the development and signing up residents for the center was something I will never forget. Over the subsequent years, he and I often reminisced about that wonderful opportunity we were both blessed to be part of. Bill always thought of others before himself. Godspeed, Bill

Barbara Shealy - August 26, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ Bill was a gentleman 's gentleman. I worked with him at Laurel Crest for over 7 years. He taught me so much. I will cherish the memories of our time spent together. Bill loved Laurel Crest and we loved him. The angels shouted yesterday when he entered the gates of Heaven. Blessings to each of you Billy , Johnny and the rest of the family members. He will surely be missed.

Mary Y Bryan

Mary Bryan - August 26, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William Elliott DeLoache, Jr..



August 26, 2020 at 07:55 AM



“ A very sweet, nice man. I really thought a lot of him. So sorry for your loss

Dianne pope - August 25, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Chuck and Leslie

Chuck Plowden - August 25, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ One of my very best friends from the first grade. We were roommates at Clemson and played basketball together for many years. It is impossible for me to express my feelings for his loss. He was a good man, a dedicated Christian and his loss will be mourned by many people he knew. He will remain in my heart and mind for the rest of my life.

stewart Blume - August 26, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ We are so thankful for our friendship with Bill. He was a true Southern Gentleman whose legacy of integrity, faith, and family will be treasured.

With love & sympathy,

Tony & Amy Gossett

Amy Gossett - August 27, 2020 at 10:16 PM