



## Mr. William Porcher DuBose, Jr.

October 6, 1932 - March 21, 2020

William Porcher DuBose, Jr., 87, of Columbia, died Saturday, March 21, 2020. Born on October 6, 1932, he was a son of the late William Porcher DuBose, Sr. and Carroll Jones DuBose.

Mr. DuBose grew up in Columbia, attended A.C. Moore Elementary, Hand Junior High, and Columbia High School. He later achieved his Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia Tech in 1954. That same year, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Ella Averyt. Serving in the United States Air Force, he flew missions in the B-47 Stratofortress for Strategic Air Command, and afterwards employed his engineering expertise with Worthington Corporation in New Jersey, where his first project was installing the air-conditioning system atop the Pan Am Building in New York City. He attended night classes at New York University, earned his MBA in 1969, and launched a rewarding career of over 40 years serving clients as Senior Executive Vice President with Inverness Counsel investment managers in New York until his retirement, when he and Ella returned at last to Columbia in 2012 to be with family.

He loved trips with Ella to France, touring the vineyards with a Michelin Guide in hand to savor fine cuisine, the perfect wine, and each other's company. He was a member of Les Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, The Racquet and Tennis Club of New York, and the Cotillion of Columbia. He served on the Board of Directors of Colonial Life Insurance from 1978 to 1993; and served for many years as treasurer for the Episcopal Diocese of Newark (NJ) with his friend and pastor, Bishop John Shelby Spong.

He is survived by his wife, Ella Averyt DuBose; brother, Carroll Jones DuBose (Deanie); sister, Virginia DuBose Tuller; son, William Porcher DuBose III (Leigh); daughters, Beverley Gayle DuBose and Dorothy DuBose Engsberg (Towson); grandchildren, Robert DuBose Matlock, Margaret Porcher Matlock (Josh Long), Beverley Alice Matlock, William Porcher DuBose IV, and Sarah Averyt Matlock; niece, Virginia Beverley Allen Tuller; as well as his nephew, Carroll Jones DuBose, Jr.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by niece, Sarah Lawton DuBose and

nephew, William Porcher DuBose Tuller.

In light of the recent Novel COVID-19, the family will hold a private graveside service, with a memorial celebration to follow at a later date. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family and will announce further plans.

The family wishes to thank the many Solutions for Living at Home partners who have assisted with “Gaga’s” care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Prisma Health Midlands Foundation, 1600 Marion St., Columbia, SC 29201 to support the work of Prisma’s hospice professionals.

# Comments

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“ Melissa W. purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mr. William Porcher DuBose, Jr..



**Melissa W.** - March 30, 2020 at 10:13 AM

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“ I worked with Billy for many years at SCANA. Whenever we would travel to NYC for work Billy would go to see his parents in Chatham. After a couple visits they started inviting me to stay at their home and I always loved it. They are the kindest people and I always enjoyed visiting with them. There was always a big dinner at a restaurant or at home with lovely wine and lovely stories about work, wine, Bills time in the military and of course about airplanes. I know there was this one time I made him blush by accident bringing up something Billy had once shared with me. I learned then and there of Bill's kind modesty and reigned myself in. There home was beautiful but the coolest thing ever was Bill's room decorated with wine labels of many bottles of wine he drank over the years. Bill will surely be missed by me and my heart truly goes out to his family as I know their sadness is deep with Bill's departure. Much love to all of you!!!! Melissa (Mel)

**Melissa Washburn** - March 30, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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“ Ella and family - I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You and Billy have had many wonderful years together and I hope the memory of them will help you through this. He was a great pal in high school and I think of him often.

Love to all - Dee Walsh

**Dee Walsh** - March 24, 2020 at 02:43 PM

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“ So sorry to see your loss and sorry I never knew him as he was a Beverley cousin two times and a Porcher cousin also. Funny how you can live in the same town and not know youy kin. I did know Beverley Jones and loved her - so sweet.

**Anna Taylor Blythe** - March 23, 2020 at 01:24 PM

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“ Dearest Ella and all the family,

Chris and I are deeply saddened to hear of Billy's death. I had no better friend and I trusted him with every decision. He was a fine gentleman and a real partner. We send you all our love and sympathy.

We hold you near to our hearts and wish that we could see you.

Jack Spong

**Spong** - March 22, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ Thank you, dear Christine & Jack. You have been such great and true friends to Dad--Mom too. I will show her your note tomorrow when I can be with her at the computer screen, and we will write to you, either email or the old fashioned way. Grace and peace to you. We love you both dearly.

Son, Bill

**Bill DuBose (III)** - March 28, 2020 at 07:15 PM

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“ GROWING UP NEXT DOOR TO THE WONDERFUL DUBOSE FAMILY, I REMEMBER BILLY AS BEING SUCH A NOBLE AND GENTLE MAN, ALWAYS. MAY HE REST IN GOD'S ARMS. MY LOVE TO JEANNIE, CAROL, GINNY AND ELLA AND THE WHOLE DUBOSE FAMILY.

LOVE, GLORIA

**GLORIA BURG** - March 21, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ Ella,

I was so sorry to hear about Billy. I'm thinking about you and praying for you. We miss you so much in our book club.

With much love, Cathy McNeal

**Cathy McNeal** - March 22, 2020 at 10:43 AM