



## Joseph Edward Hill

January 30, 1931 - November 27, 2016

### Obituary of Joseph Hill, Jr.

Joseph Edward Hill, Jr. died November 26, 2016. Born January 30, 1931 in Atlanta, Joe was proud of his roles in life: soldier, pilot, sailor, roadbuilder, environmentalist, husband, father and grandfather, and friend. He graduated from Georgia Tech, served in the Army Corps of Engineers, and operated J.E. Hill, Contractor, a roadbuilding, culvert, and milling company. He piloted his own plane to his jobsites across the state during the initial construction of I-75 in Florida. Joe helped protect natural resources for more than 40 years by serving on the Lake County Water Authority and the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and chairing the Lake County Pollution Control Board and the St. Johns River WMD.

Predeceased by parents Joseph Edward Hill, Sr. and Edna King Hill, sister Joyce Hill Statham, and son Benjamin Thomas Hill, Joe is survived by his wife of 57 years Nora Brown Hill, children Wylie (Rebecca) Hill, William (Laurie) Hill, Margaret Hill, Dusty (Marc) Matthews, and six grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 3rd, at Morrison United Methodist Church, with Pastor David Stauffer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trout Lake Nature Center, Camp

Wildwood, Morrison United Methodist Church, or the Friends of the Leesburg Library.

# Tribute Wall

EZ

“ NORA AND FAMILY . IT WAS A SHOCK TO READ ABOUT JOE'S PASSING AND WE SEND OUR DEEPEST REGARDS. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER WHEN WE FIRST MOVED IN AND MEETING YOU ALL WHEN WE HAD THAT PROBLEM ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE LAKE. JOE GOT THE PROPERTY OWNERS TOGETHER AND WE TOOK CARE OF THE PROBLEM. PLEASE CALL IF WE CAN HELP IN ANYWAY. ED-NANCY ZALETTA

ED AND NANCY ZALETTA - December 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My deepest condolences, may God's comfort surround you and your family during this time. Respectfully, Sheryl Berry

Sheryl Berry - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I always enjoyed being with Joe. On a number of occasions I flew with him to various job sites. Once we were obliged to visit a remote area in south Florida and the nearest place to land was a two-rut sand road nearby. Land we did and pushed the plane out of the way into the grass. Later the take-off was equally exciting. Joe will be missed by many, but the beautiful memories will always be present.

Bob Fallin - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Joseph Edward Hill

Slade McSheehy - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Having known Joe and spent time with him for over 40 years, I have many great memories that I will always cherish. He was one a kind and everyone will miss him. Butch*

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**Butch O'Kelley** - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *###GESTURE###*

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**Slade McSheehy** - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

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**Ashley Bettis** - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *###GESTURE###*

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**Robert Cook** - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *What a beautiful tribute to (whom I always knew as) Uncle Joe. We loved and will miss him dearly. Oh the stories Daddy tells of their childhood! And we can all add our own memories to that up until this day. My love and prayers are with you all through this difficult time.*  
*Gay Buckley*

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**Gay Buckley** - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Thought he would live forever. No such luck. Heavens' gain, Floridas' loss.*

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**Marc and Jeanne Matthews** - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

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**Ashley Bettis** - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *I am very sorry to hear about Joe. He was so active at Trout Lake and did so much for the Center. I always enjoyed his sense of humor, straight forward way and of course his taste in wine. We will miss him very much.*

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**Trina Raether** - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *Heartfelt condolences to the family of this wonderful man we will always remember as a great friend whom we loved and with whom we shared many common interests. Our prayers are with the family,*

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**Nina and Cynthia** - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *My deepest sympathy to you Nora and your precious family at this very hard time. May God be with you all.*

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**Donna Kaylor** - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Charlie and I send our condolences to all the Hill family, we will miss Joe along with all of you. Our adventures together will always be remembered with fondness. Joe loved water whether fresh or salt and did so much to preserve and protect what he loved. Florida will miss Joe and all his good works, his passion for the environment and his commitment to making Florida a better place for all of us.  
Saundra Gray

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**Charles and Saundra Gray** - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Dear Dusty & Family,  
  
Please accept this small token of respect at this time.  
  
Tom Q Wilcox###GESTURE###

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**Tom Q Wilcox** - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Joe was a great guy and he is certainly going to be missed. He has inspired us,made us laugh, entertained us,loved us, and made us proud to be part of his family. We are praying for the entire Hill family as you grieve the loss of this great man.

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**Robin and DennisHujar** - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I am so sorry for your loss..... Mr. Hill surly was bigger than life. I have many fond memories of him. I will never forget talking with him at our wedding. He had a tear in his eye..... He treated us all like we were his kids.....

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**Tim Sennett** - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Dear Dusty & Family, Please accept this small token of respect at this time. Tom Q Wilcox

Tom Q Wilcox - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ My deepest sympathy, Mr. Hill was such a good friend to my family over the years. God Bless you!

Harrie Edwards - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Praying for you and your wonderful family. So sorry. Love Lou and Carolyn

Carolyn Shields - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Wylie, My deepest condolences to you, your Mom and other family members on the loss of your Father. Darby

Darby Miller - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Nonette, Wylie & family, Margaret, Dusty & family, and William & family- my deepest condolences on your loss of Joe. He was larger than life, and accomplished so much during his life, no one can compare to him. I think of him, and your whole family often. Joe made an impression on everyone he met, and I feel that I'm a better person having had his influence on my life. Be strong during this difficult time.... Peace to you all, Nancy

Nancy Tucker - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *RIH...Joe! Sympathy to all of the family at this time, may you cherish all of the wonderful memories. Renee*

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**Renee Prince Charron** - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *My deepest sympathy to William, Laurie, Allegra and Ethan. May joyful memories be your guide through this difficult time.*

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**Maggie Holz** - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Nonette, Wylie, William, Margaret and Dusty, I am so VERY sorry for your loss. Joe was a great man, and will be missed by many. Janie*

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**Janie Akridge Hill** - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *So sorry to hear. Thoughts are with the family.*

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**Jenny Jeffers** - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *I'll always remember Uncle Joe as larger than life. And he did live quite a life. He will be missed.*

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**Terri Statham** - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Wylie/Family.... So sorry to hear this. Please know you and yours are in our Thoughts and Prayers! RIP Mr. Hill and God Bless...*

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**Steve Piermatteo** - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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