



## Pastor William Eugene "Bill" Donahoe

July 8, 1954 - November 28, 2015

Pastor William "Bill" Donahoe of Hurricane, WV passed away on November 28, 2015 after having heart complications. He was a golfer, business man (Payne and Donahoe Insurance), family man, and a great pastor. He was full of energy and life even joking with the Paramedics just shortly before his death.

Born July 8, 1954 in Newport News, VA, he was a son of Sandra Jane Donahoe and the late Eugene D. Donahoe. He was also preceded in death by his brother Phillip Donahoe, brother in law Gene Donahoe.

Bill was a lifelong resident of Hurricane, WV. He was a graduate of Hurricane High School and went to West Point. One of his best experiences was playing basketball at West Point for Mike Kryzewski (Coach K). He later graduated from Marshall University and became a Certified Public Accountant. He Co-Owned Payne and Donahoe Insurance with lifelong friend and golfing buddy Harold Payne for 20 years. After a short retirement, he started working for the WV Insurance Commission. He became an ordained minister the last 4 years of his life where he loved his congregation at Mt. Tabor Church.

Bill was an avid golfer for many years. He played in nearly 20 straight WV amateurs and played on the WV-Virginia Team Matches many times. He qualified for the U.S. mid-amateur twice and won the 1995 WV Four Ball (with

Harold Payne) and the 1996 WV Father/Son (Ronnie) Tournament. He played in the North/South invitational many times and multiple other tournaments.

Bill was married to his high school sweetheart, Debbie Donahoe. He is also survived by sons, Ronnie (Tonya) Donahoe and Chad Donahoe both of Hurricane; grandchildren Samantha Donahoe and Luke Donahoe; mother Sandra Graham Donahoe of Milton; brother, Kinsman Donahoe of Milton; sister Martha Jenkins (Fordy) of Milton; and half-sister Charlene Nello of The Villages FL.

The one thing Dad taught us about life is to give 110% effort all of the time. If you knew our Dad, then you knew he always gave it 110% no matter what he did. If you give 110% effort all the time, then you will be successful in life. Dad always told us a quote Coach K said "Once a man commits himself, nothing will stop him short of success." Dad decided to commit himself to the Lord and is in heaven now watching over us. Now that he is looking down on us, he will help us every day to push ourselves to that 110%.

Special thanks to Karen Spradlin, Jeff Given, Wynter Morgan, Joe Sparks, Pastor Wright and Bess, Harold Payne, Carl Bailey, Chucky Starcher, "Big" Dave Lawrence, Davey Lawrence, Reid Carrol, Steve Fox, Pat Carter, Dave Pope, Mitch Roush, Sam O'dell, Scott Davis, Ryan Wentz, Bill Dickens, Hill Harick, The Duty's, Dick Shellhouse, Coach K, Gerry Brown, Ron Nisbet, Tom Bickerton, David Gillispie, Howard Rousey, Bob Mays, Timmy Meeks, Steve Dunlap, Buckwheat Green, Doc Holiday, Greg Lemaster, David Bailey, Coach McCoy, Jim McGhee, Payne and Donahoe Insurance Family, Mt. Tabor Church of God Congregation, Sleepy Hollow, WV Insurance Commission, The Bird's, The Searls, The Donahoe's, and anyone else we left off.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held Wednesday at 1:00pm at Mt. Tabor Church of God (<http://www.mounttaborchurchofgod.com/>) in St. Albans, WV.

Please bring a story to tell about Bill to his celebration.

Visitation will be from 11:00am to 1:00pm Wednesday before the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are to be made to Mount Tabor Church of God, P. O. Box 6, St. Albans WV 25177.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Donahoe family.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mount Tabor Church  
Dry Ridge  
St. Albans, WV 25177

## Memorial Service

DEC 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mount Tabor Church  
Dry Ridge  
St. Albans, WV 25177

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor William Eugene "Bill" Donahoe*

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Billy was my good friend at the USMA Prep School in 1972-73 and at West Point. He was the best and most loyal friend I could have. He was a great basketball player for Coach K but a better man, he would have my back no matter what happened. He loved Debbie more than anything and then he loved Hurricane. I saw him when he visited his good buddy, Joe Sparks, my Army buddy, in Kansas in 1995 and I visited he and Debbie in 2011 at their insurance office. I lost contact since then am I am so sorry for Billy's passing and his loss....He was a Great Man....the BEST.*

*Tommy Carroll, LTC, US ARMY (Ret) West Point '78 Carrollt2@aol.com (410) 596-2782*

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**Tom Carroll** - June 14, 2017 at 08:13 PM

FB

“ *Debbie, Chad & Ronnie & family, so devastated to hear about Bill's passing. I know he and I locked heads many times but it always ended up with us making up and going on. I worked with Bill most of his insurance career and thought of him more as a brother and not a boss. We lost touch when we moved on but he always held a special place in my heart. Bill is the reason Wade & I are married after 20 years because he made me call him and meet him. For that I am so grateful. I thought of you and your boys as family. I watched them grow into handsome young men with families of their own. Please know that we hold you in our thoughts and prayers and although there is nothing that can fill that emptiness, God will give you the comfort and strength to go on.*

*Love,  
Freda & Wade Bird*

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**Freda Bird** - February 09, 2016 at 07:01 AM

NB

“ *so sorry for Bills passing going to miss his smiling face! Much love ,  
Roger and Natalie Bacchus*

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**Natalie Bacchus** - December 03, 2015 at 12:11 PM

CH

“ *Martha Jane and family, I wish to express my heart felt condolences to you and your family. Bill will be sadly missed. Prayers  
Chuck Hatfield*

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**Chuck Hatfield** - December 02, 2015 at 12:43 PM

CJ

“ *Debbie and Family,*

*So sad to hear of Bill's passing. He was a good man that made me laugh and always gave me encouragement when he saw me. He will be dearly missed.*

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**Clyde L. Arline, Jr.** - December 02, 2015 at 09:43 AM

BD

“ *Dear Debbie, Kinsmen and Family,*

*We were so saddened to hear of Bill's passing. Bill could always make us laugh anytime we would see him. I still remember our times at Hurricane High School and it brings a smile to my face. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Beverly Hunt DeVoss & Kent*

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**Beverly Hunt DeVoss** - December 02, 2015 at 08:10 AM

RO

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**Ronnie** - December 01, 2015 at 09:04 PM

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Ronnie - December 01, 2015 at 09:02 PM

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Ronnie - December 01, 2015 at 09:01 PM



“ Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor William Eugene "Bill" Donahoe.



December 01, 2015 at 08:51 PM

JC

“ John & Candy Call and children. purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Pastor William Eugene "Bill" Donahoe.



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**John & Candy Call and children.** - December 01, 2015 at 03:32 PM

SB

“ To Debbie and Family, We are sorry for the passing of Bill. He's life here was short but now he is with his eternal father. Keeping your family in our prayers. Harold and Sue Bennett

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**Sue Bennett** - December 01, 2015 at 02:25 PM

KT

“ I am So Sorry To Hear about bill....he was such a good man and friend,we lived close to each other about 1 mile.It had been years since I saw him and then one day I heard my name called turned around and sure enough it was bill we had a very nice chat about growing up.he will really be missed by all he touched and knew.



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**Kenneth Thacker** - December 01, 2015 at 12:55 PM

CM

“ *Debbie and family: Your loss was such a shock; but there is no doubt that Bill is where he preached about - Heaven. When I think of Bill, I will remember him as one of my favorite athletes because he was such a hard worker, with a wonderful attitude. You will be in our prayers daily for a long, long time. Love to all, Coach and Joy McGehee (I recall how excited he was for the Lord, when he was ordained to preach!)*

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**Coach & Joy McGehee** - December 01, 2015 at 12:45 PM

TF

“ *Tom Bickerton and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Pastor William Eugene "Bill" Donahoe.*



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**Tom Bickerton and Family** - December 01, 2015 at 10:47 AM

JG

“ *There is nothing we can say that has not already been said, but Bill was a person we always considered "a friend". We know you have many happy memories. Sincerely, The Glenn family - Joan, Keith and Debbie, Sandi and Alan.*

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**Joan Glenn** - December 01, 2015 at 09:49 AM



“ 22 files added to the tribute wall



Ronnie Donahoe - December 01, 2015 at 09:05 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.....I will miss Bill telling me good morning and working with him here at the Revenue Recovery Division. He had a wonderful big laugh and smile....  
Chris



Chris - December 01, 2015 at 07:17 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor William Eugene "Bill" Donahoe.



November 30, 2015 at 10:34 PM

LW

“ *Pastor Bill was a great man of God and someone that I have always call my Friend. I will miss his laugh, smile, encouraging words, and just the fact of knowing he was always there when needed. I can almost hear him now, "WOW!!! OH WOW!!!" Thanks Bill for all the memories.*



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**Linda Withrow** - November 30, 2015 at 09:40 PM

NB

“ *Bill was such a special person. We always enjoyed yelling back and forth to each other from down the street from each other. My first thought when I first heard of his passing was oh no what a great loss for all of us but then I thought of him in Heaven and i smiled and laughed and thought he is going to add so much to Heaven! miss you ,Bill but we will see you again in awhile! Roger and Natalie Bacchus*

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**Natalie Bacchus** - November 30, 2015 at 08:50 PM

TC

“ *Tina Clark lit a candle in memory of Pastor William Eugene "Bill" Donahoe*



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**Tina Clark** - November 30, 2015 at 03:40 PM

CH

“ *Christie lit a candle in memory of Pastor William Eugene "Bill" Donahoe*



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**Christie** - November 30, 2015 at 03:07 PM

CH

*My thoughts and prayers are with you Debbie, Chad and Ronnie. So many wonderful memories of Bill and that smile he always had! I am so sorry.*

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**Christie** - November 30, 2015 at 03:08 PM

ST

*Debbie, Chad and Ronnie:  
So sorry to hear of your loss. Bill had a wonderful life because he had the love of the Lord and the love of his family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you move through this difficult time.  
Sandra and Phil Tucker*

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**Sandra Tucker** - December 01, 2015 at 09:25 AM

PC

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We have fond memories of the many times we witnessed Bill's wonderful smile that lit up his face, and of Debbie and Bill sitting near us at Maranatha and hearing Bill's resounding "AMEN" quite often. May the peace of Jesus rest upon his family during this difficult time.  
Pam and Greg Cochran*

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**Pam Cochran** - November 30, 2015 at 03:05 PM

KA

“ It was a pleasure to visit Mt. Tabor church and hear Bill preach. I want to always remember Bill standing at the pulpit preaching the gospel. He loved his church family. There was a humbleness and happiness that illuminated from him as he proclaimed the gospel. He stood outside the church and was telling me about the goals for the church and I could vision the outdoor baptistry. He was excited about the work that the Lord was allowing his church to be involved in. Life is but a vapor, what we do for Christ will last.



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**Kay Ashworth** - November 30, 2015 at 02:56 PM