



## William M. Stokes

November 30, 1946 - March 24, 2004

“His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” – Matthew 25:21 William Manning Stokes, Sr. heard these words and went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday evening, March 24, 2004, after a lengthy battle with colon cancer. Bill (or Bunky as his family affectionately knew him), the second of two children, was born on November 30, 1946 to Miriam L. Stokes and William E. Stokes in Baltimore, Maryland. Bill accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of twelve and became a life long member of Faith Baptist Church. After graduating from Baltimore City College in 1965, and completing one year of college at Coppin State College, Bill began a career with the United States Air Force. In 1968, while on a weekend pass with his buddy Earl, he met the love of his life, Evelyn Jones (Earl’s sister). The two married February 9, 1969 in Kenai, Alaska. Out of this union, two children were born: Miriam Monique and William Manning Jr. (Billy). After returning to Baltimore with his bride and first born, Bill completed his college education at Coppin State College, graduating in 1974 with a Bachelor’s degree in Social Science. While at Coppin, Bill became a dedicated and loyal member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Bill’s career with the federal government included working for the United States Postal Service, Social Security Administration, Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly known as Health Care Finance Administration). Bill retired from the Air Force after 33

years of service, and he retired from the federal government after 35 years. Bill enjoyed seeing the world during his time in the military, and often returned with various treasures of the world for his family and friends. Bill was a child of God and loyal friend. He dedicated his life to helping others. This was evident through the hard work and dedication he put forth in everything he did. Bill received many honors and acknowledgements for his accomplishments. He was named Omega Man of the year several times, awarded the Presidential citation from the National Association of Equal Opportunity for Higher Education (NAFEO), along with many other awards and recognition. He served as a trustee at Faith Baptist Church, as well as on several committees and ministries to include the Scholarship Ministry, the revision of the Church Constitution, and chairing the Budget Committee. Bill volunteered every year as an instructor for the Presidential Classroom program in Washington, DC, mentoring and teaching high school students the fundamentals of governmental affairs. He also worked diligently at gathering family history and organizing family reunions and gatherings. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and family, and spending time with his grandchildren. Bill is survived by his wife of 35 years, Evelyn M. Stokes; two children, Miriam and William Jr. (Billy); three grandchildren, David Lindberg whom he raised, Maurissa whom he affectionately called Toogs, and Maurice whom he affectionately called Mo; his mother, Miriam L. Stokes; his father, William E. Stokes; his sister Miriam (Marlene) Mason and her husband Charles; his father-in-law, Willie C. Jones, Sr.; and a host of brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William M. Stokes*

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“ *We just got word of Bill's death. Our hearts go out to you and the whole family. May God keep you in his care.##imported-begin##James & Phyllis Delaney##imported-end##*

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“ *My heart felt condolence go out to Mrs. Evelyn Stokes and the Stokes family. Bill Stokes was a true friend and in friendship we shall always remain. May God give the Stokes family the strength to see it through. Charles Whittaker, Anchorage, Alaska.##imported-begin##Charles Whittaker##imported-end##*

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“ To Evelyn, Billy, Miriam and David, Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time. Bill was a wonderful man with a kind heart and generous smile. He always had a wave and a smile for us and we were proud to know him. We will miss him very much but we will always remember his wonderful smile. God bless you all. Love, Your neighbors, Bill and Robin###imported-begin##Bill and Robin Verch###imported-end##

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“ On behalf of the men of the 12th District, our hearts and prayers go with the Stokes Family. A faithful friend whom we found a faithful treasure. Lymus D. Capehart, Jr. 12th District Representative Anchorage, Alaska###imported-begin##Lymus D. Capehart, Jr.###imported-end##

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“ IN HEAVEN WE SHALL MEET The burden may seem heavy; it may seem to you unfair. But He promised never to put on you, no more than you could bear. He promised never to leave you; He said He'd forsake you not, He only asks you trust in Him, with whatever may be your lot. True faith in God is knowing, that He only does what's best He asks that you do all you can and leave to Him the rest. There is no need to worry; there is no need to fret, A life that's hid in Christ Jesus is one that's truly blest! Rejoice my friends in knowing, that the Saints of God are sleep And when that final triumph shall sound, in Heaven we shall meet. The peace of God I give you, as you say your final ado. The burden that you're carrying, God promise He'll share with you.###imported-begin##Martha Wing & Family###imported-end##

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“ Evelyn, I pray God will take your hand and give you the comfort, strength, and love you need in order to bear what you must at this time. We all love you. Your cousins, Marion, J.C., & Curtis Ingram##imported-begin##Marion Carter##imported-end##

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“ Dear Evelyn (children and grandchildren), Just wanted to express our sincere condolences to you. I know that God has watched over you all of these years and will continue to do. I also know that you have always trusted in God to get you through so many things in your life and he won't fail you now. Syreeta and I will continue to keep you in our prayers. Much love to you. Love your cousins, Brenda and Syreeta.##imported-begin##Brenda##imported-end##

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“ Dear Evelyn, you have my deepest condolences. Love you, Aunt Jessie and Uncle John.##imported-begin##Aunt Jessie##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you in your time of need. Brother Stokes touched a lot of people in this world including me. He will be missed by many. Love The Moore Family##imported-begin##Brother Thel Moore, Jr##imported-end##

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“ To Evelyn and the family. We wish to express our deepest sympathy. Bill was a true friend and true Omega Brother. He will be definitely missed.##imported-begin##Olivia and John Scott##imported-end##

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“ Evelyn and Family, We know at such a time there's little we can say, we just want to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers today. You have our deepest sympathy. Love, your cousins Terri, Shaqualla, Lania and Mariah##imported-begin##Terri Howell##imported-end##

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“ The world is a lesser place for Bill's passing. He always had a smile and a kind word...for everyone. As the government task leader for my company's contract, he always kept us on target and out of trouble. As an Air Force loadmaster, he kept people safe. God bless Bill, his immediate family, and his [very large!] extended family.##imported-begin##Jim Sklenar##imported-end##

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“ Evelyn and Family, We want you to know that each of you are in our prayers. If there is anything that we can do to comfort you at this time, please feel free to call on us. For we know that the Lord our God, He is able to keep you in times like these. John 14:1-6 The Paylor & McEachin family##imported-begin##William, Bernice, Chucky, Connie Paylor & Family##imported-end##

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“ Dear Evelyn and Family: This is to let you know how sorry I am to learn of Bill's passing. We had many conversations here at CMS and talked about catching a Space A Hop to Europe when he retired from the USAFR. Unfortunately, time did not allow it. May God bless you and your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Arnold Wilson##imported-end##

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“ Evelyn, My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Bill always greeted me with a smile along with kind words of encouragement. I will truly miss him and will cherish the memories.##imported-begin##Marlene Lawson##imported-end##

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“ Evelyn, at times like these you must reflect on the loving times shared by you and Bill, The wonderful family you two have put together, the lives that were touched by such a good man and know that there is a better place for us all... He just beat us there!!!!!!:) To the Stokes family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Culler Family##imported-begin##Tony and Gigi Culler##imported-end##

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“ Thoughts of deep and sincere sympathy are with you at this time. We are always available to assist where needed.##imported-begin##John & Linda Maloney III##imported-end##

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“ To Big "Will", Although I never met your father, I am certain he was a good man. May you be comforted by the memories of the great times you shared. He's gone but not forgotten. Remember your friends and family are there for you always.##imported-begin##Sherice Hayes##imported-end##

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“ Bill was a long time friend and coworker. He was always a good listener and always had good advice and a strong shoulder to cry on. He will hold a special place in our hearts. May God bless each of you.##imported-begin##Phyllis Maulsby and Bernadette Alston Dorsey##imported-end##

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“ Brother Bill Stokes will be missed by many persons, and I will have many memories of how Brother Stokes affected my life. God Bless the Family.##imported-begin##Floyd Wright##imported-end##

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“ On behalf of Gamma Alpha Alpha Chapter, located in Anchorage, Alaska. I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Stokes Family during these difficult times. Brother Stokes was indeed a true friend and Omega's Lamp has been dimmed by his passing. Franklin Harris Basileus, Gamma Alpha Alpha Chapter##imported-begin##Franklin Harris##imported-end##

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“ My deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Stokes family. I have never known Bill to be less than a great uncle, educator, and community leader. The example of his life has set the bar high and inspires in all who were touched by his life admiration and respect.##imported-begin##Derrick Harvey##imported-end##

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“ Dear Evelyn and Family: It has been nearly 6 months since Bill's passing. I know that God is watching over you and giving you comfort and strength. I know some days seem hard to bear but just keep the happy memories of your time together and God will see you through. I will keep you and the family in my prayers. May God continue to bless all of you. Love, Pat##imported-begin##Patricia Miller##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family and Friends, Please accept my condolences on the passing of your loved one. At times like this comfort is needed more than ever. Please find comfort in the scriptures. Malachi 3:16 states that Almighty God has a book of remembrance. He also promises that when he opens that book those that are in it will be brought back to life (John 5:28,29) and will never die again. Please let these scriptures comfort you in your time of need.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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