



## Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay

November 26, 1948 - October 14, 2023

Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay, 74, of McCalla, AL, went to be with the Lord on October 14, 2023 after an eight month battle with glioblastoma. He leaves behind his loving wife of 52 years, Betty Brown Findlay, their two sons, Lance (Amanda) and Kyle (Luciana) Findlay, and five grandchildren: Drew, Mason, Reid, Clara, and Vivian. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alexander Nelson Findlay and Geraldine Phillips Findlay.

Bill was born on November 26, 1948, in Birmingham, AL, and grew up in Fairfield Highlands. He attended Rutledge elementary and middle school and was a proud graduate of Hueytown high school. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Alabama and completed dental school at The University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1975, where he honed his skills and passion for dentistry. Upon graduating, he served in the Air Force as a dentist for two years before starting his own practice for the majority of his 47-year career. Bill was a hardworking and passionate individual who deeply cared for his patients. He was actively involved in his profession and served in leadership roles with the Alabama Dental Association, Birmingham District Dental Society, the Birmingham Society of Advanced Dentistry, among others.

Bill and his family were members of Fairfield Highlands Presbyterian Church – the same church his parents raised him in and the same one he raised his

children in. He had a zest for life and enjoyed spending quality time with his friends. He had a quick wit and a quirky sense of humor. Bill was also an avid cyclist and triathlete, and he enjoyed competing and pushing himself to his limits. Bill was a devoted fan of Alabama football, and he was actively involved in the Red Elephant Club, First and Ten Club, among a variety of other organizations that supported the team and University.

Bill's legacy will live on through the memories shared by those who knew and loved him. His dedication to his profession, his love for his family and friends, and his passion for his hobbies will be remembered fondly. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. His family is grateful that he is no longer in pain and has the joy of being in his new heavenly body.

The family invites you to join celebrating Bill's life at a memorial service on Friday, October 20th at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home. Viewing will begin at 1:00 PM and the service starts at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charitable organization of your choice in his honor. A private burial at Alabama National Cemetery will be held at a future date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home  
4780 Letson Farms Parkway  
P.O. Box 629  
McCalla, AL 35111  
(205) 477-4888  
info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Betty, Lance and Kyle. We love Mr. Bill and you and the boys. I notified our daughter of Bill's leave from this earthly home to meet his Jesus. I did not learn of this until yesterday, the day of his funeral. We are saddened for the death of such a great man and friend.



Lynn Phares Smith - October 21, 2023 at 07:54 PM

KE

“ Kathy E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.

Kathy E. - October 20, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.



October 20, 2023 at 10:19 AM

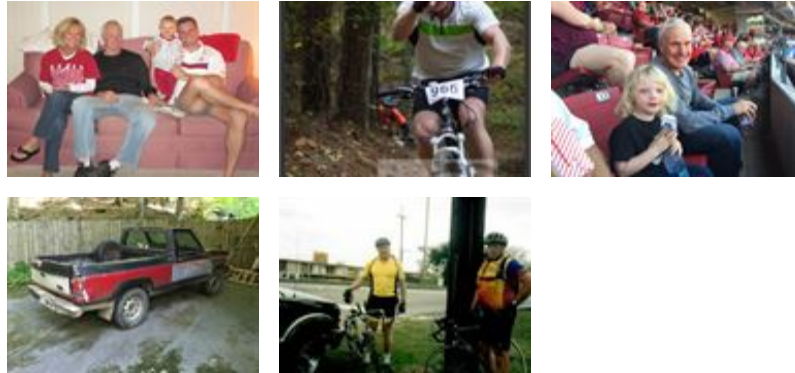


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.

October 20, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ 16 files added to the album Life Tributes



McCalla Memorial Funeral Home - Traditions - October 19, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.



October 19, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.

October 19, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ So sad to hear about Dr. Findlay. He was my Dentist for many years until he retired. No matter what was going on, He made each appt. Tolerable and funny. My sincere sympathy to the family.

Sue Raney - October 18, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



McCalla Memorial Funeral Home - Traditions - October 18, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ Cara S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.



Cara S. - October 18, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.

October 18, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.

October 17, 2023 at 10:18 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.*



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October 17, 2023 at 10:18 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.*



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October 17, 2023 at 10:18 PM

TF

“ My heart is broken to hear this news. Dr. Findlay was the most influential person in my young adult life. He instilled in me a strong work ethic and a passion for dentistry. He truly cared for all of his patients, employees and family and strive to be the best He could be for them. I had the pleasure and privilege of working beside him daily for over 10 years and later as a temp. He helped me through alot in my life by always being there to listen and advise or make jokes to make me feel better. We had some fun memorable times at the office. Some of my most treasured memories come from that time in my life. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him. I have no doubt he is riding his bike on the streets of heaven listening to his oldies and we will be reunited with him one day. Betty, Lance and Kyle I am so sorry for your loss.



Teri Fillingame - October 17, 2023 at 10:06 PM

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Teri Fillingame - October 17, 2023 at 10:12 PM

JC

*So many memories! Dr. Findlay taught me so much. 30 years and I still strive to be the best I can be as a dental hygienist! He was an excellent team builder and truly cared for his patients. He will be missed but not forgotten.*

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**Jean Carpenter** - October 21, 2023 at 08:36 PM

JS

“ *God bless you and your family, Kyle. Me and Sweet Betty will surely be covering you in prayer. MJ*

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**Jan Smith** - October 17, 2023 at 09:42 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.*

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October 17, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.*



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October 17, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.*



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October 17, 2023 at 09:02 PM

NS

“ My heart is broken from seeing this because Bill was such a sweet and kind soul who was a special part of our family. His Dad, Sandy, was best friends with our Pop and the 2 of them (Bill and his Dad) used to come up to our house each Christmas Morning and share our Christmas morning celebration. His Mom, Geraldine was a kind soul as well and she always had a smile and a warm greeting for all. This is yet another piece of the Fairfield Highlands family who has gone on to be with their heavenly family. I so hate that I did not know that he was sick.



Nell and Pat Salamone - October 17, 2023 at 08:40 PM

PC

“ Primary C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.

Primary C. - October 17, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.

October 17, 2023 at 05:50 PM



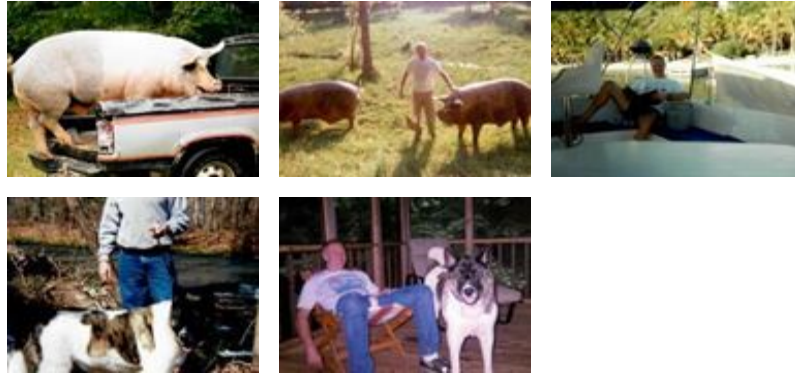
“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.



October 17, 2023 at 05:50 PM



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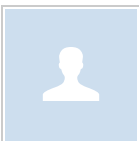


McCalla Memorial Funeral Home - Traditions - October 17, 2023 at 11:48 AM

KB

“ *Oh Doc, what laughter you brought into each room you entered to our patients. You gave us all a lot to be grateful for when we got to share our lives with each other , our families and our patients. They and we will forever be better because of you. We will always yell ROLL TIDE with you and continue to ride hard for fun times with friends.*

Karen Berry - October 16, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.*



October 16, 2023 at 09:48 PM

BW

“ *Brian, Elizabeth, Austin & Noah Walker purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. William "Bill" David Findlay.*



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**Brian, Elizabeth, Austin & Noah Walker** - October 16, 2023 at 04:06 PM

EO

“ *Bill is goth in line of this group of riders, I rode with him and his group from Bessemer many times a good man and friend I will miss seeing him.*  
*Eddie owens*



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**Eddie Owens** - October 16, 2023 at 12:41 PM