



## William Thomas Edge

August 28, 1943 - August 28, 2023

William (Bill) Thomas Edge, born on August 28, 1943, in Jasper, Alabama, passed away on August 28, 2023, on his 80th birthday. He was preceded in death by his adored older brother, Don Edge and his mother Catherine Swan Edge and his father Clyde Edge. He is survived by his loving wife Kathy Edge, daughters Stacy Edge Mendelson (Neil Mendelson), Kelly Edge Jarzen (Ryan Jarzen), Christy Edge Watkins (Lee Watkins), and Holly Edge (John Porter), as well as his cherished grandchildren, Kennedy Kitchen, Molly Kitchen, Jordan Mendelson, Zach Mendelson, and Will Jarzen.

Bill was not just a man, but a legend. In his youth, he was a standout football player, serving as a defensive back for Auburn University in the mid-1960s. His dedication and excellence in both athletics and academics earned him the prestigious Cliff-Hare Award, the highest athletic-academic honor bestowed by the university.

While a career in professional football beckoned, Bill's true calling was to heal and serve. He pursued his dream of becoming a surgeon, attending the University of Alabama-Birmingham Medical School and completing his residency at Baptist Medical Center Hospitals.

Dr. Bill Edge was not only a brilliant and skilled physician but also a compassionate and kind-hearted man. His patients adored him, not only for

his medical expertise but for the genuine care and love he showed to each one. He was known to make house calls, going above and beyond to ensure his patients' well-being.

Throughout a distinguished career spanning over 30 years, Dr. Edge's impact extended beyond the operating room. He served as the Chairman of the Department of Surgery, leaving an indelible mark on his profession. His intelligence, compassion, and unwavering commitment to helping others have left an enduring legacy that will be remembered for generations.

Bill touched countless lives with his healing hands and loving heart. He will be deeply missed, but his spirit will live on in the memories of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Please join his family, Friday, September 1, 2023 at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home chapel. Visitation will begin at 10:00am and service will follow at 11:00am.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery

4809 Bell Hill Road  
Bessemer, AL 35022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (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

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Bill always made me feel I was working with him not for him. Passing his office one day I heard him tell a patient that had surgery....These hands do what God allows the rest is up to you and God. He was a wonderful Doctor and friend. He is missed!* ”

Sandra L Bynum - September 07, 2023 at 01:18 PM

SB

*I still miss you*

Sandra Bynum - March 30 at 02:46 PM

LD

“ *I served with Billy in the National Guard and was very impressed with his ability to handle any emergency. While in Idaho for training, we answered a call to the base club where a man from Alabama had been stabbed. While we were attempting to load the man onto a stretcher, Billy jumped in, closed the wound with his hand and instructed me to drive to the civilian hospital. Once inside the empty ER, Billy took charge of the room, treated our shoulder, and saved the man's life. That was the doctor and friend I will always remember. Rest now. Allis well.* ”

Larry Dunn - September 06, 2023 at 09:01 PM

FW

“ *Dr. Billy was a wonderful, compassionate surgeon who took the ultimate care of his patients. He was also our dear friend. His memory will live forever in our hearts. RIP Dr. Billy. We love you. Ed and Flo (Ingram) Waits* ”

Flora Waits - September 01, 2023 at 03:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Thomas Edge.*



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September 01, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Edge for over 40 years at Medical West  
He was a caring compassionate surgeon who would always come in when we needed him in the ER. He was my mentor who taught me the importance of truly caring for the needs of our patients. He was always caring and compassionate. His skills and knowledge were unsurpassed. Most of all he was my friend. One who always had time to listen and encourage me along the way. My condolences to his family and friends . He was a wonderful man and loved his family.*

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**Dixie Patton Eubanks** - September 01, 2023 at 12:02 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of William Thomas Edge.*



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August 31, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Thomas Edge.*

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August 31, 2023 at 03:24 PM

HC

“ *Dr. Edge saved my life . He was a great doctor.*

**Helen Clevenger** - August 31, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William Thomas Edge.*



August 30, 2023 at 07:32 PM

BB

“ *Dr.Edge was a wonderful doctor and friend.  
Rest in peace brother.*



**Becka Bright** - August 30, 2023 at 04:30 PM

JO

“ *Bill was a great brother-in-law and a kind and compassionate person. He will be missed, I was lucky to have him as a brother-in-law.*

**John Orange** - August 30, 2023 at 11:08 AM

BB

*Dr. Edge was a very caring Dr and friend. Praying for his family.*

**Brenda Biddy** - August 30, 2023 at 09:46 PM

HW

“ *Hal Watkins lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Edge*



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**Hal Watkins** - August 30, 2023 at 09:18 AM

SE

“ *Sarah And John Elam lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Edge*



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**Sarah and John Elam** - August 29, 2023 at 11:32 PM

SG

*The best dioctor I've ever known and the best friend I)ve ever had in my life. I was blessed with his friendship?*

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**Squire Gwin** - September 02, 2023 at 10:09 PM