



# WILLIAM "BILL" ENOCH EDWARDS JR.

January 10, 1953 - August 9, 2021

SNELLVILLE, GA –

William Enoch "Bill" Edwards, Jr., 68, passed away on Monday, August 9, 2021, after an extended illness. At his request, there will be no services. His remains will be buried in Perry Memorial Gardens where he will be laid to rest beside his parents. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Perry High School Band, 1307 North Avenue, Perry, GA 31069.

Bill was born in Selma, Alabama, to the late William Enoch Edwards and the late Bessie Basford Edwards. He grew up going to First Baptist Church of Perry and playing in the Perry High School band. He was a 1970 graduate of Perry High School, and attended the University of Georgia. After college, Bill returned to Perry for a few years. During that time, he worked for the Green family at New Perry Hotel, and thus began his love for the hospitality industry. He moved to San Francisco, California, in 1981, and excitedly accepted a position at The Hotel Californian where he encountered a plethora of worldly and very interesting people and made many good friends. After just a few years, he discovered that he was more suited for life in Georgia. In the mid-1980's, Bill moved to his beloved home in Atlanta where he lived for over thirty years. He was a long-time Desk Clerk and Night Auditor at The Wellsley Hotel in Atlanta. He loved his job and delighted in serving and talking with visitors from all over the world. He retired in 2017, thankful for a career that made him happy for many years. Bill treasured friendships with many of his classmates and friends from Perry, as well as others with whom he had crossed paths through the years.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Bill are his sister and brother-in-law, Marcia and Henry Cotten of Dunwoody, GA; his nephew, Pritchett Cotten (Lizette); his niece, Lydia McNulty (Chris); and his special friend and confidante of over fifty years, Miriam Hancock Zimmermann (Anton) of Knoxville, TN.

Since there will be no public opportunity to visit with the family, please leave condolence messages in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home

has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## **Perry Memorial Gardens**

2106 Highway 41 North

Perry, GA, 31069

# Comments

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“ I have known Bill for 50+ years. I loved him dearly and will miss him constantly. When he came here to Knoxville to visit my husband and myself we could tell he was not well. I knew from all those years ago that he was so very special.



**Miriam (Hancock) Zimmermann** - August 20, 2021 at 07:57 PM

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“ Bill was a neighbor and classmate. He was a great friend . My thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Leelee Lewis** - August 14, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ Marcia and Henry,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss. Susan and Harvey

**Susan and Harvey NeSmith** - August 14, 2021 at 11:43 PM



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**Susan and Harvey NeSmith** - August 14, 2021 at 11:45 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I was a classmate of his and remember him very well. My thoughts and prays are with his friends and family during this time.

**Janet 'Moon' Manning** - August 15, 2021 at 12:58 AM



“ Marcia and Henry, Miriam and Anton, and families,

Please accept my deepest condolences on Bill's passing. Bill, Miriam, I, and others in our friendship circle enjoyed movies, pizzas, conversations, and laughs on many Saturday nights in Middle GA when we were young adults. Bill was full of life and laughter, and I found him so much fun to be around. I will always remember Bill fondly.

Nan Johnson

**Nan Johnson** - August 15, 2021 at 08:34 AM



“ I am as so sorry. Though its been many, many years since I last crossed paths with Bill, I remember him well as a neighbor, classmate, and friend. We may forget neighbors and classmates, but we never forget friends, and I will never forget Bill. My heart and prayers go out to you, the family and close friends.

Jim (James) Beall

**Jim (James) Beall** - August 15, 2021 at 08:52 AM