



# William Leroy Redd

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**W**illiam L. (Bill) Redd, 71 of Huntington, transitioned peacefully of natural causes June 3, 2022, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

Born September 3, 1950, in Wilcoe (McDowell County), West Virginia to James Wagner Redd Sr., and Gearldean Roberson Redd, he was preceded in death by his parents, infant sister Gloria Jean Redd, and brother James W. Redd Jr. Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 49 years Marie Ellen Williams Redd, son LeMarquis A.Redd, and daughter D'Ann M. Redd; grandchildren Kennedy N. Redd, Morgan M. Redd, and Dallas L. Redd; brothers Michael L. Redd (Bonita), and Robert D. Redd (Trudy); niece Belinda M. McNack (Damingo); nephews James W. Redd III, Jonathan M. Payne, Randall D. Redd, and Alec M. Redd.

Bill was a 1968 graduate of Gary High School where he was the first black student body president in the school's history. He was a member of the National Honor Society, and a percussionist in the GHS Band. He graduated Marshall University in 1972 with a B.S. in Political Science. At Marshall he was a member of the Student Judicial Council, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and the Black United Students. He attended North Carolina Central University where he graduated from the School of Law in 1976. At the NCCU School of Law he received the Outstanding Student Taxation Award. He passed the West Virginia Bar Examination in September 1976 and embarked on a 45-year law practice in Huntington. A partner in the Henderson and Redd Law firm for five years, in 1983 Bill began a solo law practice in the Foard-Harwood Building. In 1987 construction began and in 1988 he moved his practice to the current home of the Redd Law Office on Fifth Avenue in Huntington.

Bill was dedicated to the Huntington community and the State of West Virginia. He was a strong advocate for minority representation on the West Virginia Bar Association committees. He developed guidelines and requirements for Marshall



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University's first Black Vice President of Multicultural Affairs with then-MU President Dale Nitzschke. He served the state and community as the legal redress attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He was a member of the National Bar Association, West Virginia Bar Association, member and past president of the Mountain State Bar Association, the West Virginia Association for Justice, and the National Organization of Social Security Claimant Representatives. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Green Acres Foundation and instrumental in the start of the Lesage Natural Water Corporation. He was a life member of the NAACP, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Upsilon Boulee, and a founder and charter member of the Marshall University Black Alumni "Sons of Marshall."

Over the years Bill received many awards for his service. He was named a West Virginia Bar Foundation Fellow, received the Marshall Community & Technical College Outstanding Professor Award, the Marshall University Community & Technical College Certificate of Service, the NAACP Spingarn Award, and the Marshall University Black Alumni "Sons of Marshall" Contribution Award. He sponsored the William L. Redd Little League Baseball team for more than 20 years, and along with his wife Marie endowed the Marshall University Foundation's William L. and Senator Marie E. Redd Scholarship.

In addition to his more than four decades as an attorney, Bill was a Professor of Legal Studies for more than 20 years at Marshall University Community & Technical College.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Huntington where he served as an ordained Deacon, percussionist, pianist, and organist.

The Redd family would like to thank Village Caregiving for their services. The family requests instead of flowers, donations be made to the William L. and Senator Marie E. Redd Scholarship Fund at Marshall University.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, June 10 from 6-8 p.m. at Hall's Funeral Home, 625 County Road, Proctorville, Ohio. Services will be held Saturday, June 11 at 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 801 Sixth Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Huntington, West Virginia.



## Tribute Wall

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WP

**William Pritchett** lit a candle in honor of William.

I'm deeply saddened to learn that we have lost the physical presence of our friend and former Gary, WV neighbor Bill Redd. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife Marie, everyone in the Redd Family, and everyone in Bill's huge community of loved ones and friends. We thank God for the life of Bill Redd. - Bill Pritchett

July 12 at 8:00 PM



RL

**Russell Lee** lit a candle in honor of William.

We used to see each other at the student Union to chit chat about our Basketball game that is coming up. He would ask me to score 30 to 40 points and I would say ok. RIP my dear friend.

June 16 at 8:00 PM



WA

**Warren And Mary Armstead** lit a candle in honor of William.

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. God Bless.

June 10 at 8:00 PM



MS

**Michelle Shank** lit a candle in honor of William.

Marie and family, my sincere condolences on your loss. I pray that God will give you peace and comfort. I know it is hard, but God knows what is best. Stay wrapped in the arms of Jesus and you will get thru this. Love you Marie! Michelle S Shank

June 10 at 8:00 PM



SC

**Susan Crawford** lit a candle in honor of William.

Worked with Bill many years when I worked for SSA. He was a good man. Heavenly blessings and prayers to the family.

June 10 at 8:00 PM





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**John Hash** lit a candle in honor of William.

Please accept my condolences for your loss. I practiced law in Huntington when Bill came to practice with us. He was diligent, sincere and professional. We all respected him. We were all blessed by his presence and we are all diminished by his passing.

June 9 at 8:00 PM



**Felicia And Alex Montgomery** lit a candle in honor of William.

To, Marie and Family, Our condolences and prayers are with you. Bill was a gentle soul who always inquire about how we were doing and what AI was up to. His lasting sentence was,"if you need or want anything? Just let me or Marie know." God bless each of you and know one day we'll all be rejoicing together. Take care blessings always. Flee and Alex Montgomery.

June 9 at 8:00 PM



**Chuck Chambers** lit a candle in honor of William.

Bill was a great lawyer and wonderful person. We worked together on several cases, and he was a skilled advocate. His cheerfulness was contagious, and everyone liked and respected him. His contributions to our community live on.

June 9 at 8:00 PM



**Sharis Hunter** lit a candle in honor of William.

REAL LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH 2511 9th Avenue Huntington, WV 25703  
Home Going Of Mr. William Leroy Redd To the family and friends of William Redd,  
We take this time to share our deepest condolence on the loss of your dear loved one. May you always find joy in the memories you hold together. We pray confidently that the Spirit of God that lives within you will rise and be your added strength and peace in the days and nights that lie ahead. "He said I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." Our prayers of comfort and consolation are with you now and always. Submitted By: Bishop Charles D. Shaw & Lady Sharon Shaw & The Real Life Christian Center Church Family

June 9 at 8:00 PM





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KL

**Kenneth M Lane** lit a candle in honor of William.

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JJ

**James Jackson** lit a candle in honor of William.

Marie and Family, my deepest condolences and prayers. The Attorney I met as Bill was always inspiring. He was a mentor and role model to me Robbie, Herbie, Darrell, William S... You and Bill helped us believe that we could achieve whatever we set our minds to! I feel the loss but celebrate his legacy ❤️🙏!

June 9 at 8:00 PM



TS

**Tribute Store** lit a candle in honor of William.

In memory of Uncle Bill, from your first nephew, James Wagner Redd, III

June 9 at 8:00 PM



TS

**Tribute Store** lit a candle in honor of William.

Mr. Redd was a wonderful man. He was always so nice to us punk kids back in high school! A true leader. Love you LeMaquis

June 9 at 8:00 PM



KJ

**Kevin And Mary Jackson** lit a candle in honor of William.

Our deepest condolences to you and your family.

June 9 at 8:00 PM





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BM

**Beverly Mcdonald** lit a candle in honor of William.

Marie and family, sorry for your loss

June 8 at 8:00 PM



CL

**Charles T. Ledbetter** lit a candle in honor of William.

To Marie and the Redd family, I was so very sad and sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great person, a cherished friend and a wonderful member of our fraternity. I will never forget how much he "added" to our fraternity meetings and to my life. He will be missed. Charles & Eva Ledbetter

June 8 at 8:00 PM



KF

**Kathy Nicholson Fitzgerald And The Nicholson Family** lit a candle in honor of William.

To the Redd Family My heart is so very heavy today as I heard of the passing of my friend, former boss and a all around wonderful man. My prayers and condolences to the family Kathy Nicholson Fitzgerald and the Nicholson Family

June 8 at 8:00 PM



BH

**Bryant M Swayne / Hickory, Nc** lit a candle in honor of William.

To Marie, Michael, Bobby and Family: We were saddened to hear of the passing of Attorney Redd. Know that we are praying for each of you during your hours of bereavement and as the days and weeks go by that you know we are praying for your strength that only God can give The children of the late Griffin and Mabel Swayne

June 7 at 8:00 PM





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DH

**Dorothy L. Huey** lit a candle in honor of William.

To Our Dear Friend of 49 years and Family of Attorney William Leroy Redd. We were saddened to hear of your Husband's passing. Heartfelt Condolences to the Family. Please remember that God is too wise to make a mistake and too Holy to do anything wrong. Prayer is the key, but it takes Faith to unlock the door. We met Marie and Bill in 1973 when Bill came to North Carolina College (NCC), now North Carolina Central University (NCCU) to attend Law School. Bill was given a contact number which happened to be my Mother, Mama Carrie. When you all arrived, our four old daughter and nine year old Son met you all when you asked if Mrs. Hargrove lived here, and our daughter called Mama Carrie and said, "someone in a white bent up car is looking for you. (smiles). The last 49 years, we believe that our friendship has seemed more like a Family relationship. Mama Carrie would not have it any other way. The Redd Family has been a pillow not only in West Virginia, but every where they went leaving their mark by showing by examples, what you do speaks so loud that people cannot hear what you are saying. LeMarquis and D'Ann have already been taught by the best and have taught their children. We want to say to the Family that we Love you and we will continue to pray that God will give you the strength to bare your great loss for the Days, Months, and Years to come. This is with much Love. Your Friends, Albert and Dorothy Huey



June 5 at 8:00 PM

DP

**Darrell Pratt** lit a candle in honor of William.

Bill Redd was a legal scholar and a true gentleman. Bill was dedicated to his family and community. He was a true friend to many. He practiced law the way the profession was intended. He was aggressive but honorable and cordial. Huntington will miss him. Darrell Pratt



June 6 at 8:00 PM

RB

**Robert Bosworth Iii** lit a candle in honor of William.

So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.



June 6 at 8:00 PM

AR

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For William Leroy Redd** lit a candle in honor of William.

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Hall



June 5 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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