



William "Bill" Banks Ashe Jr.

March 18, 1950 - August 30, 2022

William "Bill" Banks Ashe, Jr. died of natural causes on August 29, 2022. He graduated from Georgia Tech in 1973 and worked as an architect at Arkhora in Atlanta, GA, where he met his wife, Pat.

The couple moved to Asheville in 1976. Bill designed houses in North and South Carolina and Georgia and public properties, including Asheville's Lewis Rathbun Home, a residence for families with loved ones needing medical care at area hospitals. He was a partner and founder of Architectural Design Studio (ADS), and in 1990 he and Pat established their own architectural firm.

In 1977, Bill helped start Asheville's volleyball league called "Hi, Neighbor!" known as one of the premiere USA-Volleyball events on the east coast, drawing more than 100 teams from across the nation to compete each year in Asheville and Buncombe County.

Bill was also a talented painter and avid fisherman. He loved nothing more than riding his tractor to mow a field, digging up a pond with his backhoe, or building rock walls to contain the many magnificent gardens he and Pat created together.

Born in 1950 in Decatur, GA, Bill was the son of William Banks Ashe, Sr. and Florence Cooper Ashe. He is survived by his partner, best friend, and beloved

wife, Pat Peterson, and brother, David Ashe, of Norwood, NC.

A giant of a man with a big heart and a wicked sense of humor, Bill will be sorely missed by his many friends, family, and clients. In lieu of a ceremony or flowers, donations may be sent in Bill's memory to Beloved Asheville (www.belovedasheville.com).

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care is serving the family and condolences may be sent through our website at www.morrisfamilycare.com

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Banks Ashe Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dear Pat,
Ron and I just came across the information that Bill passed away last August. We are so very sad. What a wonderful presence he was. We are thinking of you and what you are going through reconstructing your life without your partner of so many years. Such a hard task and such a human one.*

Please accept our clumsy condolences .

Joyce and Ron Sousa

Joyce Sousa - November 29, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *Pat, Tom and I were saddened to read that Bill passed away. As I read the comments, I am reminded of the wonderful times we shared with Bill, you and Steve: his serial house building clients. We enjoyed knowing Bill and working with him on numerous houses (four to be exact) and became very fond of this gentle giant. I am happy to say that some of the love of building and design rubbed off on our daughter, Laura Hudson, who now has her own achitectural firm here in town; and I am sure that Bill in some way influenced her decision to choose architecture as a career. We will miss him and keep you in our thoughts.*

Lyn Berner

Lyn Berner - September 14, 2022 at 03:11 PM

LS

“ Pat, so very sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He pursued many interests, as we knew from his being a customer of Accent On Books for several years. Peace to you, Lewis Sorrells

Lewis Sorrells - September 13, 2022 at 10:52 AM

SA

“ It is with great sadness that Kaye and I hear of Bill's passing. He was the most evenhanded person I have known. He was instrumental to my success as a contractor and I will be forever indebted and grateful to have known Bill. Kaye joins me in sending our deepest sympathies.

Steve Andrews - September 11, 2022 at 02:51 PM

AB

“ Henri and I miss Bill terribly and send all our love to pat.

Ann Batchelder - September 11, 2022 at 10:08 AM

DC

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Bill, Jr. He was truly an exceptional man. My sincerest condolences to Pat, David, and the rest of the family.

Doug Cooper - September 09, 2022 at 03:21 PM

RW

“ Bill was a good friend and a great architect. We really enjoyed working with Bill and Pat on several projects.

Ron Wilson - September 08, 2022 at 04:27 PM

MC

“ *Bill was a friend of mine. We went to high school together in Atlanta, but didn't meet until we found ourselves on opposite sides of a drawing board in an Asheville architect's office ten years later. That was almost 46 years ago. He always tried to make things better than they were before he got to them. He succeeded.*

MIKE

Mike Cox - September 05, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ *Bill has left a huge mark on our land, in our minds and in our hearts. He will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by the Zarnowski Family.*

Steve Zarnowski - September 02, 2022 at 05:27 AM