



Mr. William Bethell "Chip" Williamson IV

January 20, 1951 - October 2, 2013

William Bethell "Chip" Williamson, IV, 62, of Weaverville passed Wednesday, October, 2, 2013 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta after a brief illness. A lifelong resident of Buncombe County, he was son of the late William Bethell Williamson, III and Elizabeth Gudger Williamson of Asheville.

Chip earned his BSBA degree at Mars Hill College and soon after joining his father's insurance business, Schley & Williamson Insurance. Following the death of his father, eight years later, he became president. In 2000, the company merged with Hutton, Vincent Insurance Agency and McLean Agency to form Hutton, Vincent, Williamson & McLean (H.V.W.M, Inc.). Forming one of the oldest and largest Independent Insurance Agencies in WNC and in 2009, they combined with Bankers Insurance.

A lifelong member of Central United Methodist Church, he was very active in the church and held many offices. Continuing his Christian life, in 1993 he organized Blueridge Emmaus, which has sponsored over 2000 people in their journey of faith. He spent 15 years being active with the Boy Scouts of America and received the Honor of the Cross and Flame Award for service to youth from the Methodist Church.

An active volunteer, Chip began in his early years with the Optimist and Asheville Jaycees. Later on, he became a member of EAGA, Executive

Association of Greater Asheville which is a relationship based local business generation group that exemplifies qualities of goodwill and gratitude. Chip was always active in many areas with Independent Insurance Agents of NC, teaching insurance classes and particularly in mentoring future insurance professionals which once earned him Educator of the Year award. Additionally, he was chairman and member of numerous regional and national advisory boards for insurance companies.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Melanie Nicholson Williamson; daughter, Candace Williamson Wells and her husband, Keith Alan of Weaverville; son, William Bethell "Sonny" Williamson, V and his wife, Chelsea of Concord; two sisters, Ellis Edney and her husband, Greenwood of Mars Hill and Lynn Busby and her husband, Mike of Elgin, SC; brother, David Williamson and his wife, Dionne of Weaverville; two grandchildren, Matthew Alan and Drew William Wells, both of Weaverville and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held 3:00 PM, Sunday, October 6, 2013 at Central United Methodist Church with Dr. Robert Blackburn, Jr. and Reverend Luke Lingle officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 27 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801

Cemetery Details

Central United Methodist Church Memorial Gardens

27 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church
27 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Bethell "Chip" Williamson IV*



Morris Funeral Home - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. William Bethell "Chip" Williamson IV*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3,4 states "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away". Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.*

Ana - October 09, 2013 at 03:02 PM



“ *I was sad to read of the passing of Chip. I have so many fond memories of him visiting with Bill & Jen, grandparents, who were my next door neighbors, when he was young. The Williamson family has my deepest sympathy and prayers.*

Juanita Dixon - October 05, 2013 at 07:11 AM

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“Melanie, Candace, Sonny and all the Williamson family are in our thoughts and prayers today. No words can express our sadness. Chip was a wonderful friend and employer for many years. I'll always remember him as "The Boss" and his great sense of humor. Most of all I'll remember his faith in God and how he loved sharing his faith with others. It's that same faith and love that comforts us in knowing Chip is at home in Heaven now. We pray the family will find that same comfort even though Chip will be missed so much by us all. Chip's life was his testimony of faith and he trusted the Lord to always take care of him. We know he's with loved ones gone before us and we have the blessed assurance of seeing him again. We love you all. Dinah and Floyd Young

Dinah Young - October 04, 2013 at 09:42 AM

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“Our sincere condolences go out to the Williamson family. I knew Chip from church and high school. He was always a outgoing and happy fellow. God bless. Gil and Carol Michael

Gil Michael - October 04, 2013 at 08:40 AM

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“What can I say... Chip was a brother to me. I will treasure every memory and every moment. I could fill pages with what he has done for me and how much he meant to me. He was a fantastic boss, for 22 years, but much more he was one of my best friends. I will truly miss him. All my love to all his family, especially Melanie, Sonny, and Candace. You have always made me feel like a part of your family. "No more night, not more pain, no more tears, never crying again. And praises to the great "I Am". We will live in the light of the risen lamb." I am here for you. Love, Sherry Dodd

Sherry Dodd - October 03, 2013 at 01:44 PM