



## Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas

December 31, 1948 - April 19, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that Mrs. Joyce Atkinson Christmas and her family announce the death of her beloved husband, Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas, 77.

Mr. Christmas passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 19, 2026. The Directors of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 3 o'clock, on Sunday, April 26, 2026, in The Chapel of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home. The Rev. Dr. Mark Hopkins and The Rev. Brandon Barkley will officiate, with burial to follow in Piedmont Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home.

Bill was born on Friday, December 31, 1948, in the Ashwood Community of Lee County, SC, and lived there his entire life. He is the son of the late Audrey O. Christmas and the late Nettie Evans Christmas. Bill grew up on the family farm with his thirteen brothers and sisters, and he learned the value of hard work from a young age. He never met a stranger, and he was known to his community as a kind, dependable, honest, hard-working man. Bill retired after working many years as a lead shop foreman/welder. He attended Ashwood Church of the Nazarene and enjoyed the fellowship of his church family and members of his local community.

Bill married Joyce Atkinson in 1970, and the two enjoyed fifty-five years together. God blessed this union with two children and five grandchildren, who called him "Papa Bill".

He is survived by his loving wife Joyce Atkinson Christmas; son, Brian "Gil" Christmas (Emily); daughter, Amy C. Hopkins (Mark); granddaughters, Morgan, Briana, Kaylee, and grandson, Asher. He is also survived by numerous brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Bethany Hopkins; niece, Pamela Hayes; several brothers and sisters.

# Cemetery Details

## Piedmont Cemetery

720 Sumter HW  
Bishopville, SC 29010

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home  
200 West Church Street  
Bishopville, SC 29010  
(803) 484-6116  
info@hehfunerals.com  
<https://www.hehfunerals.com>

## Funeral Service

APR **26**. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home  
200 West Church Street  
Bishopville, SC 29010

# Tribute Wall



“ Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas



Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home - April 24 at 12:20 PM

BE

“ Bobbie Elmore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas



Bobbie Elmore - May 27 at 01:20 PM

TC

“ Joyce and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Terri H. Camp - April 27 at 03:49 PM

BL

“ Brandy, Chris, Rocco, and Leo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas.

Brandy, Chris, Rocco, and Leo - April 24 at 11:08 PM

BL

“ Brandy, Chris, Rocco, and Leo purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas.



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**Brandy, Chris, Rocco, and Leo** - April 24 at 11:08 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas.



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April 24 at 09:32 PM

DH

“ Praying for family!  
Denise Hayes



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**Denise Hayes** - April 24 at 04:07 AM



“ Dianne Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas



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**Dianne Williams** - April 23 at 11:50 PM

BM

“ Bobby and Dianne Miller purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas.



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**Bobby and Dianne Miller** - April 23 at 08:21 PM

TE

“ So sorry for your loss! Praying for you all!



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**Tammy Elvington** - April 23 at 08:20 PM

LK

“ Larry And Ruby Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas



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**Larry and Ruby Kelley** - April 23 at 08:06 AM

DB

Praying for all the families and his friends 🙏❤️🙏

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**Debbie Batchelor** - April 25 at 08:48 AM



“ Prayers for you all during this time.  
Tanya Jones Jennings and Gwyn Jones



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**Tanya Jennings** - April 22 at 06:51 PM

SB

“ Stan And Myra Brown lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas



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**Stan and Myra Brown** - April 22 at 06:03 PM

LF

“ Les & Julie Gough and Family purchased the Be  
autiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Broadus  
Gilbert "Bill" Christmas.



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**Les & Julie Gough and Family** - April 22 at 11:03 AM

BB

“ We are so sorry for your loss, we are praying  
for the family. Sending God's love and comfort  
to each of you.



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**Brenda and Robert Bailey** - April 22 at 10:54 AM

LR

“ *Libby Rowland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas*



Libby Rowland - April 22 at 09:54 AM

LR

*I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. May God be with you and your family.*

Libby Rowland - April 22 at 09:56 AM

JM

“ *Dear Joyce & family, so sorry for your loss. Bill was a patient & kind gentleman. I worked with him for years at Reeves (Joyce too). Those were the best of times. Coworkers were family. Thinking of you with love & prayers! ❤️🙏*  
*Janice Melton*



Janice Melton - April 22 at 09:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Broadus Gilbert "Bill" Christmas.*



April 22 at 07:39 AM

DC

“ Amy, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.



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**Della Clark** - April 22 at 04:10 AM