



## William Jennings Booth Jr.

July 10, 1934 - September 21, 2024

William Jennings “Bill” Booth was born in Apex beside the Apex Lumber Company on July 10, 1934. He graduated from Apex High School and then proudly attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a Navy ROTC scholarship. While attending UNC-Chapel Hill, he became a letterman on the UNC Track and Field team. After receiving his degree, he spent two years of active duty in the Pacific as a commissary officer on the USS Roanoke. After discharge from active duty, Bill returned to Apex and ran Apex Lumber Company until he retired in 2000. While running Apex Lumber Company and raising a family, he continued his Navy career as a reserve officer, retiring as a Commander.

He married Mary Lou Norwood in 1959 and had 3 children: Billy and wife, Vickie; Linda Colhoun and husband, Tom; and Jennifer Schmitt and husband Mike. He cherished his 5 grandchildren, Camma Barnhill and husband Van, Will Booth, Elizabeth Pinnix and husband Brett, Meredith Colhoun and Samantha Schmitt. He also had 2 great-grandchildren that he loved: Mary Bennett and Evelyn Bea Barnhill.

His contribution to Salem Baptist Church, the Apex’s Lions Club, Apex Jaycees, the Apex Community and most of all his family will long be remembered.

Memorials in his name may be given to: Salem Baptist Church Building Fund

1205 Salem Church Rd., Apex NC 27523 or the UNC-CH School of Nursing  
Cronenwett Scholarship

Donations can also be mailed to: UNC School of Nursing with Cronenwett  
Scholarship in memory of Bill Booth in the memo line or attached  
correspondence, and mail to UNC School of Nursing, Attn: UNC Gift Services,  
PO Box 309, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

Or you can go to [go.unc.edu/CronenwettScholarship](http://go.unc.edu/CronenwettScholarship) and given to the the  
Linda R. Cronenwett Doctoral Scholarship

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Salem Baptist Church  
1200 Salem Church Rd.  
Apex, NC 27523

## Funeral Service

SEP 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Reception

SEP 27. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *One of the last in his generation. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

Michelle Cheyenne Booth - November 11, 2024 at 11:34 AM

WS

“ *Was blessed to have gotten to know Mr Booth and his family. He was a real man, kind to everyone, and a good friend to us! Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

Wes Strader - September 30, 2024 at 11:26 AM

KF

“ *It was such a honor to have known Mr. Booth, he was such a sweet soul. He will be dearly missed by all.*

Kathy Faber - September 28, 2024 at 08:24 PM

PF

“ *Phil and Skyla Carmona and family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of William Jennings Booth Jr..*



Phil and Skyla Carmona and family - September 26, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Jennings Booth Jr..*



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September 26, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Jennings Booth Jr..*



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September 26, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ *Susan, Traci, Cindy & Missey purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William Jennings Booth Jr..*



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**Susan, Traci, Cindy & Missey** - September 26, 2024 at 03:24 PM

BF

“ So sorry to hear if Bill’s passing. You had 65 wonderful years together!

“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal!

Love has a memory no one can steal!”

Cherish those memories. His suffering has ended! 💕🙏❤️

barbara faber - September 26, 2024 at 02:43 PM

LS

“ Love Chuck and Chris Schmitt purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of William Jennings Booth Jr..



Love Chuck and Chris Schmitt - September 26, 2024 at 02:00 PM

RS

“ Ralph and Maureen Schmitt purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William Jennings Booth Jr..



Ralph and Maureen Schmitt - September 25, 2024 at 05:13 PM

ML

“ *Mike and Liz purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Jennings Booth Jr..*



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**Mike and Liz** - September 25, 2024 at 01:21 PM