



Grover Delano "Dee" Hill

September 22, 1939 - October 23, 2024

Grover Delano "Dee" Hill age 85, passed away peacefully on Wednesday October 23, 2024, at Tideland's Waccamaw Hospital.

Dee was born on September 22nd, 1939, in Vanceboro, NC to the late Ruth Mae and Grover J. Hill of Vanceboro NC. Growing up Dee loved to spend time with his five sisters, hunt and helping his grandfather and grandmother tend the farm. Dee graduated from Farmlife Highschool in 1959, and was drafted, as a pitcher, by the Baltimore Orioles. Dee went on to play professional baseball with the Baltimore Orioles farm team from 1959 to 1968. In the off-season, Dee joined the IBEW, became a journeyman electrician, and remained a member for 55 years. During his life Dee became a beloved baseball manager, was an avid golfer, loved music and loved spending time with his friends, family and grandchildren. Dee retired in Murrells Inlet, SC where he and his brother-in-law Autry Moore broke golfing records up and down the grand strand. Dee never met a stranger and was loved by all.

Dee is survived by his wife of 64 years Mary, his son; Robert and his wife Jeannine Hill of Mt. Pleasant, SC, his daughter; Susan and her husband Joe Moreira of Florence, SC, his grandchildren, Lauren and Evan Hill, and his beloved sisters, Anne Williams of Chocowinity, NC and Jean Winkler of Council, Idaho, as well as his many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will be holding a celebration of life service later.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is handling arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JM

“*Mary I was truly sorry to hear about Dee. He was a great guy and I enjoyed his company.
May the Lord give you strength at a time like this.
Jim Murdock*

jim murdock - November 10, 2024 at 12:42 PM

MA

“*Mary Alice, My sincere sympathy to you and your family on Delano's passing. You were my heroes growing up. I remember your family with such fondness! What a wonderful legacy he leaves in his beloved family.*

Maggie Beth Godley Arruda - October 31, 2024 at 10:22 PM

RL

“*So sorry to read of the end of Delano's earthly life. I sure hope there's golf in heaven. So glad to read that you are still with us, Mary Alice. We think of your whole family at Campbell's Creek every time we're down there. More memories of you, Aurora High School Homecoming Queen, than Delano. Glad he played for the Orioles. Aunt Lela and Uncle Lionel had season tickets. Remember watching the Saturday night fights together until Uncle Walter and Aunt Myra finally got a TV.
Much love, Rebecca Godley Liberty, New Bern*

Rebecca Godley Liberty - October 31, 2024 at 09:37 PM

LH

“ My Grandpa Dee. You taught me how to drive, and how to always protect myself. One thing that has always stood out to me/ made me laugh about my grandpa is that no food was ever too spicy for him. He had to have hot sauce with a lot of things and he even ate spicy food right after it was done cooking so it was piping hot! I love you so much and I am so happy you got to see me graduate college. your “favorite granddaughter” - Lauren Hill❤️☐



Lauren Hill - October 29, 2024 at 09:49 PM

BL

*Mary and Family.
What a loss. Am so sorry to learn of his death. He was one of those guys you felt would be around forever.
My husband Monnie is the same way. We have a refrigerator full of Texas Pete and the like. It must've come down from the Laughinghouse side.
Did Delano have a charity he was fond of? We would like to make a contribution to something that was important to him..
Barbara and Monnie*

Barbara Laughinghouse - October 31, 2024 at 02:50 PM

LH

Texas Pete! Ahaha! So cool to hear from a laughinghouse!!! I have heard all about you guys. I am not sure, dee didn't ever mention any charities.

Lauren Hill - November 01, 2024 at 08:48 PM

KE

Dee was a shining star. We were new to the neighborhood, he was outside waiting to greet us, knowing our name but we had no idea who he was. He was a wonderful neighbor and friend. We miss him dearly. Mary, he is in our thoughts and prayers. The Kelly Family. ❤️

Kellys - November 11, 2024 at 04:42 PM

MQ

“ Delano was a fun loving friend. Mary, I'm sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort.

Marilyn Nobles Quattlebaum

Marilyn N Quattlebaum - October 29, 2024 at 03:04 PM

JR

“ I have many , many memories of my dear friend Delano. While in elementary school I would go watch him play baseball. I played some golf with him and we quail hunted a lot in his off seasons.

I first caught a baseball from him when I was about 13-14 and he had broken his ankle in spring training . He came home to recover and came to my house one day and said get your catchers mitt and come with me. He wanted to start working in his throwing before rejoining the team.

I caught him again one Sunday for 1 inning while he was home on break. This was about 1967-68. We had a Sunday afternoon team that Mickey Jacaruso coached.

We played a team from Pamlico County and I begged him and he finally gave in to pitch one inning.

He did not warm up much and I first thought I could catch him without a mitt. He gave up a couple of hits and the guys from Pamlico heckled him some. He called me to the mound and said ok buddy get ready because it is coming now. I think he threw not more than 12 pitches to the next three hitters and I doubt they saw it. It was pure adrenaline smoke.

He walked off the mound and waived to me and Walked back to his car and left. It was like something in a movie.

Boog Powell and the scout that signed him Ray Scarborough both told me that he should have been in the Majors.

He and Earl Weaver did not like each other. Weaver was one of the coaches in the Baltimore organization.

Earl was known to have a bad temper and to hold a grudge.

Prayers to all his family. I could go on and on but God needed a good guy and he surely got one . We will all try to hold onto the

good memories.

*One of my real heroes and a hero to lots of folks from Vanceboro,
NC*

Rest in eternal peace my friend.

Jimmy Robinson - October 28, 2024 at 08:58 PM



This made me cry. Thank you so much for being my grandpa's friend ☐

Lauren Hill - October 29, 2024 at 09:55 PM