

## William Albert "Bill" Chapman

May 16, 1942 - March 12, 2022

Conway...

William Albert "Bill" Chapman, 79, passed away on March 12, 2022 surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born on May 16, 1942 in Anderson, SC to the late William Thomas Chapman and Frances Sanders Chapman. He graduated from Boys High in Anderson SC in 1960 and Wake Forest University in 1964 with a BA in History. He was also a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Wake Forest. After college, he served in the Army Reserve during the Vietnam War and then he went to work for the family business, Tom Chapman Tire Service, where he earned his lifelong knowledge of the tire business.

Bill married the love of his life, Susan Stogner of Conway, SC in 1968 and welcomed four children, William "Chip" Albert Chapman II (deceased), Harriette Cooper Chapman of Little River, SC, Clifton Alexander "Clif" Chapman (Brandy Vereen) of Conway, SC and William Thomas "Tab" Chapman (Michelle O'Brien) of Conway, SC. He was also the proud grandfather to Shelby, Cameron, Anna-Kate and Ella-Grier. Bill is also survived by his brothers, Richard Booth Chapman (Georgeanne) of Nashville, TN, David Marion Chapman (Suzanne) of Anderson, SC and Stephen Sanders Chapman (Linda) of Cape Girardeau, MO; and his beloved

dachshund, Abby.

Bill always had a knack for the tire business. Over the decades he developed many new products in the industry. His most recent startup was Diamond Back Classic Radials, a company which manufactures tires for the vintage car industry. Today that company is deemed the premiere tire in the industry and is distributed worldwide.

A private graveside service will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Conway, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Noah's Ark Rescue, 4084 Spring Island, Okatie, SC 29909, (843) 540-6755, [noahsarkrescue@mac.com](mailto:noahsarkrescue@mac.com) or to Low Country Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 952, Ladson, SC 29456, [lowcountryanimalrescue@ymail.com](mailto:lowcountryanimalrescue@ymail.com)

Please sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeside Cemetery

401 Lakewood Drive  
Conway, SC 29526

# Tribute Wall

GS

“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Chapman and Diamond back families. We will miss Bill's warmth immensely. We will cherish the relationship we enjoyed for many years.

*Most Sincerely  
Greg Smith and the Team at Rocky Island Tire  
Bracebridge, Ontario, Canada*

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**Greg Smith** - March 17, 2022 at 03:15 PM

MH

“ Susan, please know that you and your family are in our prayers at the loss of Bill 🙏. Fred and I were sitting here reminiscing about the good times you and Bill always showed us at Baldhead. Please know that you have always held a special place in my heart as a good friend and I will think and pray for you in the days ahead. Love Fred and Marleen

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**Marleen Halt** - March 16, 2022 at 11:04 PM



“ RIP Bill , Prayers for his Family and friends

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**Ron Nelson** - March 15, 2022 at 10:46 PM

CF

“ Met Bill at Charlotte Motor Speedway, will miss talking to him and dealing with him and Cooper. Very sorry to see him pass. Charlie Fields

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**Charlie Fields** - March 15, 2022 at 09:25 PM

KS

“ *Great Guy .Ken's Classics*

Kenneth M Smizinski - March 15, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Albert "Bill" Chapman.*



March 15, 2022 at 07:03 PM

KA

“ *Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May 'the God of all comfort' be with family and friends at this difficult time. Isaiah 41:13*

Kathryn - March 15, 2022 at 06:51 PM

TG

“ *Susan and family, our thoughts are of you and know that we care.*

Ted & Connie Gragg - March 15, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ *Bill, It has been great to have the ability to work with you in business and all your kindness. Rest in peace Bill. Condolences to the family.*

*Mitch  
Cruiser MotorSports*

Mitch Geriminsky - March 15, 2022 at 06:14 PM

SB

“ Condolences from the Breeding family. We are so sorry for your loss and know he will be missed.



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**Sue Breeding** - March 15, 2022 at 06:14 PM

TP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Chapman family and the entire Diamondback family. Bill was an cherished friend and we will miss him dearly.

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**Tricia Patterson** - March 15, 2022 at 04:35 PM

NS

“ My favorite memory was at Clifs dock on the River and Tab and Michelle and Brandy and I are there. Think maybe kids in river on flat float. I just missed Susan we're all talking everyone's having a beer. And Bill spontaneously jump in river clothes and all! He always surprise yah now and then!

Remember the succession party at Megget We would be prepping for the party and getting the island ready and Bill with scoot around on those bike four wheeler like thing with his dog Abigail I think!,by his side back-and-forth all over the place. He was a busy bee! He always said that he loved Megget and the island out there. As well as Baldhead island and the many fun times with his family. More than anything loved his dogs and he would besure I got them their meds even if it meant going through that burger place drive through . To get hot dogs to put max pills in! I know he will be missed. My heart breaks for the Whole Chapman family. I thank Susan for the opportunity to work with and to get to know Bill and the kids and grandkids that feel like my family! ❤️🌸

My deepest sympathy!❤️

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**Nora Speight** - March 15, 2022 at 04:28 PM

JH

“ *My condolences and prayers to the Chapman family, and everyone at Diamond Back Classics.*

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**John Hatfield** - March 15, 2022 at 03:51 PM

PW

“ *So very sorry for your loss Susan and that of your family. Such a great guy.*

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**Prudy and Lee Weaver** - March 15, 2022 at 03:42 PM

 Den Fernandes

“ *Condolences to all of the Chapman family and employees of Diamond Back Classics. May "Bill" rest in peace. From a many time customer. Dennis F.*

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**Den Fernandes** - March 15, 2022 at 02:55 PM

MG

“ *So sorry for your loss. May Bill rest in peace.*

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**Michael Gorgia** - March 15, 2022 at 02:49 PM

KR

“ *Sorry for your loss. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Ken Rowe*

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**Ken Rowe** - March 15, 2022 at 02:22 PM

ML

“ *I met Mr Bill thru the love of his animals. I'm so lucky to have been able to know him and his family. What a big hearted animal loving man . He will always be in my heart...*

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**Michele Long** - March 15, 2022 at 10:58 AM

GP

“ Chappy was a good friend and Classmate in High School. We used to play our Baritone Ukeleles together. While in High School, I remember making a trip with Chappy to Duke, under the auspices of his seeing his Brother, Booth, and my seeing my sister, Anne; as well as “looking at Duke. Neither of us had any intention of eventually going toDuke, but it was a chance for us to miss a couple days of school, and get out of town. I doubt that either of us could have gone to Duke, even if we could have picked the locks. Chappy ended up going to Wake, and I went to The Citadel. He was a great guy. May he Rest In Peace. See you on the other side, my friend.  
Guy Palmer

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**Guy Palmer** - March 15, 2022 at 09:10 AM

PC

“ Susan, I was so sorry to hear that Bill had passed away. May you find comfort and peace as you remember a life well lived.

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**Peggy Chestnut** - March 14, 2022 at 08:45 PM

ES

“ Elaine Sarvis lit a candle in memory of William Albert "Bill" Chapman



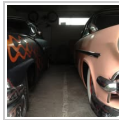
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**Elaine Sarvis** - March 14, 2022 at 07:37 PM

GI

“ As next door neighbors in Anderson, Bill always kept an eye open for when we might need new tires! And I would remind him where he could have a mole removed! I loved him dearly and he would remind me that it was time to make him a lemon pie from Jerry's mom's recipe. Susan, hope you and yours find comfort in knowing how many of us are sending love, Gill

**gillpowell** - March 14, 2022 at 07:20 PM



I was introduced to Diamond Back Tires by My Good Friend Roger Lovitt from Oregon several years ago and since that time I have ENJOYED tires from Your Company and use them as My Preferred Tire on all My Builds and always refer potential customers to Diamond Back. It has always been a pleasure to deal with Your Company. My Deepest Regards and Sympathy for The Family. RIP Mister Chapman !! REGARDS Gordy Brown

**Gordy Brown** - March 16, 2022 at 08:28 PM

CS

Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Coach Dickie & Linda Smith** - March 16, 2022 at 10:25 PM

PS

My sympathy and empathy for your loss. I didn't know Bill, but have been using and recommending Diamond Back tires for 20 years. Godspeed Bill!

*Paul Setaro*

**Paul Setaro** - March 18, 2022 at 09:51 AM

CH

*I met Bill at the AACA Trade Show in Philadelphia many years ago. I became a customer and we spoke of many things at different times. Viewing his obit I learned that he was a Brother of mine in Pi Kappa Alpha, the same age, and also an Army Reserve Veteran. Many unfinished things yet to talk about. You will be missed!*

*Carl Heller*

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**Carl Heller** - March 22, 2022 at 09:40 AM