



William J. Baxley, Jr.

November 4, 2008

Myrtle Beach...William J. "Bill" Baxley Jr., Col. US Army Retired, age 81, of Martinique Street died Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at his residence. Col. William J. Baxley Jr. was born in West Palm Beach, FL, the son of the late William Joshua Baxley, Sr. and Harriett Lucius Baxley. A native of Dillon, he graduated from West Point in 1950 and earned a MBA from the University of Alabama in 1962. During his twenty-two year career in the US Army, he served as an Infantry Battalion Commander in Vietnam and as a Colonel in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He received the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Medal and the Freedom Foundation's George Washington Honor Medal. Colonel Baxley joined Coastal Carolina University in 1972 and served the institution in many capacities, including Associate Chancellor of Advancement and Dean of the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration until his retirement in 1992. Colonel Baxley continued to serve as Dean Emeritus of E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration. In 2003, he was named an honorary founder of the University. In 2008, the Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees named University Hall the Bill Baxley Hall in honor of Colonel William J. Baxley Jr. who served the University in various capacities for nearly thirty years. He was predeceased by his first wife, Carolyn Wood Baxley; a son, William Wood Baxley; and a brother, Henry Lucius Baxley. Survivors include his wife, Beverly Bryan Baxley of Myrtle Beach; one son, John Green Baxley and his wife Audrey of Jacksonville, FL; five grandchildren, William Joshua Baxley IV,

Sarah Weiss, Joseph Edward "Jeb" Baxley, Robert Baxley, and Carolyn Jean Sanchez; four step-children; ten step-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Pamela Willis Baxley of Spartanburg, SC. A Memorial Service will be held 11:00 AM, Friday, November 7, 2008 at First United Methodist Church of Myrtle Beach with Rev. Ken Timmerman officiating. Inurnment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Dillon, SC. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Myrtle Beach, P. O. Box 1367, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578 or Coastal Education Foundation, P. O. Box 261954, Conway, SC 29528. Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I served with Col Baxley in Texas, at Fort Hood, and in Vietnam in 1967 and 68. I was his RTO (Forward CP radio operator) during his whole tour in Vietnam. I am sorry to be leaving this message so many years after his passing, as I just learned of it. He was a wonderful leader, and a truly inspiring gentleman, even during those violent times. I will cherish the remembrances I have of him and his caring for every trooper in his unit, his compassion, and integrity. He commanded the 1st of the 6th Infantry, 198th Light Infantry Brigade from it's inception and training at Fort Hood through the famous TET offensive in 1968. This was one of the largest unit battles ever fought within the Americal Division, and is little known outside those who were there. I was beside him the whole time. Col Baxley was our leader, in whom we had absolute faith and trust. Because of him, and other good officers, we were a strong and proud unit, and were made a primary Americal Division reaction force early in 1968. We never lost a battle, never failed in a mission, but it cost 100 very good men the first year, with at least twice that many wounded. I was proud to serve under him every day. His strategy and tactics always got the mission accomplished, and with the least risk to the men who had to carry it out. His family must know that the men who served under him during that time carry his mush respected memory with us for life. Bless him and his family.

Sgt Robert Kirsten
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“ With warmest thoughts about your lose. I always will remember my conversations with Col Baxley on the showroom at Palmetto Chevrolet when he came to get the car serviced. Great Guy###imported-begin##Harry T. Rabon###imported-end##

November 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Col. Baxley became a dear and trusted friend of ours when our son, Andrew D'Antoni, entered West Point and afterwards during his two deployments to Iraq. In those difficult and arduous years, Col. Baxley was always there to counsel, support and encourage Andrew and us through dark days and tough times. He shared wonderfully funny stories of his days at the Academy as well as insightful and inspirational thoughts from his own experiences at war...his wisdom and candor provided immense comfort and support to a mom of a soldier and to our family. When Col. Baxley would depart our home, he always stood tall, erect, and gave a crisp military salute, but this was always followed by a warm smile, a twinkle in his eye, and a big bear hug. We honor you for your immaculate service to our country and the abounding love you gave our family. Alice D'Antoni Phillips###imported-begin##Alice and Ben Phillips###imported-end##

November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Every time we saw the "Colonel" he had a smile on his face and a very warm greeting. He will be missed. He and his family are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Chris and Tim Martin###imported-end##

November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I first met Col. Baxley while I was still a young cadet at the United States Military Academy. In the brief times I was able to spend with him, whether on leave from the Academy or on return from Iraq, I was always stood in awe of the man. Many colleges and universities have their own stories and heroesâ??for us at West Point, it is those men who stand in the long grey lineâ??those graduates of oldâ?? whose lives become our story and in whose courage we find our heroes. Col. William Baxley now takes his place in this long grey line, his story, merging with that of so many others in blue and grey, khaki, and olive drab, to become our story, and his courage, providing us with yet another hero. He was an officer, a gentlemen, and his life embodied the Academyâ??s mottoâ??Duty, Honor, Country. From one graduate to another, nothing more need be said, exceptâ??well done Colonel Baxleyâ??be thou at peace.##imported-begin##Andrew D'Antoni##imported-end##

November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Beverly, I'm so sorry. I am really going to miss Uncle Bill. My mother, Emily, certainly thought a lot of him, as did I. I wish you well and I will pray for you and your family.##imported-begin##Emily Jan Moody##imported-end##

November 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ In honor of the legacy Col. William Baxley, Jr. has left upon the Wall Fellows Program and the Wall College of Business I thank him for his lifetime contribution to our University and our Country. Although I will be unable to attend the service, I will definitely have the family of Col. Baxley in my prayers. I send my condolences. Patrick V. Hall II##imported-begin##Patrick V. Hall II##imported-end##

November 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill Baxley was a wonderful friend and colleague. I shall miss him and his friendly smile.##imported-begin##Glenda Y. Sweet##imported-end##*

November 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will miss our small chats in the hallway young man.....##imported-begin##Pierre-Olivier Tavernier##imported-end##*

November 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *you will be missed.##imported-begin##Matt Nicholson##imported-end##*

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“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Bill was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Lynne & Brian Wormell##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Family, My husband and I counted it an honor to be among the numbers of people who called the Colonel friend. He was never in your presence that he didn't approach you to speak. Truly a gentleman. Our deepest sympathy to all family. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Mishoe##imported-begin##Sandy Mishoe##imported-end##*

November 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Col. Baxley was a true gentleman and an asset to the University; he will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Kay Alford##imported-end##

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“ Col. Baxley will be greatly missed at both Coastal Carolina University and As a member of the Coastal Educational Foundation. I knew Col. Baxley from both Coastal and FUMC of MB. He was a great individual that I had a chance to call friend. He would make it a point if he saw you in a room to either say hi to you or shake your hand. I am deeply honored to have been able to both know him and to have worked with him. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family in this time of great sorrow. Both Col. and his family will be forever in our thoughts and our prayers.##imported-begin##Joshua Chesson##imported-end##

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“ My heart and prays are with you. Col. Baxley was a wonderful man. Patty Dudley##imported-begin##Patty A. Dudley##imported-end##

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“ My heart is sad to hear of the loss of my very dear friend and co-worker. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Nadine Godwin##imported-end##

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“ *It has been a personal pleasure and honor to work with Bill on projects for the university. His love for Coastal will be missed.##imported-begin##Val Dunham##imported-end##*

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“ *John, Please express my sincerest condolences to your family. Having lost my father in a similar manner, I know how difficult a journey this must have been.##imported-begin##Buz Outlaw##imported-end##*

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