

William Huger Hardie Jr.



March 1, 1938 - May 20, 2019

William Huger Hardie, Jr. was born in New York to Jessie Hendrick Hardie and William Huger Hardie. His mother was educated at Oxford as an English barrister and was a New York lawyer. His father was a Yale educated engineer. In deference to his parents, Bill received an engineering degree from Yale and a LLB degree from the University of Virginia. Bill was consumed with pursuit of knowledge – always reading or listening to audible books or teaching lectures. He was expert in many areas: religion, geography, physics, philosophy, the study of time, history, sailing, scuba diving, underwater photography, amateur flying, music, (especially classical and jazz), acting in and producing local plays, baseball, crossword puzzles, computer programming, sewing, toilet repair, family genealogy, travel, wine, and other spirits. Bill was an attorney with Davis Polk in New York for three years before moving to Mobile in 1966. He worked for Johnstone, Adams until his death. He published many articles of legal research and was voted best lawyer in his field many times. Bill taught 5th grade Sunday school, served on the vestry, was the vestry clerk for 20 years and completed the four year EFM course at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. Bill delighted family and friends with his many stories. He was a shameless braggart about his children. He is survived by his wife Alix, sister Robin Hardie Griffiths, sons William Huger Hardie, III (Tuck) and his wife Jennifer, Edward Thomas Lingham Hardie (Ted) and husband Chris O'Hare, daughter Rebecca Hardie Tait and husband Chip, grandsons Gabriel Alexander O'Hare-Hardie, Charles Lucas Tait, Frank Hardie Tait, and Jasper Edward Hardie, cousin Richard Hitchman, niece Jennifer Griffiths Ezell and nephew Hugh Griffiths and their families. Alix and Bill's beautiful son Frank Winter Hardie died in December, 2007. Bill will be buried in the Hardie Family Cemetery, Thornhill Farm in Talladega, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Bill may be made to the Thornhill Cemetery Endowment Foundation, The Thornhill Foundation, P O Box 15191, New Orleans, LA 70175.

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