



## William Arthur Medhurst October

May 6, 1931 - July 6, 2020

William Arthur Medhurst October fondly known as “Bill” was born on May 6th, 1931 to Rosamond and William Arthur October Sr. in Guyana, South America. As God would have it, William left Guyana in 1965, married the love of his life, Dorrie October (nee Griffith) and settled in Brooklyn, New York. William left New York for awhile to continue his education at Balham & Tooting College of Commerce in London, England. He returned from London, attended Baruch College in Manhattan and graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Business.

After graduation William worked as a Controller for Laventhol & Horeath in New York. In 1974, Screen Gems-Columbia Music, INC hired William as an Operating Accountant. In the 80’s William worked for companies such as CBS Music Publishing, Cherry Lane Music Company, The Harry Fox Agency Managing Royalties and accountant duties. In 1990 William and Dorrie moved from New York to Sarasota. While in Florida he landed a job at Tournament Players Club at Prestancia in Sarasota overseeing the accounting department. He also joined Senior Friendship Center in 1998 where he held the position of Assistant Nutrition Coordinator.

William was active in his community by sharing the gospel and serving others. He was a team member of Kairos prison ministry, assisted with meals on wheels, led Cursillo workshops and volunteered at Manor Care and also at Salvation Army. In addition he was also an active member of the Church of the

Holy Spirit. His passion for serving the Lord was shown to all. Singing spiritual songs in his Tenor tone and playing the harmonica encouraged everyone who listened. Sharing Scriptures and serving brought Bill great joy.

William was defined as a “Gentleman” and an articulate man. He would garden and cut “October Roses” for anyone he came into contact with. He shared his wisdom, and generosity without limit to all. William usually had an interesting story to tell, a clever joke to share, and displayed his fancy footwork by dancing a jig. Anniversaries, Birthdays, graduations, births and “just because” were appropriate for receiving a blessed handwritten card from William. Upon his retirement he enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, seduko, crossword puzzles, and spending time with his adult children and grandchildren.

In April 2020 William was diagnosed with Chronic heart failure. His desire was to “go home so he can go home”. On July 6, 2020 he went home. William leaves behind Dorrie his loving wife of 55 years; his sister Claudette Cox, his daughter Roxanne Gleave, his daughter Michelle Obateru, his son Ian October, son-in-law David Gleave, son-in-law Femi Obateru, daughter-in-law Myrtle October, niece Renee Cox-Jenkins, 7 Grandchildren Stewart, Johnathan, Rebecca Gleave; Olu and Ife Obateru, Ethan and Ahron October; and many close relatives, extended family members and friends.

He will live in our hearts forever.

# Tribute Wall

Jl

“ *Bill was truly a gentleman and wonderful with all the seniors at the Senior Friendship Centers. He was loved by all, and will be missed.*  
*Jane Icely*

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**Jane Icely** - December 14, 2021 at 02:44 PM

LM

“ *Love, Tim and Patty Miller purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.*



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**Love, Tim and Patty Miller** - July 24, 2020 at 12:02 PM

JG

“ 16 years ago God blessed my husband Jimmy and I with the best neighbors anyone could ever wish for! We were looking To buy a house and when we drove up in front of what is now our home, there was a “for sale sign” out and two of the most beautiful people you could ever see standing in front of their home just chatting. Dorrie and Bill, being the beautiful people that they are immediately introduced themselves to us and told us that if we moved in we would be their next-door neighbors! 🙏🤔 It was a blessing from God as we all fell in love with each other immediately! I knew I wanted the house without even seeing The inside yet LOL just because of these two amazing people. As the years have gone by we became wonderful friends but I should really say family as that is how much we love each other. We will miss seeing Bill’s face But all We will have to do is close our eyes and there he will be that handsome face smiling and shining down on us and then our hearts will be filled with love and joy all over again. Thank you Our Dear God for Blessing us with two of the most wonderful, Precious people we have ever met And to make it even better, which I didn’t think could be possible, we now have our new extended family, Bill and Dorries Family also. You are in our hearts forever and always our sweet Bill Don’t you ever worry about our sweet Dorrie As all of your wonderful family and friends (especially us!) ❤️❤️



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**Jimmy and Helen Grant** - July 12, 2020 at 11:42 PM

JG

Sorry I Hit post too soon we just wanted to say Dorri will always be surrounded by all of us with love and We know that you will always be with her along with our wonderful Lord. We love you Bill.....  
Helen and Jimmy

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**Jimmy and Helen Grant** - July 13, 2020 at 12:14 AM



“ *Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.*



July 11, 2020 at 03:31 AM



“ *Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.*



July 11, 2020 at 03:28 AM



“ *Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.*



July 11, 2020 at 03:18 AM



“ *A great man, father, husband, friend and servant of Jesus Christ who is now in Heaven. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

**Sandra M Petway** - July 10, 2020 at 03:43 PM

MF

“ I knew Bill and Dori for only a short time at the church of the Holy Spirit. I got to share Bible Study with them for a year. Memories of those times will always be cherished. Bill was a kind, spiritual man. He will be missed by many. He shared his love and spirituality with all he met. Dori, you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm sending love to you all. Peace and Blessings, Maggie

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**Marjorie Faulkner** - July 10, 2020 at 03:27 PM

DN

“ Daddy October was alike another father to me. So grateful for all the talks and times together in Fort Myers when you with visit with Ian and Myrtle. So grateful for the times and to know him. We love you and Mommy October.



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**Deanna Newburg** - July 10, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ It was, indeed, a privilege to know Bill October and to have him and Dorrie in our home. My only regret is not knowing him better. Condolences to and prayers for the entire family. With much, much love. Sam and Judy Hastings.

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**Sam Hastings** - July 10, 2020 at 01:15 PM

CH

“ I had the privilege of working with Bill. He was a colleague and a friend. Always the gentleman, Bill was never shy about expressing the love and pride he had for his family. Bill's spirituality was important to him. I am certain his soul is at peace. My thoughts are with his family at this sad time. He will be missed.



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**Claudette Henry** - July 10, 2020 at 12:12 PM

JA

“ Uncle William, I will miss him. As a pre-teen in Guyana he took me to see plays at the Theatre Guild and during my professional career he was always there to guide me. I will remember him telling me to write my situation with a verse of scripture on paper, place it in my Bible and trust God for the outcome. A lasting memory I will never forget. I am grateful that we shared cherished words on Father's Day. He will always be in my heart.

Aunt Dorrie, Michelle, Femi, Olu and Ife; Ian, Myrtle, Ethan and Ahron, you are in my prayers. May God cover you with His grace and keep you in His care.



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**Jacqueline** - July 10, 2020 at 09:50 AM



*Scott and I have known Bill and Dorrie since we first came to Church of the Holy Spirit in 1994. What beautiful memories we have of Dorrie's laughter and Bill's impromptu songs. Many a Wednesday night or Sunday morning we would share in God's Word and communion and be blessed by Bill's spirit of worship and prayer. Bill's total devotion to God blessed us and Dorrie's walk as a woman of grace continues with many to love and support her along the way.*  
- Scott and Gerry Gardner

**Gerry Wright Gardner** - July 10, 2020 at 04:41 PM

SC

“ SW Florida Church purchased the Sweet Tranquil ity Basket for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.



**SW Florida Church** - July 10, 2020 at 09:24 AM

LG

“ Love, Gene, Vargas, Watsky, Lennox & de Guevara purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.



**Love, Gene, Vargas, Watsky, Lennox & de Guevara** - July 10, 2020 at 08:00 AM

GX

“ Grandchildren STUART, JONATHAN, REBECCA XXX purchased the Rose Impression Casket Spray for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.



**Grandchildren STUART, JONATHAN, REBECCA XXX** - July 09, 2020 at 09:14 PM

DR

“ *Daughter - Roxanne purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.*



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**Daughter - Roxanne** - July 09, 2020 at 09:00 PM

SD

“ *Son-in-law David purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.*



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**Son-in-law David** - July 09, 2020 at 08:19 PM

JS

“ *Jane, Odin and Landon Sequeira purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.*



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**Jane, Odin and Landon Sequeira** - July 09, 2020 at 08:02 PM

JS

“ *I have only met Mr October 1 or 2 times and I was very encouraged by his gentle and caring nature. As I read his life story I can see so much of his caring, serving , funny and loving personality in his daughter Michelle. Michelle, Mrs October and Ian and family, our prayers are with you and may you be encouraged by all the prayers, gifts and sympathies from all over the world for you. Love Jane, Odin, Landon Sequeira*

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**Jane Sequeira** - July 09, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.*



July 09, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ *Michelle always spoke so very highly of her father. He was a giant in her eyes— full of wisdom and kindness, and devoted to his family. I know his memory will continue to live on in the stories she and the family will continue to share about him. May he Rest In Peace.*

**Nadene Joachim** - July 09, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.*



July 09, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Red Rose Sanctuary Casket Spray was purchased for the family of William Arthur Medhurst October.*



July 09, 2020 at 03:14 PM

GO

“ We will never see the likes of Bill again in this world. I suspect heaven was silenced upon his arrival and I also believe Bill is already singing in the heavenly choir. The "Oak" tree has fallen but his work in God's Kingdom has just begun. What a shining example he was to those who loved him. Thinking of you, Dorrie and sweet family.

Blessings,  
Gordy



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**Gordy** - July 09, 2020 at 09:13 AM

DC

*Forty-Five years of friendship and worshipping together. Memories from New York to Florida. God ordered the Joining of our paths in life together on this earth and we will meet again with joy and laughter in God's time one day.*

*DeeDee Carey*

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**DeeDee Carey** - July 09, 2020 at 04:01 PM

MG

“ *What a wonderful obituary for a wonderful life and spirit.*

*My family and I finally had the privilege to meet Mr. and Mrs. October a few years ago when they came down, along with Ian and his family, to Weston, Florida to celebrate Thanksgiving with Michelle's family who lived there at the time. We experienced his witty sense of humour, love for story-telling and life in general even in that brief visit which made it very clear that we are Guyanese at heart - we love to gaff! The twinkle in your eyes as you tell your stories and listen to those of others will always be a fond memory. May you forever be surrounded with the blessing of October roses you so generously shared. Rest in peace, Mr. October.*

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**Mechelle Gene** - July 09, 2020 at 08:55 AM