



William "Bill" Alliston

December 4, 1943 - March 3, 2022

William "Bill" Alliston, age 78, passed away Thursday, March 3, 2022, in Rogers, Arkansas due to a quick onset of pneumonia and other heart-related complications. He was born December 4, 1943, in Jonesboro, Arkansas to Donald Alliston and Dixie Alliston Bowen. He is preceded in death by his parents; his partner of 17 years, Kevin Silvey; his grandson, Nicholas Alliston; and his beloved aunt, Gladys Sembell.

A graduate of Valley View High School, Bill earned a BA in Biology from Arkansas State University. Having worked as an educator in Augusta, Arkansas, a product developer for Redken Laboratories in Los Angeles and an owner of a State Beauty Supply store, Bill will best be remembered as an acclaimed hairstylist, owning several salons in Jonesboro and St. Louis throughout his career. He formed many special bonds with his colleagues and valued clients who still rave about how amazing he was at his craft. Bill was a man of many talents. He had a knack for interior design and always took pride in the eclectic styles and environments he created. He was a talented cook and enjoyed hosting the most amazing dinner parties for the people he loved. Bill was a great storyteller, loved to laugh, and had a giving and generous heart. He will be missed deeply by everyone who knew him.

Thirteen years after a stroke slowed him down, Bill continued to enjoy visits with family and friends, good meals, movies and sports on TV and visits to the local salon. Fiercely determined, he remained resilient and committed to his routines and independent living up until the final week of his life.

Bill is survived by his children, Allison Alliston McElroy and husband Duane of Rogers, and Nathan Alliston and wife Connie of Jonesboro; his dear friend and former wife, Donna Alliston; grandchildren, Patrick Alliston, Cooper and Barret McElroy; great-grandchildren, Aiden and Liam Alliston; sister, Mary Don Leonard; and many extended family and friends.

A series of gatherings will take place in Rogers, Jonesboro and St. Louis over the coming weeks (details to come). Cremation arrangements have been entrusted under the

direction of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home of Rogers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Benton County Senior Center- Meals on Wheels, 3501 SE L Street, Bentonville, AR 72712 <https://www.aaanwar.org/locations/detail/1412>, Lifeline of Northwest Arkansas, 810 NW 7th St., Bentonville, AR 72712 www.lifelineofnwa.com, Open Avenues, P.O. Box 908, Rogers, AR 72757-0908 www.openavenues.org, or to the charity of your choice.

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susan - March 16 at 12:32 PM

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Robert Nehmer - March 11 at 10:38 AM

AM

Awwww. 😍❤️

Allison Alliston McElroy - March 12 at 12:33 AM

SP

“ Prayers for the family. Bill was a fun guy and he will be missed
Sarah Kirby Pinnell

sarah pinnell - March 07 at 05:10 PM

EM

“ I knew Bull and his family for over 50 years! He was the best Stylist prayers for
his family!

Ehrline Walter Meddleton - March 07 at 01:06 PM

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“ Sure did think a lot of Bill. He was always kind and friendly. Growing up my sisters
and I used to beg mom to let us go to him for a hairdo. He was the best! Sure will
miss him

Cindy Minton Smith - March 06 at 05:46 PM

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Loved me some bill he was one of the best bosses you could ever have he gave me a coat for Xmas one year and I still have it will keep it always love to all of you tell nathain I said hello let me know about the services here in st Louis 324-267-2199God Bless you all Elaine

Elaine Drake - March 15 at 01:30 PM

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SJ

Bill was a talented, fun-loving person. It was great to find a hair-designer and friend with common roots (Jonesboro etc.) when I moved to St. Louis. He was so proud of Nathan and Alliston. Deepest Sympathy.

susan James - March 16 at 12:23 PM

LJ

I only knew Bill for a short time in the early 80'. He was so sweet, kind and an amazing cook. Recently I decided to check him out on the web and was so sad to hear about his passing. I remember how fondly he spoke of his two children and former wife. My deepest sympathies and condolences!

lars jensen - May 01 at 06:50 PM