

OBITUARY



Mr. William Earl Grant, 55, passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2011.

Born in Burlington in 1955, he was the second son of the late Earl and Nancy Grant. Growing up in Burlington, Santa Monica, CA, and Hackettstown, NJ, Bill later returned to Burlington where he graduated from Walter M. Williams High School. Upon graduation, Bill earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Appalachian State University in Boone, where he was also a scholarship student athlete on the Appalachian State Wrestling team.

After earning professional certification in accounting, Bill opened his own successful accounting firm in Greensboro. He was formerly married to Shannon Grant, and the devoted parents continued to raise their two lovely children, Taylor and Gunnar. He was a highly respected professional who treated his dedicated staff as an extended family. Bill was loved not only by his many friends but by many of his clients as well.

While attending Walter M. Williams High School, Bill earned the esteemed Bulldog Award which is annually awarded to the school's most respected student athlete. A three sport competitor in football, wrestling and track, Bill later became a North Carolina Wrestling State Champion in 1975. As an avid Green Bay Packers and San Francisco Giants fan, Bill enjoyed his free time by supporting his beloved teams and devoting considerable time to the development and growth of North Carolina amateur wrestling.

Bill was a consummate professional, and above and beyond that, a kind, caring, generous and compassionate person with a warm and sharp sense of humor. He freely gave of his time as a volunteer and mentor to Greensboro area wrestlers. Throughout his life, Bill took pride in helping others and in loving his family and friends while always with a joyful spirit and an interest in their respective lives. Simply put, Bill touched many lives with his wit and charm and will be greatly missed by his many friends and colleagues.

He is survived by former wife Shannon; daughter Taylor; son Gunnar of Greensboro; brother Dave and wife Annette and son Scotty and Katherine Grant of Burlington; brother Steve Grant of Burlington; sister Betsy and son Tony Siceloff of Burlington; brother John Grant of Raleigh; and aunt Betsy Scott Holder of Greensboro.

A memorial service for family and friends will take place at the Rich & Thompson Chapel in Burlington on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 4 p.m. Friends and relatives will be greeting guests following services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in the name of Bill Grant to Arrichion Wrestling Club.

The family also wishes to offer a very special thank you to the caring and competent staff at Bill Grant C.P.A. for their ongoing hard and continued support.

The Grant family extends an invitation to friends and family to pay their respects at his memorial services. Condolences may be offered at www.richandthompson.com.

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