



## William H. Lamb, Jr.

May 23, 1935 - June 13, 2026

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William H. Lamb, Jr. passed away Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Pine Pointe Hospice in Macon.

Bill was born in New York City and lived on Long Island before moving to Boca Raton, Florida, with his mother and father at the age of nine. He graduated from the University of Florida with a B.S. and his M.S. in physics. He then moved to Illinois and was employed at Argonne National Laboratory where he worked on establishing the Zero Gradient Synchrotron, a proton accelerator which laid the groundwork for modern particle colliders. He then went to Auburn University where he received his Ph.D. After graduating, he took a position teaching physics at Georgia College in Milledgeville. While there, he inspired many students who went on to become physicists, engineers, chemists, doctors and teachers. He was famous for his “bed of nails” demonstration of pressure and inertia. He was also famous for his wit and humor in the classroom. For many, he made their years at G.C. a bit brighter and more memorable. He did the same for his family every day they spent with him.

For several years, he was quite active in amateur radio, especially two meters. He enjoyed talking and joking around with his fellow ham radio operators. He loved reading and enjoyed many great authors. His favorite was John Updike. He was quite a storyteller himself, regaling friends and family with tales from his youth and more recent past – such as “The Monster of Herty Hall.”

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Cathy; his sons Joe, Wade and Cody (Mary Ann); his granddaughter Stephanie and his grandson Brian.

A private service will be held by the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital or to your local animal shelter.

Moore’s Funeral Home & crematory has charge of arrangements.

## Tribute Wall

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### Steve Ivey

So sorry to hear of Dr. Lamb's passing. I had him for Physics back in the 70's. One of my co-workers at McGaw Labs good-naturedly referred to him as 'Billy Lamb' instead of Doctor. Dr. Lamb was a very memorable part of Herty Hall. Even his test questions were very funny. 'A tired college professor returns home from a long day of answering stupid freshmen questions. He pours himself a drink. what would the temperature be...?' He will be remembered for a long time.

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### Jill Chapman

In memory of Dr. Bill Lamb and honoring his family. Respectfully, Jill Chapman.



#### Tribute Store

A memorial tree was planted in memory of William H. Lamb, Jr..

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### Janet Davis

I'll never forget Bill and his contributions to my Sunday morning crossword puzzles done over FaceTime with Cathy. He was fiercely intelligent, hilariously funny, and loved his family and their cat, Scout (as well as a few assorted black cats from the neighborhood) so much. Be at peace, Bill. You will be missed!

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We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Moores Funeral Home & Crematory

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