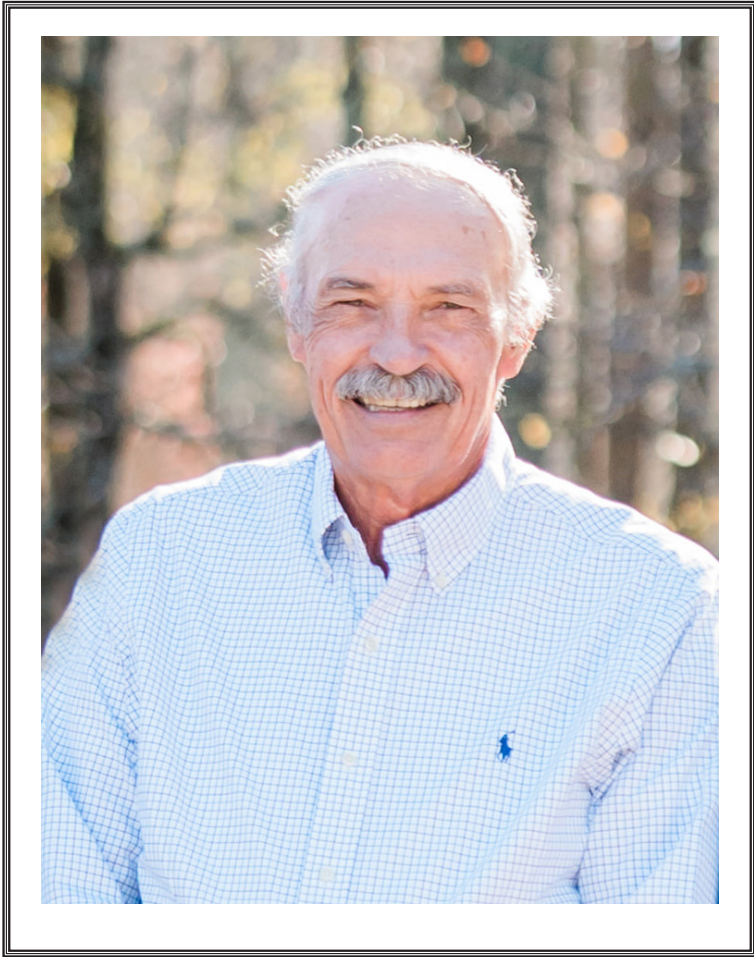


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John 14:1-6

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

KJV

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Processional	Tony Wall
Welcome	Russell Wall
Scripture	Russell Wall
Prayer	Russell Wall
Words of Comfort and Message	Russell Wall
Closing Prayer	Russell Wall
Recessional	Tony Wall

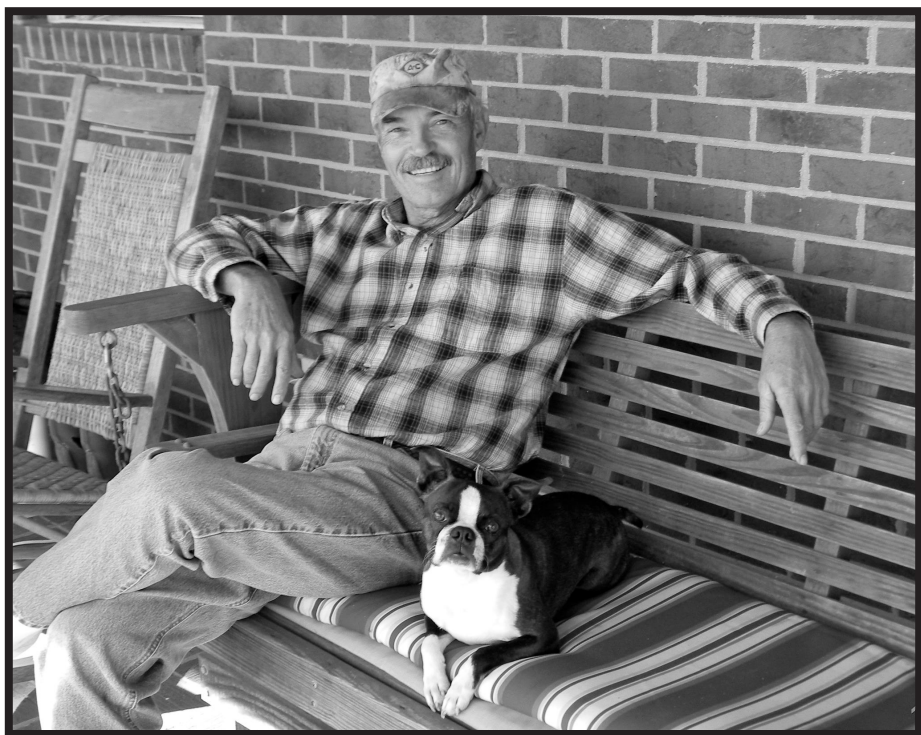


The Family thanks the many friends and relatives who have offered their love and support.

Close The Gate (For Dad)

For this one farmer the worries are over,
lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough,
put the tractor in the shed.
Years were not easy, many downright hard,
but your faith in God transcended,
Put away your tools and sleep in peace.
The fences have all been mended.
You raised a fine family, worked the land well
and always followed the Son,
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn;
your work here on earth is done.
A faith few possess led your journey through life,
often a jagged and stony way,
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded,
and here now is the end of your day.
Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin;
the stories flow like fine wine,
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left
by blessed rain one final time.
You always believed that the good Lord
would provide and He always had somehow,
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more
sweat and worry for you now.
Your labor is done, your home now is heaven;
no more must you wait,
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land,
and we will close the gate.

Nancy Kraayenhof.



Ole-Phil and Grady Dog

Philip Francis “Phil” Eley

Philip Francis “Phil” Eley, of White Plains, GA, passed away Friday, April 7, 2023, working the land on his beloved family farm. Born June 22, 1951, Phil was one of four sons born to the late John William “J Buck” and Dorothy Mae Thurmond Eley. He graduated from Greene County High School and attended North Georgia Technical College in Clarksville, GA. Shortly thereafter, Phil served his country for six years as a Gunner in the National Guard out of Sparta. On April 3, 1981, he married the former Janice “Jan” Holcomb, and they recently celebrated their forty-second wedding anniversary. In his younger years, Phil was an avid hunter and fisherman, but his later years were mostly spent farming and planning “adventures” with his adoring grandchildren, who lovingly referred to him as “Ole Phil.” He had a great memory and loved to tell stories of things that happened long ago. Phil was a farmer, dairyman, and lifelong member of White Plains Baptist Church. There was no better husband, father, grandfather or friend, and he will truly be missed by his family and community.

In addition to his wife, Jan Holcomb Eley of White Plains, GA, survivors include his daughters, Kelly Eley Wall (Russell) of Greensboro, GA, and Jessye Eley Pena (Thomas) of Rincon, GA; son, Matthew Eley (Nora Lee) of Grovetown, GA; grandchildren, Hallie Wall, Elijah Wall, Wilkes Wall, Benjamin Pena, and Emma Grace Pena; brother, Keith Eley (Cheryl) of White Plains, GA; a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Larry Eley, Sr., and Jamie Eley.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at White Plains Baptist Church, 1020 Main Street East, White Plains, GA 30678 with Russell Wall officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers are Jamie Rhodes, Adam Taylor, Luke Askew, Jeff Eley, Mitchel Eley and Bill Adams. Honorary pallbearers will be Wayne Taylor, Allen Askew, Ike Moore, Andy Moore, Keith Eley, and Billy Matthews. The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the church. The family requests that any memorials be made in memory of Phil to the White Plains Baptist Church, P. O. Box 38, White Plains, GA 30678 or Nathanael Greene Academy, P. O. Box 109, Siloam, GA 30665. McCommons Funeral Home, 109 W. Broad St., Greensboro, GA, (706) 453-2626, is in charge of arrangements. Visit us online at www.mccommonsfuneralhome.com to sign the guest register.



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