



Gregory Pittman

February 22, 1959 - June 29, 2022

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Pittman Family Request:

If you would like to help ensure Gregory Pittman's legacy lives on, please share any written reflections or photos on your time with him by sending an e-mail to GregoryPittman1906@gmail.com

These loving stories, pictures, and fond memories will be used to keep Greg's legacy alive and allow our family to properly translate the content of his character for generations to come.

Please know, EACH OF YOUR LETTERS WILL BE READ AND REFLECTED ON over the coming months and years.

Please include the following information along with all submissions.

Name:

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Obituary

Our beloved Gregory (Greg) Wade Pittman unexpectedly passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at the age of 63.

Greg was born February 22, 1959, in Tarboro, North Carolina, to George Washington Pittman and Dorothy Ward Pittman. He was the fourth born son out of five children. As a young boy, Greg was curious, loved science fiction, Greek mythology, and was very creative. He loved writing, memorizing poems, and was an excellent student. After graduating as valedictorian from West Edgecomb High School, Greg was awarded both the Morehead-Cain and Johnston Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement and was admitted into the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (UNC). He loved the UNC campus and quickly connected with several young men who later pledged to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Through his time at UNC, Greg continued to excel with his academics and completed the 5-year Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 4 years.

Upon graduation, Greg was hand selected to joined the esteemed General Electric (GE) Financial Management Leadership Program (FMP), where during his first rotation, he met Angela Ellis. Unbeknownst to Greg, this was not only the beginning of a fantastic career journey but also the beginning of a beautiful love story. Greg began to court Angela, and soon thereafter, they became inseparable. Greg often shared a story about how he requested Angela's assistance in moving a new sofa to his apartment. As she helped him carry the sofa up the stairs, he looked at her and instantly knew she would one day be his wife. Greg and Angela continued dating and grew closer, and eventually, with her parent's blessing, Greg and Angela were married on September 10, 1983.

Three years after their union, their firstborn son, Gregory Wade II, was born. Soon after, his brother Geoffrey Ellis and sister Alishia Renee would join him. Greg not only adored his wife but loved his children with his entire being. Despite commuting to Texas and later Ohio on a weekly basis, on the weekends Greg loved coaching and going to his children's sporting events. Greg cheered his daughter Alishia aka "baby girl" during swim meets, tennis matches, and yelled louder than she did during cheer competitions. Not only was Greg committed to being physically present in their lives, he also worked incredibly hard to provide for his children's future and that of generations to come. He adored his wife and children and felt there was no greater joy than being with them.

Greg's reservoir of love seemed to overflow, for not only did he pour into his family, but he also showed this same dedication to his Crosspoint church family. Greg served as a greeter, where his warm smile brightened the room and made everyone feel welcome. He also served as an advisor during times of racial discourse, creating a safe space to have courageous and often uncomfortable conversations about race. He also led numerous Bible Study sessions and was unapologetic about giving his time, talent, and treasures as a reflection of his love and dedication for following the Lord's word.

In addition to serving his family and church members, Greg devoted over 40 years of service to the General Electric Company and Synchrony Financial. During his combined tenure, Greg held roles in Finance, Technology, Collections Operations, and Sales, but his most recent position was in Governance, Surveillance & Oversight. Over the last decade, Greg served as Sales Process Governance leader. He designed and assembled a sales process control team from the ground up that transformed into a comprehensive Sales & Client Governance framework.

Throughout Greg's career, he took great pride in developing, coaching, and mentoring talent. One of his most notable contributions was his recognition as a founding member of the African American Forum (AAF), which supported the development and promotion of Black talent at GE. He essentially risked his career and livelihood to meet with other African American GE leaders on the weekends and after hours to create what grew to be the largest and most impactful resource group in the organization. After Synchrony split from GE, Greg continued to provide wise counsel as an Advisor to leaders working to create the Synchrony African American Network (AAN). The AAN's focus continued to be anchored in the same goals, developing and promoting talent and giving back to the local communities in which we work and live.

Greg spent countless hours coaching, mentoring, or speaking with talent at all levels, from the college student at an HBCU to executive hires. He always made himself available and created a space for everyone to feel welcome and supported. He was known for his catchy analogies and would often say memorable one-liners, like "No need to build a Rolls Royce when a Ford works." "Now we're cooking with gas." or "Don't let perfect get in the way of good." There is an army of beneficiaries of his goodness, warmth, knowledge, grace, and guidance who will forever remember him for his ability to redirect/coach. He handled each person with care and concern such that everyone walked away feeling empowered to tackle anything. He did all of this and never expected anything in return.

Greg is preceded in death by his parents, George Washington and Dorothy Ward Pittman, and his brother George Wilbert Pittman.

Greg leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 39 years, Angela Ellis Pittman, three children, Gregory Wade Pittman II (wife Natalie & grandson Cameren Wade Pittman), Geoffrey Ellis Pittman (wife Alyssa), Alishia Reneé Pittman, brothers, Bernard Douglas Pittman (wife Ola), Kenneth Pittman (wife Shelia),

Darryl Tracy Pittman (wife Zina), sister in love, Brenda Pittman, mother in love, Ruth Ellis, brothers in love, Vaughn Ellis, Troy Ellis, Craig Ellis, nieces, nephews, and a host of family, fraternity brothers, friends and coworkers.

Cemetery Details

Gwinnett Memorial Park

925 US HWY 29 S
LAWRENCEVILLLE, Ga

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Visitation

JUL 9. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Cross Pointe Church
1800 Satellite Blvd NW
Duluth, GA 30097-4062
(678) 812-4500

Celebration of Life

JUL 9. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Gregory Pittman*



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - July 06, 2022 at 05:04 PM

AW

I am sending my prayers to the Pittman family.

Alexis Wilborn - July 09, 2022 at 01:27 PM

RC

Our condolences to the Pittman family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. So glad we were able to talk and see his beautiful smile at Chris wedding several weeks ago. Renee was so intent on seeing Greg before we left the reception as he always was a inspiration to her. We will forever hold memories of Greg in our hearts and his tremendous legacy that he leaves in our family.

Cousin Renee Lee, Daniel Lee and Daniel D.

The Crandols

Renee Lee Crandol - July 09, 2022 at 03:17 PM

KW

“ Dear Pittman family, I am so sorry for your loss. Greg was the best! Always looking at the brighter side of life. A devoted family man, a gentleman, a quite catalyst, and a mentor to many. He will be sorely missed. May your memories hold you tight when you feel his absence.

Bless you all,

Kellie Wood, colleague

Kellie Wood - July 11, 2022 at 04:03 PM

MS

“ My condolences to Gregory Pittman's family and friends. I will always treasure my childhood memories of Gregory and his friendly smile. Mavis Stith & family



Mavis Stith - July 10, 2022 at 09:10 PM

NW

“ Angela and Family. We are so sorry to hear about Greg. He had such an infectious smile. Even though you did not live near us for very long in Monroe, CT, you and Greg were such nice neighbors. When you came to our house one year on Christmas Eve, Greg fell in love with the Sausage and Pepper Dish. I remember picking up a package of the sausage so he could make some too. Again, our hearts are heavy with this news. Sincerely, Nancy and Frank Winner and Michele Tuck.

Nancy Winner - July 10, 2022 at 06:55 AM

GH

“ May you find comfort in this time of sorrow from the God of all comfort who is more than able to keep you and to give you strength to go through this most difficult time. Rev. E.R. Harris, Jr. and family, Pastor of Hart's Chapel MB Church.

Gladys Harris - July 09, 2022 at 08:03 PM

AH

“ Nils and I met Greg and Angela several years ago at a business event touring the Caribbean and it was friends at first sight! We live in Europe, but as fate would have it, I was from Atlanta, which meant we would be able to keep our friendship strong. Through the years over summer lunches and dinners and their visit to us in Luxembourg, we've stayed in touch and knew that we would be friends for life. Our connection will never end and our love and friendship will continue with our loving memories of Greg! We are already missing that smile that so many others spoke about! To Angela, Wade, Geoffrey, Alishia and family, may God continue to keep you and comfort you during this difficult time.
Love and blessings,
Arnita, Nils, Karl, Erik and Mark

Arnita & Nils Hallerstrom - July 09, 2022 at 05:52 PM

TM

“ In memory of Gregory Wade Pittman
A individual that treated everyone as though he knew you for years. His loving wife Angela and family was just like him "Never down and always up beat and ready for anything" . One thing for sure there was never frowns, always a smile and a hearty HELLO" If others could follow his example and family, this world be a better place. Rest in peace ..your spirit forever lives on.



Terry Montgomery - July 09, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ *My condolences to the Pittman Family. It was a pleasure knowing him. He will truly be missed by many especially by our Synchrony Family!*



Tonita Jones - July 09, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *To Angela and family, sending my sympathy and lifting you up in prayer. May the Lord comfort your hearts. Phillipians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and mind through Christ Jesus. Love always, sister-in-Christ, Tammy Wilson Powell*

Tammy Wilson Powell - July 09, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Sheri Pittman Knight lit a candle in memory of Gregory Pittman*



Sheri Pittman Knight - July 09, 2022 at 10:13 AM



To the Pitman family our hearts were saddened to hear of the transition of Life of your loved one know that you have been in our prayers and will continue to remain in our prayers and Bishop Richard and Tanya McCray then Norristown Church of God

and Bishop Richard at McCray - July 09, 2022 at 12:10 PM

JM

“ Jenn Muller purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gregory Pittman.



Jenn Muller - July 08, 2022 at 11:24 PM

KT

“ Greg was one of my best and dearest friends in school. He was funny and smart and always happy. He could make you laugh no matter what you were dealing with. I haven't seen him since we graduated, but we kept in touch through face book. He will be missed terribly. Prayers for all his family and friends.

Khristie Gold Tyree - July 08, 2022 at 07:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory Pittman.



July 08, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory Pittman.



July 08, 2022 at 02:39 PM

JK

“ To my Big Brother from another mother, thank you for giving me space in your life. You will always have a place in my heart. You are gone too soon but it was God’s plan so rest Now and I hope to see you on the other side. Little sister Jacqueline Howard Moore Knox💕💕



Jacqueline Knox - July 08, 2022 at 10:49 AM

LW

“ My Sincere Condolences and Prayers For Gregory Pittman Entire Family. Ruth Hedgepeth Williams (Class Of 1977)



Lorraine Williams - July 08, 2022 at 05:10 AM

JW

“ Jonina Wrenn lit a candle in memory of Gregory Pittman



Jonina Wrenn - July 07, 2022 at 11:26 PM

LP

“ We hadn’t known Greg for very long, but he always had a smile on his face and goodness in his heart. From your visit in New York (the jazz club was phenomenal) to our recent vacation in Jamaica (who can forget the torrential rain?), he was a pleasure to be around. And although he is now making folks in heaven smile, he will surely be missed here. Rest well, my friend. Our prayers and heartfelt condolences to Angela and the rest of the Pittman family.
James and Lynnae Pickens



Lynnae Pickens - July 07, 2022 at 11:09 PM

SK

“ *Sending love and prayers to my Pittman family.*

Sheri Pittman Knight - July 07, 2022 at 09:42 PM

TS

“ *Greg and Angela are long time clients and friends. About 12 years ago I asked Greg if he have any good ideas of business which can make a difference in people lives. Greg answer: let me think on it. Next day Peak Academic Coaching was born and now 12 years making difference in students lives. Angela s marketing skills were successful in spreading the word about It.*

God is happy to welcome Greg home. Some day we will meet you in Heaven Greg. Your life and ideas made difference in many people lives. Thank you for being part of our lives, with love Josh and Tetyana Smith.

Tetyana Smith - July 07, 2022 at 08:56 PM

ME

Always a very nice individual

Mary Ann Epps - July 07, 2022 at 09:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory Pittman.*



July 07, 2022 at 08:21 PM

OH

“ *We lost a great man. He was truly a leader who served, a father who loved his family and a friend who supported and mentored many. May Greg's legacy live on in all of us whom he touched. Take your rest my friend, you fought a good fight. I will miss you more than words can say. Your friend and administrative assistant, Olivia*

Olivia Hayes - July 07, 2022 at 03:01 PM

KR

“ *Kimberly Ray-Braxton lit a candle in memory of Gregory Pittman*



Kimberly Ray-Braxton - July 07, 2022 at 12:47 PM

DR

“ How much we enjoyed and loved you my friend. You will be missed.
Max and Donna Richardson and our crew, Dari, Madi, Maximillian



Donna Richardson - July 07, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased
for the family of Gregory Pittman.



July 07, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Gregory Pittman.



July 07, 2022 at 10:36 AM

IB

“ Irene Silver Brown lit a candle in memory of
Gregory Pittman



Irene Silver Brown - July 07, 2022 at 07:08 AM

RW

“ Rudy And Geneva Ward lit a candle in memory of Gregory Pittman



Rudy and Geneva Ward - July 06, 2022 at 08:25 PM

YL

“ Our last beautiful memory of Greg was seeing him walking their beloved Shiba's on the Sugarloaf Club loop and having our Shiba pop his head out of the car window to woof a hello! Greg's smile and Yvonne's wave back to to this gentle kind man will remain with us forever. Rest in Peace Greg.

Yvonne Lim - July 06, 2022 at 03:32 PM

YL

“ Yvonne, Sam and Kevin Lim purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gregory Pittman.



Yvonne, Sam and Kevin Lim - July 06, 2022 at 03:27 PM

BL

“ Beverly Forbes Lee lit a candle in memory of Gregory Pittman



Beverly Forbes Lee - July 06, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Gregory Pittman.*



July 06, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *To Angela and the family... You are in my thoughts and prayers... Sandra Cherry Forrest*



Sandra Cherry Forrest - July 06, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ *I had the privilege of serving as the Chapter President when Pittman was initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. What we remember most and what was consistently demonstrated over the decades was his humility. Being around him brought an awareness that you were indeed in the presence of an exceptional and phenomenal man. He will be fondly remembered and missed. Heartfelt condolences to his family.*

Kenneth E. Hill

Kenneth Hill - July 06, 2022 at 01:03 PM

DH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David Hodges - July 06, 2022 at 12:37 PM

DH

I don't know that I ever saw Greg without a book or something to read. We spent many weeks in the Jamaican and Mexican sun on vacation and I will cherish those memories forever. I love that he and Angela flew all the way to Texas to celebrate my 50th. We will all miss you terribly Greg!!! All our love goes out to Angela and the entire family.

David Hodges - July 06, 2022 at 12:42 PM

DH

“ David Hodges lit a candle in memory of Gregory Pittman



David Hodges - July 06, 2022 at 12:18 PM

BE

“ *The very first time I met Greg, I knew he was a man of integrity. He loved his entire family, and his church. He was low-keyed, but spoke with authority. He treated people as though the world was watching. He made everyone feel valued. Rest in peace my brother!*

bell - July 06, 2022 at 12:15 PM

MM

“ *Mona M. lit a candle in memory of Gregory Pittman*



Mona M. - July 06, 2022 at 11:25 AM

LF

“ *Sending my thoughts and prayers during this time. May strength and blessings cover his family near and far.*



Lorraine Frierson-Love - July 06, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gregory Pittman.*



July 06, 2022 at 10:06 AM

JM

“ To my Brother Gregory Wade Pittman whom I love and will miss, but will never forget! Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc. (Mu Zeta Chapter, UNC -Chapel Hill) brought us together. But our true friendship, life, and love cemented us as real Brothers! We are Brothers because we have the same Father (God) and because we have been there in all phases of life with and for each other. We have celebrated our special life moments and stood by each other through the storms of life. Take your well deserved rest my beloved Brother. I am blessed beyond measure to have known, loved, grown up with, and had you as my true Brother. God called you home and you were more than prepared to answer that call. Love you Bro. and will miss you forever!

*Love your Line & True Brother
James F. Moore
Huntersville, NC
Legion of Doom
Fall '78
Mu Zeta Chapter
Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc.
UNC- Chapel Hill*



James F. Moore - July 06, 2022 at 09:50 AM

VA

“ Wayne and Vanessa Huff send our thoughts and prayers to the family.



Vanessa - July 06, 2022 at 09:01 AM

EH

“ Earl And Reese Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Gregory Pittman



Earl and Reese Hargrove - July 05, 2022 at 10:40 PM

JW

“ Jean Williams lit a candle in memory of Gregory Pittman



Jean Williams - July 05, 2022 at 10:39 PM

ZP

“ Zina Pittman lit a candle in memory of Gregory Pittman



Zina Pittman - July 05, 2022 at 07:20 PM

ZP

Proverbs 3: 5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."

Praying that God will grant us the peace that surpasses all understanding during this most difficult time.

Zina Pittman - July 05, 2022 at 07:24 PM

DS

Our hearts go out to the entire Pittman family in the loss of Gregory. We believe Greg's dedicated work here on earth and his "intentional" service in the work of the Lord, speaks volumes. Now that Greg's work here on earth is done, God has spoken. As believers in Christ, we are assured that God has prepared a place for each of us in glory.

Therefore, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Greg is now safe in the arms of Jesus. To God be the glory! Keeping you in prayer. We love you all!

*The late James & Ruth Dortch family,
Eulas (Bro), Delphine, Thurman & Grace*

Delphine Shepard - July 07, 2022 at 03:34 PM

KB

The world lost a warm and kind human being whose smile could light up a room.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Pittman family for easing your heavy hearts. Know that Greg is present in your hearts forever and when the time comes you will be together again.

Thank you for being our first friends in Monroe, there were great memories made in that house!



Kim and John Brown - July 08, 2022 at 09:03 AM

JC

To a great man, mentor and friend. You will be missed.

Jon Colturi - July 09, 2022 at 12:09 PM

SK

Angela just a beautiful service which describes what a great family and how many people you all have touched in your lives.

The first thing we remember was that "Million Dollar Smile" of Greg's when we first met him in Mexico.

Angela our prayers are with you and your family. You have a great support group in all of your family and many friends that you have make throughout the years.

*Your Friends,
Scott and Le Kochran*

Scott and Le Kochran - July 09, 2022 at 03:36 PM

KT

To the Pittman family, my deepest condolences on Greg's passing. He was an amazing friend and colleague. I will always remember his vivacious smile and laugh. Two stories that have stuck with me over the years. During a time when Greg and family lived in CT, he used to tell us all what we were missing out on for dinner as he stopped at the movie theater on his way home for a bucket of popcorn each night.

*And then, when he moved to Las Vegas, he used to tell us we were all nuts to stay in cold CT, when we could move to LV and get prime rib dinners for .99 cents. Greg, may you rest in peace. You were such a kind colleague. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Kim*

Kim Tully - July 13, 2022 at 01:19 PM