



Mr. William McKinley Underwood

February 4, 1939 - December 5, 2025

William McKinley Underwood, age 86, of Scottsboro, Alabama, passed away peacefully on the morning of December 5, 2025, surrounded by his loving family and his devoted wife of 68 years., Rachel, by his side.

Born February 4th, 1939 in Florence, he was the son of William McKinley Underwood and Aurelia Underwood, and the beloved brother of James Underwood, Nancy Darby, Janet Ellet, Geneva Woods, Mary Johnson, Alice Methvin, and Norma Hobson. He grew up in a close-knit family rooted in faith, hard work, and love — values he carried throughout his life. He was a member of Broad Street Church of Christ where he served as a deacon for years.

A graduate of Mars Hill Bible School, he began his career with Union Carbide before moving to Champion Paper Mill and later Mead Container/WestRock, where he retired after a long and dedicated career. He was a man known for his deep knowledge, steady leadership, and unwavering work ethic — qualities that earned him the respect and admiration of everyone he worked alongside.

At home, he was the rock of his family. A loving grandfather to fourteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren, he found his greatest joy in watching his family grow. He had a gift for fixing anything — whether it was a

broken appliance or a problem no one else could solve — and he offered that same quiet dependability to everyone he loved.

His life was filled with simple joys, deep love, and the kind of wisdom that can only come from a life well lived.

He leaves behind a legacy of strength, kindness, faithfulness, and a family who adored him. Though he will be deeply missed, his memory will forever guide and comfort those who were blessed to know him.

Mr. Underwood is survived by his wife, Rachel L. Underwood; daughters, Jennifer Johnson (Joey), Kim Border (Paul); sons, Brian Underwood (Lisa), Eric Underwood (Leslie); 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters, Norma Hobson, Mary Johnson, Janet Ellett, Alice Methvin, Nancy Darby; brother, James Underwood; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William M. and Aurelia Underwood; and sister, Geneva Woods.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the Scottsboro Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at the funeral home with Bro. Randy Brown officiating. Burial will be in Stoney Point Cemetery at 3:00 PM.

The family would also like to acknowledge the loving caretakers who have been a blessing to us and our parents.

Sherry Brown, Shelia Farmer, Connie Holcomb, and Karun Mount (Hospice of North Alabama) have been incredibly special in caring for our father and continuously supporting our mother. They have all gone above and beyond the call of duty and will forever be considered part of our family. THANK YOU!

Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home

Cemetery Details

Stoney Point

1755 County Road 24
Florence, AL 35633

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Scottsboro Funeral Home
1502 County Park Road
Scottsboro, AL 35769
(256) 574-3965
scottsbороfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.scottsbороfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

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Burial

DEC 9. 3:00 PM (CT)

Stoney Point
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Tribute Wall



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens - December 09, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Your Work Family at Elevate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William McKinley Underwood.

Your Work Family at Elevate - December 08, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William McKinley Underwood.



December 08, 2025 at 04:50 PM

KB

“ Kathleen Bradley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William McKinley Underwood.

Kathleen Bradley - December 08, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. William McKinley Underwood.



December 08, 2025 at 04:31 PM

SH

“ Sean & Tracy Huggins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. William McKinley Underwood.



Sean & Tracy Huggins - December 08, 2025 at 12:24 PM

TF

“ Tom Friese purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. William McKinley Underwood.



Tom Friese - December 08, 2025 at 12:16 PM

TF

“ Tom Friese planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William McKinley Underwood.

Tom Friese - December 08, 2025 at 12:16 PM

BJ

“ Bill and I send our heartfelt condolences to the family. We both worked with him at Mead Stevenson and our kids were in high school with his so we knew and thought so much of this close knit family. We love each of you💕💕

Bill and Lynn Jones - December 08, 2025 at 11:44 AM

CW

“ Called on Bill at Mead very kind man. My deepest sympathy
Charles Willoughby

Charles Willoughby - December 07, 2025 at 07:26 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William McKinley Underwood.



December 07, 2025 at 04:33 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William McKinley Underwood.*



December 07, 2025 at 03:49 PM