



Joe Walter Hill

July 8, 1957 - September 25, 2025

Joe Walter Hill, 68, of Ashdown, AR passed away September 25, 2025. Joe was born July 8, 1957, to Hugh Silas Jr. & Lillifred Hill in Texarkana, AR.

Joe was a quiet yet powerful presence who always knew how to bring people together, guiding others with wisdom, patience, and grace. He was like a father to his many nieces and nephews, offering guidance, laughter, and unconditional love. He served as a strong mentor to countless young people, believing in their potential. Through his storytelling, humor, and invitations to join him outdoors, he created memories that his family, among many others, will cherish forever. And no one could question his loyalty to the Arkansas Razorbacks! Though he may no longer walk beside us, his legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the stories he told, and the love he gave so freely. Upon retirement, he returned to his hometown to make a difference in his community.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Marianne Hill of Ashdown, AR, one brother Robert Hill of Georgia, four sisters; Marie Lisko (husband Larry Lisko) of Little Rock, AR, Mala Waller of Maumelle, AR, Janet Hill of Little Rock, AR, and Stephanie Hill of North Little Rock, AR. Six nieces; Jennifer, Michelle, Mary, Sarah, Miranda, and Jessica, along with three nephews Aaron, Justin,

and Wesley. Ten grand nieces and nephews; Adalie, Callan, Logan, Levi, Beckham, Carsen, Ben, Tyler, Jed, and Gavin along with Marianne's extended family and friends.

A visitation will be held Tuesday September 30, 2025, from 5-7pm at the Madden Funeral Home Chapel in Ashdown, AR. A funeral service will be Wednesday October 1, 2025, at 10am at the Madden Funeral Home Chapel with private interment to follow at Wilton Cemetery in Wilton, AR with Pastor Mike Jones officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Joe through his quiet generosity, would be honored for you to continue the tradition of sending Ashdown High School students to the UofA Engineering Summer Camps via donations <https://engineering.uark.edu/give.php>.

The funeral service will be live streamed for those unable to attend. Link to stream to be posted here when finalized.

After the private interment the family will be receiving from 1-3pm at Jake's BBQ in Ashdown.

link for live broadcast of funeral <https://evt.live/joe-walter-hill-funeral>

Cemetery Details

Wilton Cemetery

805 HWY 71 N
Wilton, AR 71865

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown
371 N 3rd Street
PO Box 428
Ashdown, AR 71822
(870) 898-3331
<https://maddenfuneralservice.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **1**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

OCT 1 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



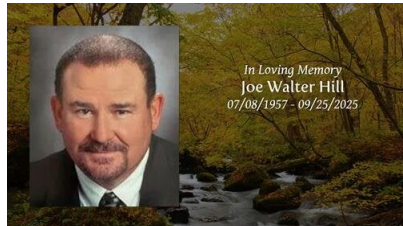
“ *Madden Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joe Walter Hill*



Madden Funeral Home - September 30, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *Madden Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe Walter Hill*



Madden Funeral Home - September 29, 2025 at 04:18 PM

MC

“ I worked with Joe at Eastman for 34 years. I really got to know Joe the last 17 years when I worked for S&B. Joe was a good man and cared about doing a good job for Eastman. We would run low on work from time to time and all I had to do is drop by his office and tell him we are running low. The next day we would have a new job to work on. There is no telling how many times he saved our jobs by keeping us working. One funny thing about Joe I will share was when you went and presented your design to him, he would always tell me “I don’t want to do it that way”. So I would wait 3 days and take the same exact design back to him and he would say “yes I think that’s what we need to do”. After Joe retired we kept in touch a little by phone and would have lunch when he would come to Longview for a doctors appointment. He would always ask how are jobs were going and if we were staying busy. There was always rumors going around Eastman and he would know more about it than we would. Joe always cared about all of us. I made a job change and Joe encouraged me through it. He was still looking out for me and wanted me to succeed. What a guy. I was so shocked to hear about his passing. I will miss Joe as I know many will.
Mark Calvit

Mark Calvit - October 18, 2025 at 09:25 PM

RL

“ Joe was a tireless worker and always did a great job. I'm lucky to know him and I will miss him greatly.

Roger Lineberry - October 01, 2025 at 10:56 AM

RG

“ My condolences to the family. I worked with Joe a long time and he will be missed. He had high character and knowledge. He was always someone I knew I could count on for a straight answer. When he was on a project, I it would done safely and right the first time.

Rande Grotefendt - September 30, 2025 at 01:42 PM

JA

“ Joe was certainly one of a kind. One of a very good kind that this world could definitely use a whole lot more of. You'll be missed buddy. Enjoy the fishing up there! Prayers for the family and friends.

J. Acord - September 30, 2025 at 10:12 AM

SL

I worked with Joe for many years. He was an amazing, kind and talented man. Praying for his family and many friends. 🥹💔🙏

Sherry Lee Liles - October 03, 2025 at 06:16 PM

MC

“ Mark C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Walter Hill.

Mark C. - September 30, 2025 at 09:54 AM

JA

“ Joe had such an impact on my life and career. He was a tremendous mentor for me in so many ways. I would not be half the engineer I am today without him. This isn't to discredit the many impacts SO many others have had, but rather to recognize how Joe took me under his wing, taught me how to design, troubleshoot, question, and challenge assumptions, and made me better. He was a rock in so many ways. When there were unknowns and uncertainty, you could always go to Joe for direction. However, what he did so well was that he didn't necessarily just tell you what to do, but rather, challenge you with questions that made to open up to your own assumptions about a situation. This enabled you to find a solution yourself, but one you never would have arrived at without him. He didn't speak a lot, but when he did it carried weight and had meaning. I've missed him since he retired, and I will continue to miss him. I see so much evidence of Joe's hard work at Eastman. It shows up in the electrical world here, but it shows up more so in the people he worked with and mentored including me.

Thank you, Joe. Miss you, brother. Josh Anderson

Josh Anderson - September 30, 2025 at 09:44 AM



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Madden Funeral Home - September 30, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe Walter Hill.*



September 29, 2025 at 07:35 PM



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“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time. Cherish all the memories!!*

Joe's office was right next door to mine and we would wave good morning through the window when one or the other was in a call or had a customer. Joe was a kind, professional engineer/ coworker with remarkable Christian values.

Cheryl Johnson Goynes

Cheryl Goynes - September 29, 2025 at 05:43 PM

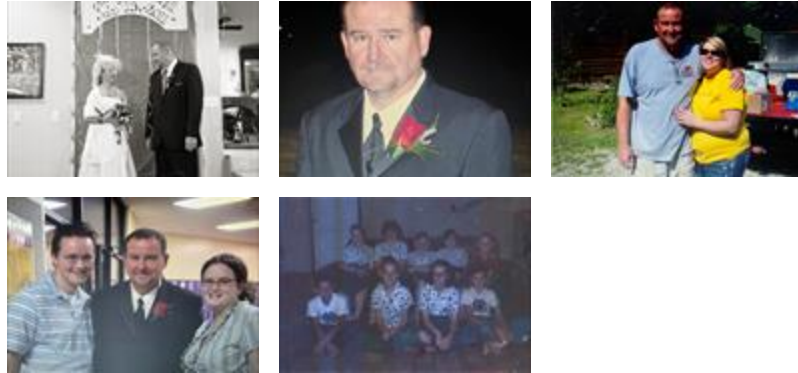


“ *I'm very sorry to hear that Joe has passed. I worked with him many years and he will be missed. condolences to all the family. You all are in my prayers. Billy Scott*

Billy Scott - September 29, 2025 at 04:56 PM



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Madden Funeral Home - September 29, 2025 at 04:18 PM

RS

“ I'm so sad to hear about Joe. I worked with Joe for many many years at Eastman. He was a great Engineer and a wonderful person. He will be missed. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Roland Sorgee

Roland Sorgee - September 29, 2025 at 03:51 PM



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“ *Joe Hill mentored me when I was a fresh Electrical Engineer at Eastman, just after graduating from the University of Arkansas. I learned a lot from Joe: most importantly, how to bring a different perspective to the table and challenge the status quo.*



I vividly remember the back-and-forth discussions we had before he would sign off on my Field Instructions, his way of pushing me to grow into a better engineer. Before every PCIC conference, Joe would always ask, “Did you remember to bring enough business cards?” his way of reminding me to be prepared and be professional.

Joe, you made a lasting impact on my electrical engineering journey, and I will miss you deeply.

Boris Habimana - September 29, 2025 at 01:04 PM

MC

“ Worked with Joe for over 40 years. You always knew what Joe's position was on a topic. He had a gift for clarity. A great Project Manager, a better Electrical Engineer, and an even better friend. I recall Joe talking to a member of a project team and stating "You can do it that way.... but you'll be wrong". He is missed.

Marshall Collins - September 29, 2025 at 11:40 AM

CS

“ I am so grateful that I got to work with you here at Eastman Joe. I feel bad for the others here who did not receive that privilege and education. I enjoyed our spirited debates, our mutual respect and knowing that we would both be in a better position at the end.

I really liked you Joe. And you made me feel that you liked me too. You are an institution here and we will really miss having lunch with you and hearing your latest stories from retirement and the University.

Chuck Stinnett - September 29, 2025 at 11:36 AM

JD

“ We'll have more time to visit the next time I see you Joe “WATTA”

John D - September 29, 2025 at 11:22 AM

JP

“ As a new engineer at Eastman, I can remember coming into the office to find a post-it note on my desk with six messily written letters on it. "CME - JWH". That meant Joe was looking for you. I was very blessed to have Joe around in the early days. He was firm, but patient, and a great teacher.

Josh Perry - September 29, 2025 at 10:52 AM

RH

“ Although you were my younger brother there was nothing "little" about you. You were taller and smarter and I looked up to you as if you were older. There are just too many memories to share here. We'll catch up when I join you. Namaste.

Robert Hill - September 29, 2025 at 10:25 AM

BS

“ Enjoyed many years working with Joe at Eastman. Prayerful thoughts to the family.

Bill Sharp - September 28, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Walter Hill.



September 28, 2025 at 08:21 PM



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