

ABC Family Mourns Loss of Two

Over the past weekend, ABC of Alabama was devastated to learn that two of our ABC family members were lost in tragic accidents.

On Thursday, August 27, John G. Wyatt of Wyatt General Contractors lost his life in a fatal plane crash. "I just spoke with his father, Gary, this morning, and as you can imagine, the family needs our support and prayers," said ABC of Alabama President Jay Reed. "Their company has had a long and special relationship with this association. Both John and Gary have served on almost every committee here, as well as our board of directors. John's knowledge of our industry and life in general extended well beyond his years. He was simply brilliant. He really enjoyed assisting youth in our industry and always communicated with me on ways to better our association and involve the next generation. Our hearts are saddened, and we will truly miss John."

The other tragic loss was that of William Robertson, Jr. of Monumental Contracting Services in a cycling accident. "William truly had a special place in our hearts and on our board of directors," said Reed. "He was a trailblazer for ensuring our association always spoke of diversity and inclusion when working to better the industry. I have so many personal stories about William's commitment to the city of Birmingham that I can't share just one. Both William's and John's faith certainly shined through as they assisted our association in making day-to-day decisions. They were always God first, family second and work third. While our industry takes time to mourn, I can only encourage each of us to be the light in our homes and communities that these outstanding gentlemen were."

Added ABC of Alabama Chairman of the Board Robin Savage of Robins & Morton, "Our association is stronger today because of the two outstanding gentlemen we lost over the weekend. These men demonstrated tremendous commitment to their families, faith and our industry. Please join us in keeping their families in our thoughts and prayers."

Wyatt's funeral will be held Wednesday, September 2 at 2:00 pm at Briarwood Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the John Gary Wyatt Leadership in Business Scholarship fund at Samford University (For details, please contact Randy Pittman, Vice President of University Relations for Samford University, at 205.726.2331, or you may also contact ABC to assist you.).

Final arrangements for Robertson have not been released as of yet. We will update this story as soon as details are released, so please check back periodically for those arrangements.

In closing, Reed added, "I really wish I had the words to express how special these two gentlemen were. It should remind each of us to make the most of every day and to ensure our family and work family know how much they mean to us. Our staff certainly took time to do just that this morning."