



Billy Joe (BJ) Ferrell

September 4, 1927 - February 10, 2014

Billy Joe Ferrell, 86, of Cary, North Carolina, passed away on Monday, February 10, 2014 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Billy was born in Rich Creek, Virginia, on September 4, 1927 and was the youngest child of E. C. and Chessie Inla Vass Ferrell. Billy was also preceded in death by his sisters Helen and Bernice and by his brothers E. C. Junior and Philip.

Billy married Phyllis Ann Meador on June 12, 1946 and after a short stay in the Army in Texas, they spent their entire life in the Charleston/St Albans area until moving to Cary, North Carolina for the last few years. Billy spent his professional career working for Union Carbide until early retirement allowed him and Phyllis to work at the Parchment Valley Baptist Camp near Ripley, West Virginia. Billy and Phyllis had one true avocation and that was their leadership, work and worship at the First Baptist Church in St Albans. While serving in several Deacon and Trustee positions as well as Sunday School Teachers, they also served important roles in home visitations, building campaigns, Minister search committees and in various State Baptist Convention roles. While Billy had many friends from his various activities, his best friends were all connected and active in the church. Anyone involved in sports in St Albans knew Billy well from his player and coach roles in softball and baseball and you could never quite tell the difference between his

baseball swing and his golf swing. Billy was one of those rare individuals who was equally proficient at Theology, Chemistry, Home Improvement and Camping. He was truly at home when he was camping at Blue Bend in Greenbrier County. You could always tell when Billy and his sons had been searching for his beloved "Eldzards" to use for fishing; the creek beds looked like a tornado had hit.

Billy is survived by his beloved wife Phyllis, his two sons Charles (Brenda) and Steve (Barbara); six grandchildren Shawn (Kristen), Devon (Chris), Jason (Cynthia), Heather, Amber (Clay) and Chessie (Brad); multiple Great-Grand-Children and Great-Great-Grand-Children.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm Sunday, February 16, 2014 at the First Baptist Church of St. Albans, 523 2nd Street, St Albans with the Rev Joel M. Harpold officiating. Interment will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 pm Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Hubbard Hospice House West, 4605 A MacCorkle Ave. SW, South Charleston, WV 25309.

You may share memories or condolences to the family at www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com

Bartlett Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and operated, located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St Albans, is honored to serve the Ferrell family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
Saint Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177
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Funeral Service

FEB 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Joe (BJ) Ferrell*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Dear Charlie and Steve,
So sorry to hear of our dad's passing. We Stanley kids have many great memories of Blue Bend camping - so much fun! Your dad was a great guy. May the Lord be with all of you at this sad time. Please give your mother our love.*

Peace . . .

Peggy Stanley Roach, Delaware, OH

Bob and Peggy Roach - February 14, 2014 at 08:29 AM



“ *I worked with B.J. at carbide he was always talking to me about my salvation after excepting Christ he was the first person I wanted to tell. He never gave up on me. He was a special man!*

Mick Hall

Mick Hall - February 14, 2014 at 08:13 AM



“ *My daddy's buddy. What a good man. Won't be anything in heaven those two won't try to fix. Glad I got to know Bill and Phyllis. My dad was so hard headed about helping and not taking anything in return. Bill would trick him by saying, "Bert, I have two of these, won't you take one off my hands." I don't think Daddy ever caught him.*

Blessings and peace, Phyllis, Steve and Charles.

Cindy Britt - February 14, 2014 at 06:31 AM

BA

“ *Your life was a Blessing.
Your memory a treasure.
You are loved beyond word,
And missed beyond measure.*

Barb

Barbara - February 13, 2014 at 07:26 PM

AN

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell are part of the foundation of my life that has allowed me to always believe in God despite the many things I have encountered that were designed to shake my faith.*

His soul surely is in Heaven, and his memory will always be imprinted on my heart.

Andy - February 13, 2014 at 02:47 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We'll always remember camping and the fun we had as extended family.*

Susan and Wayne Weaver

Wayne Weaver - February 13, 2014 at 01:27 PM

GS

A good friend, we go way back to Hinton High School days; He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Phyllis, Charlie and Steve.

George(Pebble) and Joy Stone.

George (Pebble) and Joy Stone - February 14, 2014 at 07:01 PM

DH

“ Bill and phyllis ferrell had a tremendous impact on my life. They were my youth leaders at first baptist church st albans, wv. We travelled to many a meeting...camp..retreat. w mr ferrell driving..teasing me he would stop at any outhouse for a potty stop! He even made me a miniature outhouse after one particularly loooong trip. Later in my life when I was called to ministry I was honored to have both Mr and mrs ferrell involved in my ordination service. WHat a witness they have been to me. I will miss his wit and bubbly personality...but carry it w me always

debbie watts higginbotham - February 13, 2014 at 12:59 PM

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Charlie, Steve and your families and of course your Dear Mom. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father and husband. He was obviously a person of great character and played a very influential role in the lives of those who knew and loved him. May God be with all of you during this most difficult time.

Ed Snively - February 13, 2014 at 02:18 PM