



William G. "Billy" Bethany

October 12, 1936 - June 1, 2024

William "Billy" Gerald Bethany, age 87, passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Winston Medical Center in Louisville, Mississippi, with his loving family at his side. Visitation will be Monday, June 3, at Nowell-Massey Funeral Home from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and Tuesday at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until service time. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 4 in the Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Mark Mayo and Reverend Larry Mizell officiating. Interment will immediately follow the service in Memorial Cemetery.

Billy was born October 12, 1936, to Alton and Mildred Smith Bethany in Brooksville, Mississippi. He was a proud graduate of DeKalb High School. Billy dearly loved his classmates and faithfully attended the annual reunion of the Class of 1955. He was a member of Ellison Ridge Baptist Church but most recently he attended Murphy Creek Baptist Church with his family. For 38 years, he was a distributor for Pet Dairy and Brookshire's in three different counties. Billy enjoyed his long-time membership in the Louisville Country Club. He was an avid golfer and told his family to never make plans for him on Tuesdays and Thursdays because those were his golfing days! Billy also enjoyed hunting and fishing as long as his health allowed him to participate. He answered the call of his country by serving in the United States Army National Guard.

Billy is survived by his daughter, Brigitte Sheridan and husband, Ken, of Louisville; and his sister, Evelyn Brumfield and husband, Jewell, of Bogalusa, Louisiana. He is also survived by his loving nieces and nephews: Bruce (Michelle) Brumfield, Brian Brumfield, John (Angel) Eaves, Jr., Paige Eaves (Morgan) Ray, and Tiffany Eaves (Sam) Schlesinger; in addition to great-nieces and nephews, other family members, and friends. Billy leaves behind his lifelong friend whom he felt as close to as a brother, Bud Brown; and his special caregiver, Jane Pearson. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 48 years, Cynthia Lovorn Bethany; his parents; and his in-laws, O. T. and Bonnie Kate Lovorn, and Patricia and John Eaves.

The Bethany family would like to sincerely thank Dr. Dustin Gentry and Dr. Adam Byrd as well as the Winston Medical Center staff for the exceptional care given to Billy numerous times over the last several years.

Serving as pallbearers are Bruce Brumfield, Brian Brumfield, John Eaves, Jr., Ross Easley, Jimmy Marlowe, Clinton Mills and John Wright. Honorary pallbearers are his golfing buddies at Louisville Country Club. Memorials may be given to Spring Hill Cemetery, DeKalb, MS, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at stjude.org.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Visitation

JUN 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
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Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville, MS 39339
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Interment

JUN 4 (CT)

Louisville Memorial Cemetery
18075 East John C. Stennis Drive
Louisville, MS 39339

Tribute Wall

LW

“ We lost a good friend on Saturday. Key and Linda Warren on behalf of the DeKalb High School Class of 1955

Linda Warren - June 03, 2024 at 10:44 PM

PG

“ Phyllis G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William G. "Billy" Bethany.

Phyllis G. - June 03, 2024 at 03:53 PM

DK

“ I will always remember the times you, Bud and I spent together working on golf cart houses are just setting around talking it always was a good time for me. You will be missed by a lot of friends. David Key & Carolyn Key

David Key - June 03, 2024 at 03:18 PM

MH

“ Sincere sympathy,
Mozell Hull

Mozell Hull - June 02, 2024 at 08:12 PM

KR

“ Kylen Rhine purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of William G. "Billy" Bethany.



Kylen Rhine - June 02, 2024 at 07:05 PM

KR

“ *Kylen Rhine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William G. "Billy" Bethany.*

Kylen Rhine - June 02, 2024 at 07:05 PM

JH

“ *I loved Uncle Billy, he and I traveled and worked together for Eaves Law Office for about 4 years. He and I with my husband Jimmy played golf sometimes while traveling. Once when we flew to Minnesota to work, he was so worried the airline would lose his Left handed clubs he couldn't eat. He was a sweet friend and will definitely be missed.*

Judy Hardin-Carver - June 02, 2024 at 04:44 PM