



William "Billy" C. Howard

April 25, 1944 - June 23, 2020

William "Billy" C. Howard, III, born April 25, 1944, passed away June 23, 2020. Preceded in death by his first wife of 51 years, Gloria, and his grandson, Luke. Survived by his loving wife of 5 years, Lynn; his children, Joey (Cindy) and Jeff (Michelle); his grandchildren, Josh and Jacob (Allison); his sister, Margaret Watson; his brother, Edward Howard and his sister in law, Joy Lowery; as well as a great host of family and friends, "No man is a failure who has friends" and Billy's life is a testament to this. He lived a life of service to others and made enduring friendships in each phase of his life. Billy graduated from McAdory High School in 1962, and served with the United States Marine Corp, First Recon, and was awarded 3 purple hearts during his service in Vietnam in 1966-1967. He continued to serve his community as a City of Birmingham police officer and later as a butcher. At the time of his passing, Billy was a much beloved bus driver for the McAdory school system. He was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church and was proud to serve as a past commander of the American Legion, Esquire for the Bessemer Elks Lodge, and active member of the Marine Corps League. Billy was lucky enough to find his second great love at the age of 71 and spent his final years in happiness, which was a great joy to those who loved him. He was a dedicated supporter of St. Jude Children's Hospital, therefore in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to St. Jude. A private graveside service will be held at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, AL. The family will receive friends Monday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Bessemer Brown

Service Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ All my prayers are with you today and in the days to come. Mr. Billy was a wonderful man that touched so many lives. May God give each of you peace in the days to come. Thank you for your service Mr. Billy!

Rhonda Hockersmith - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

SL

“ God be with you Joey and all the Family.

Steve Lazarus - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

MC

“ So sorry to hear Linda, Billy was a great man. I felt I had known him all my life. If there is anything I can do please feel free to call me.\r\n\r\nMichael

Michael Chambers - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

RG

“ He will be missed. He was such a great man. I really enjoyed my time with him at Mcadory.

Renee Gober - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

LS

“ I am saddened to hear of the death of such a fine man. His family and the Phares family have known each other for many years. We lived in the Greenwood area and attended Morgan Methodist Church. Prayers for his surviving family.

Lynn Phares Smith - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

GV

“ *rest in peace*

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BG

“ *I am saddened to hear of Billy's passing. Growing up together in Greenwood, I have many good memories of him. He was a good neighbor, friend, and a fellow Vietnam Vet. His passing is a loss to all who had the privilege of knowing him.*

Bobby Green - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

DS

“ *Billy was a great guy. It was my honor to be his friend and serve with him at the Elks Lodge. May he rest in peace*

David B Mason Sr - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

JR

“ *I will miss my big hugs as I entered church his wonderful smile and friendship! So privileged to have known such a wonderful man.*

Judith Robson - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

JT

“ *Thank you Billy and Lynn for your counseling for me during a difficult time. May our Lord be with your family, giving them the peace that only He can provide.*

James Tubbs - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM