



William Charles Green

January 17, 1947 - May 7, 2026

William Charles Green, known affectionately to everyone as "Bill" or "Wild Bill," passed away peacefully on May 7, 2026, at the age of 79. A true legend of the Warrior River, Bill leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and a life lived entirely to the fullest. Born on January 17, 1947, Bill was the third of five children born to the late Murray Green and Mary Stegall Green. He spent his early childhood in Fairfield Highlands before his family moved to the Warrior River—a place that became his true home and the backdrop for most of his life. The river was Bill's sanctuary and his playground. He was a pioneer on the water, holding the proud distinction of being the very first person to ever barefoot ski on the Warrior River. His passion for the water extended to jigger-pole fishing and bow fishing for carp, traditions he loved throughout his life. Bill was as dedicated to his work as he was to his family and hobbies. He spent most of his career working at Jim Walter Mines #3 until his first retirement. During his time

there, he

was an elite member and a three-time National Champion of the Mine Rescue Team.

Refusing to slow down, Bill went on to serve Jefferson County for another ten years before officially entering full retirement.

To know Bill was to feel loved. He never met a stranger, and he made it a point to ensure

everyone around him felt welcome and valued. In his later years, he discovered a love for

bopping and became a dedicated member of the Magic City Boppers.

Most of his days were beautifully simple, spent doing what he loved most: riding in his boat,

cooking out, and sitting on his porch, smiling and waving at passing boaters.

Thursdays

were particularly sacred to Bill, as he spent every single Thursday night at "Choir Practice"—

the weekly neighborhood gathering where the men hung out, talked, and shared invaluable

time together. Bill simply knew how to enjoy life.

Bill was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Anne Paganelli Green; his parents, Murray

and Mary Green; his brother, Murray Green Jr.; his sisters, Anne Green Jones and Judy Green

Head; his son, Kris Green; and his grandson, William Dunkling.

His vibrant spirit lives on through his surviving family. He is survived by his sister, Jo Lynn

Green Hosmer; his son, Grant Green; and his daughter, Jodi Green Dunkling.

He was a proud

grandfather to Maisy Green Talatham, Seth Green, Ryan Dunkling, Noah Dunkling, Eden

Prichard, Lauryn Green Dickey, and Hayden Green. He also leaves behind six cherished great-grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends whose lives he deeply impacted over the years. He will be profoundly missed by everyone who was ever a part of his life, past or present.

Celebration of Life

In true "Wild Bill" fashion, a Celebration of Life will be held at his home on the river so friends and family can gather in the place he loved most.

- Date: Saturday, August 22, 2026
- Time: 4:00 pm
- Location: Bill's Home on the River

Guests are welcome to arrive by land or water—please feel free to come by car or tie up right to the pier to celebrate the life and love of a wonderful man.

Tribute Wall

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“ My mom and dad and Bill’s mom and dad and whole family would gather together with friends on the river and make music they would put me up on the concrete picnic table to get me to dance for them. I knew Bill and his whole family. I’ll always remember one of them. I worked with Bill many years at number three mines and he was the only man that called me by my first middle and last name when he seen me. I sure loved Bill. He will be missed.

Victor Argo - 6 hours ago

VD

“ Bill truly made everyone around him loved ! He was truly one of the best on the Warrior River and had the best family!! Had so many fun times there! Sending love and prayers and hugs to you all! He was a very special man!

Vickie Daniel - Yesterday at 02:12 PM

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Met Bill many years ago at JWR #3. He was a good friend! Sorry for your loss, he will definitely be missed 🙏🙏

Tommy Savage - Yesterday at 02:58 PM