



Billy Vernon Dewees

June 30, 1934 - February 4, 2020

Billy Vernon Dewees, 85, of Lesage, WV, died Tuesday February 4, 2020 at his residence. Funeral service will be conducted 1:00 PM Saturday February 8, 2020 at Chapman's Mortuary Huntington with Pastor Jeff Arthur officiating. Burial will be in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville. Billy was born June 30, 1934 in Point Pleasant, WV a son of the late Hobart and Mary Emma (Cromley) Dewees. He resided in Lesage, WV and wintered in Ft. Pierce, FL. He was a Child of God, member of the 4th Ave United Methodist Church, also attended Lewis Memorial Baptist Church, member of the Tri-State Dulcimer Society, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the U.S. and Canada. Billy was also preceded in death by his wife, Hilda Ellen (Coleman) Dewees: older sister Margie (Dewees) Pauley, brother Hobart Dewees, Jr, and younger sister, Donna (Dewees) Parsons. He is survived by a younger sister, Annetta (Dewees) Durst, four daughters, Kathy (the late Roger) Dillon, Rebecca (Larry) Lani, Linda (John) Perry and Marie (Brett) Merritt, 11 grandchildren: Jessica Dillon-Akers, Joshua (Kayla) Dillon, Eric (Larrisa) Lani, Gregory Lani, Brian Lani, John III (Sarah) Perry, Nathan (Alix) Perry, David (Emily) Perry, Kyle (Tasha) Merritt, Ethan (Sara) Merritt, Bryce (Courtney) Merritt, 12 great grandchildren, Semarra and Calvin "CD" Akers, Brystol and Kinlee Dillon, Makenna Lani, Lena, Josie, Samuel, Xavier, Marlee and Evelyn Perry and Oliver Merritt, and several nieces , nephews and friends. Billy brought music and laughter to many. Our loss is Heaven's gain. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Gideons, Huntington City Mission, or the church of your choice. Visitation will be from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM Saturday at Chapman's Mortuary. Online condolences may be sent to www.chapmans-mortuary.com.

Cemetery

White Chapel Memorial Gardens

3547 Rt 60

Barboursville, WV, 25504

Events

FEB **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Chapman's Mortuary

2851 3rd Ave., Huntington, WV, US, 25702

FEB **Funeral Ceremony** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Anetta & Family, We're so sorry for the loss of your brother here on earth but we know he's in heaven with his family that has been waiting for the circle to be put back together. What a reunion!! Love all of you.

Kitty & Arnie Severn



Arnie and Kitty Neal Severn - February 10 at 09:55 PM



“ Billy was a kind gentleman with a sweet nature and wonderful sense of humor. I had the pleasure of knowing him for a few short years through Carl, Donna, and my Mama- all brought together by their love for music. Rest Well Billy. The world is a better placed because you fiddled you're way through it. Peace and comfort to your daughters and family members.



Suzanne James - February 08 at 07:11 AM



“ Linda and family:

We were very sorry to about your father's demise. I got to see him at the event last week in Barboursville. He was very sharp and impressive.

Luke Lafferre

Luke A. Lafferre - February 07 at 03:10 PM



“ Marie we were so very sorry to read about your Dad's passing in the newspaper this morning. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you go through this difficult time.

Love,
Dwain and Terri (Dowdy) Hamlin

Terri Hamlin - February 07 at 02:32 PM



“ As a tribute to Billy today I taught some of my grandchildren the “Rooster Song”. We sang it, however poorly, to our children growing up. Singing it to my grandchildren is a great tradition I hope they can pass on to theirs. Love you Billy, Deoodle deoodle deoodle do!

Ed Cromley - February 06 at 06:02 PM



“ So sorry about your brother in this time of loss I’m sending my deepest sympathy & prayers and your in my thoughts! Love you, Pat Gibson

Patricia Gibson - February 06 at 04:25 PM



“ Linda - so sorry to hear of your father's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Sandra Martin - February 06 at 10:01 AM



“ I only met this kind man about 6 years ago when my daughter married his grandson Josh. He was a great person that we all knew as Granddad. Prayers for Nana and the whole family. Heaven has gained a true angel.

Dreema Pauley - February 05 at 07:35 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Vernon Dewees.



February 05 at 06:54 PM



“ So sorry to learn of Uncle Billy’s passing. We’ll keep his family in our prayers. Can’t attend services because Thresa is having surgery Friday & we will be in Morgantown all weekend with her. We will always remember Billy and his wonderful disposition. He was witty, clever & always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by many.



Dale & Jennifer Coleman - February 05 at 06:02 PM



“ I am unable to attend the services. I was so sorry to hear about his sickness and passing. I have each of you in my prayers. Billy was a special person. God Bless You.

Thresa Coleman - February 05 at 11:38 PM



“ Reta and I are so sorry about Billy, he was a great friend, We will always be grateful to him for selling us our first home 3206 3rd Ave. We were so young with no money that he paid our closing costs and gave us some of his appliances. Billy, I know the Angels are singing. You will be missed.

Don and Reta Smith - February 06 at 12:12 PM



“ Paul, Olivia, and I loved Billy and Ellen. We have so many wonderful memories of Paul and Olivia playing music with the group! I can not not imagine the beautiful music being played and the wonderful singing up there. Rest In Peace sweet man. May God comfort all of the family. Love and Prayers

Dodie Roach - February 06 at 03:56 PM



“ We had some wonderful times with Billy and the music group! He was truly a good Christian man who loved people. He will be missed!

Jack & Betty Harbin - February 06 at 05:33 PM



“ Steve and I are so sorry to hear about Billy’s passing. When Steve pastored 4th Avenue UMC, I found out I had a cousin that I didn’t know I had when Billy and I compared our genealogy. Billy and Ellen invited us to join them on their pontoon boat several times and invited us in their home on special occasions. Billy and Bob King wrote a song about us, so funny! Billy sent word to Steve when he had killed the 200th deer out of the tree nursery. We loved them both dearly and will always cherish the memories we made with them. May God comfort your family.

Sending our love and prayers,
Steve and Linda (DeWees) Rhodes
Fairmont, WV

Linda Rhodes - February 07 at 07:07 PM



“ Kathy, Rebecca, Linda & Marie, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad’s passing. I have fond memories of spending Sunday afternoons and couple vacations with you and your Dad and Mom. Your Dad was very special. Prayers for comfort and love to you all.

Dave Debra (Waters)Turley

Debra Waters Turley - February 07 at 08:35 PM



“ Kathy, Rebecca, Linda, Marie and your families, I want to express my sincere sympathy to each of you. Your parents meant so much to me through the Christian role models both of them shared so freely. They gave of themselves in so many ways to our church. The memories of them in the choir are outstanding to me and what an addition they were. Those memories will keep the choir alive forever in my heart. It was a blessing to have known both of them for so many years. Love and prayers to all.

Phyllis Cook - February 08 at 03:29 PM