



## Bill Rupil

May 8, 1946 - January 31, 2020

William E. "Bill" Rupil, age 73, of Valley Head, passed away January 31, 2020 at Dekalb Regional Medical Center. Mr. Rupil was born in Fort Payne on May 8, 1946 to the late Marion and Neda Green Rupil.

Mr. Rupil was a lifelong educator, directly touching the lives of children for a total of 41 years. Employed by the Fort Payne Board of Education, he began his career as a History Teacher at Williams Avenue Elementary School, where, after eleven years, he served as principal from 1979-1983. He became Assistant Superintendent in 1984 where he remained until retiring in June of 2009. He also served as the time keeper of high school basketball and football games.

His time as an educator did not end with retirement. A member of Wills Valley Community Church, he has spent the last 16 years teaching God's word to children during Children's Church.

Funeral services will be 3:00pm Sunday at the Wills Valley Community Church with Rev. Denny Mashburn officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. View Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Sunday beginning at 1:30pm until the hour of service at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial donations to the Wills Valley Community Church Building Fund.

Mr. Rupil is survived by his wife of 46 years, Rita Chambers Rupil; children, Bethany Lynn Rupil, Jason Marion Rupil, and Jared Trent; chosen daughter, Abby Abbott; brother, Kenneth Rupil; sisters, Lois Horton and Mildred Barnes; nephews, Jim Kirby, Bobby Horton, Pat Horton, and David Barnes; nieces, Neda Goggans and Caroline Gentry; along with multiple great-nephews, great-nieces, friends, and church family.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. View Memorial Gardens

970 Mountain View Drive  
Fort Payne, AL 35968

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Wills Valley Community Church  
1311 Isbell Road NW  
Fort Payne, AL 35968

## Funeral Service

FEB 2. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Rupil*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Mike and I have only good memories of Mr.Rupil as our jr high teacher. He was a wonderful teacher and made every student feel important. Prayers for peace and comfort.*

**Sharon McWilliams (Mike)** - February 02, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working at the District Office with Mr. Rupil for 6 years. He was a kind and good man. I have the utmost respect for him and Mrs. Rita. Prayers.*

**Daphie Sellers** - February 02, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ *Paul and Terri Chambliss purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bill Rupil.*



**Paul and Terri Chambliss** - February 02, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Rupil.*



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February 01, 2020 at 11:18 PM



“ *I loved working with Bill at Fort Payne City Board of Education for 20 something years. He was always upbeat and friendly. I will always remember him on Wednesdays coming in and saying “well, it is hump day”! Actually, I think of him almost EVERY Wednesday when I get my meds out of the little weekly container I keep them in. ( Yes, I have quite a few of them.)  
I am sure I will always remember Bill on Wednesdays!*

*To Rita, the children and the family, let me tell you how very sorry Ed and I are about his untimely death. To me it seems untimely but death happens in God's time....so, fair well, Bill, til we meet on the other side!*

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**Margaret Thacker** - February 01, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ *I feel that I have known Bill sll my life. We grew up in First Baptist, he was my brother's friend, and then we taught together for years. He was a good person and will be missed. He and my John shared a love of basketball.*

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**Sarah Haase** - February 01, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ *Prayers to the Rupil family. The press box will not be the same on football Friday nights. We will miss you!*  
*Steve Chambers*

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**Steve Chambers** - February 01, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Rupil.*



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February 01, 2020 at 04:31 PM