



Billy Ray Bethune

March 2, 1934 - November 28, 2023

Billy Ray Bethune, 89, of Fort Payne, passed away Tuesday, November 28, 2023. He was born March 2, 1934 to the late Jesse Bethune and Lillian Miller Bethune. A graduate of the DeKalb County High School Class of 1953, he was a retired architectural engineer with Kingsberry/Kings Haven Inc. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church and a kind and gentle man who loved music, especially gospel hymns. He enjoyed Alabama football and cherished his family.

A Celebration of his Life will be 2 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church with Dr. Marshall Henderson and Dr. Pat McFadden officiating. Burial will follow in Mountain View Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends Friday from 12 noon until the 2 p.m. hour of service at First Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society <https://donate.cancer.org>

He is survived by his daughter Melanie Roberts and husband Todd; grandchildren Jordan Roberts and wife Rebekah and Julianna Roberts.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Gwen Freeman Bethune and his sister Estelle Bell.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Payne is in charge of

arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mt. View Memorial Gardens

970 Mountain View Drive
Fort Payne, AL 35968

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Fort Payne
106 Grand Avenue NW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Celebration of Life

DEC 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Bethune.*



November 29, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



shyrel Blackmon Holdomvack - November 29, 2023 at 02:17 PM



*Billy was always a great guy
Prayers for the family 🙏❤️*

shyrel Blackmon Holdomvack - November 29, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ *Billy was a good neighbor and friend. We'll miss chatting with him occasionally and seeing him out walking around his yard or down to the street to check the mail. Gary & Judy Haas*

Gary Haas - November 29, 2023 at 11:11 AM

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“ Billy was such a Christian man and we loved him so much. My first cousin and he will be greatly missed. He looked so good at our family reunion in September and we had such a great time with all our family.



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“ Billy Ray was a classmate and member of our basketball team in the early fifties and always the ultimate gentleman !!! Gary Durham

Gary Durham - November 28, 2023 at 08:26 PM