



Billy John McCaleb

May 26, 1935 - November 23, 2020

Billy John McCaleb died November 23, 2020, at the age of 85 years. Born in the Pinewood community of Hickman County, he lived in the county he loved all his life. Predeceased by his parents, Sammie Lee and Mattie Myatt; brothers, Wayne, Robert and Rannic, and his sister, Linda. Survived by his children, Kirk McCaleb, Karita Waters and Kalisa (Wade) Beard; his beloved sister, Polly (Billy Ray) Dyer; his sister-in-law, Nancy McCaleb; his grandchildren, Ryan (Hannah) and Dylan Waters, Kaleb Beard (Billie) and Samantha, Emma and Meggie McCaleb; and his great-granddaughter Ivy Jayne Waters. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who thought the world of their Uncle Bill; and his former wife, Helen.

Billy graduated from Hickman County High School and attended APSU until he joined the Army in 1953. He served in the Army until 1957, then served in the National Guard until 1974. He retired from the US Postal Service after 30 years, having served as a rural letter carrier and a postmaster in Hickman County. He also served an eight-year term as an elected Hickman County Commissioner. He was the hardest working man you would ever meet, rarely taking a day off and staying busy from sun-up to sundown. It would be hard to find a piece of land in the county that he had not at one time bought and sold, either to farm or cut timber or just make a profit. He had the unique ability to survey a tract of timber and know exactly how many board feet it would produce. He was happiest on a tractor or just walking through the woods.

Billy was a handsome man with brilliant Irish-blue eyes and the loudest laugh in the room. He loved his family unconditionally, and would have done (and did do) anything for them. He enjoyed fishing, coconut cream pie, voting Republican, placing a bet, Winstons, a perfectly mowed lawn, and making sure his children were successful in all they chose to do. Though not a perfect man, he possessed the character traits that make our world a better place: kindness, honesty, compassion, integrity, generosity, and a genuine love of his country and his fellow man.

Visitation will be from 10 AM to 1 PM on Wednesday, November 25, at McDonald Funeral Home in Centerville, Tennessee. Funeral will follow at 1 PM. Private graveside service.

Cemetery Details

Charles L Nickell Memorial Park

Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

NOV **25**. 1:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Cheeva McClearen - November 29, 2020 at 09:15 PM

BI

“ *Brenda Isbell lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Brenda Isbell - November 26, 2020 at 05:42 PM

KH

“ *My Deepest of Sympathy, while i didn't personally know him, i know he was a rock to the Family and my heart hurts for you all. Love to you all, my Mom & i send our deepest of sympathy. I am so sorry,*

Kathy Hamilton - November 25, 2020 at 04:37 PM

DB

“ *Dorris Brown lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Dorris Brown - November 25, 2020 at 08:41 AM

AK

“ I have lots of memories of waiting on Billy in my waitress days. Yes he loved coconut pie with a good cup of coffee. And even though he and Hellen didn't always see eye to eye she was never far away from him, most of the time at the other side of the table giving him that look lol y'all know what I mean. These two hold a special place In my heart ❤️ Such a good looking smile he had also. I'm just sorry for your families loss he will always be remembered by me.

angela kistler - November 25, 2020 at 12:32 AM

KT

“ Helen and family-I am so shocked to hear of Bill's passing. Sending our prayers and love. Charles Overbey and Karen Overbey Taylor

Karen Overbey Taylor - November 25, 2020 at 12:04 AM

DW

“ Dean And Lisa Wright lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb



Dean and Lisa Wright - November 24, 2020 at 07:12 PM

DC

“ Deena Conner lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb



Deena Conner - November 24, 2020 at 07:10 PM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss Billy Ray & Polly

Dan & Carolyn Burchard Bennett



Carolyn Bennett - November 24, 2020 at 06:58 PM

RP

“ Ruby N Peters lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb



Ruby N Peters - November 24, 2020 at 06:04 PM

SG

“ Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb



Stanley & Judy Gordon - November 24, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ Great neighbor!



Rebecca Stewart - November 24, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ *Paula Crowder lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Paula Crowder - November 24, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ *Felicia Wilbanks sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Felicia Wilbanks - November 24, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ *Bill And Teressa Clarke lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Bill and Teressa Clarke - November 24, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *Vicky Beagle sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Vicky Beagle - November 24, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JB

“ *John Blade lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



John Blade - November 24, 2020 at 09:26 AM

PM

“ *Phyllis Meyers lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Phyllis Meyers - November 24, 2020 at 08:32 AM

SA

“ *Stacia Anglin lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Stacia Anglin - November 24, 2020 at 07:03 AM

CS

“ *Charlotte Staggs lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Charlotte Staggs - November 24, 2020 at 01:05 AM



“ *Carla Herbison lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Carla Herbison - November 23, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ *Loretta Chessor Harrington lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Loretta Chessor Harrington - November 23, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ *Debbie Semore lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



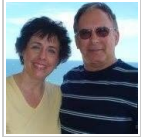
Debbie Semore - November 23, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *Kathy Winters Redden lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Kathy Winters Redden - November 23, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ *Ray Ragsdale lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Ray Ragsdale - November 23, 2020 at 07:39 PM

JM

“ *Joyce Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Joyce Mayberry - November 23, 2020 at 07:26 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Scott lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



kathy scott - November 23, 2020 at 06:57 PM

KM

“ *Kathy MCGahey lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



kathy mcgahey - November 23, 2020 at 06:20 PM

RJ

“ *Rita Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Rita Jenkins - November 23, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Betty Love - November 23, 2020 at 06:17 PM

JB

“ *John Blade lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



John Blade - November 23, 2020 at 04:00 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Billy John McCaleb*



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam - November 23, 2020 at 02:07 PM