



## Judge Billy W Townsend

January 28, 1943 - July 14, 2021

Former Judge Billy W. Townsend, age 78, passed away suddenly at his home Wednesday July 14, 2021. He was born January 28, 1943, in Decatur County, son of the late Wayne and Virginia Townsend.

Judge Townsend held the seat of Lewis County juvenile and general sessions judge for 32 years. He also served the community on the board of directors of Buffalo Valley and senior citizen center.

He was an Eagle Scout and assistant Boy Scout Scout Master for several years. He was also a member and past president of the Lewis County Jaycees and Hohenwald Lions Club and Fred E. Lomax American Legion Post 127. Judge Townsend graduated from the University of Tennessee Law School in Knoxville. He practiced as a lawyer for over 50 years, first with Edwin Townsend, Sr. in Parsons and later opening his practice with Edwin Humphreys Townsend and Doyle.

He served his community as a veteran of the Tennessee Army National Guard.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Phyllis Townsend; two daughters, Becky (Rob) Rawdon and Skipper Townsend, both of Hohenwald; three step-daughter, Lisa (Ronnie) McGehee and Cindy Glover of Star City, Arkansas and Sherri Brooks of Hohenwald; one brother, Larry (Wanda) Townsend of Parsons; one sister, Sherry (Tom) Leitch of Parsons; his mother-in-law, Mildred Stevens of Parsons; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Saturday July 17, 2021, at 11:00 AM in the

McDonald Funeral Home Chapel with Thomas Vann officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Davis-Oak Grove

Davis Cemetery Rd  
Hohenwald, TN 38462

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County  
20 West 2nd Avenue  
Hohenwald, TN 38462  
(931) 796-2207

## Funeral Service

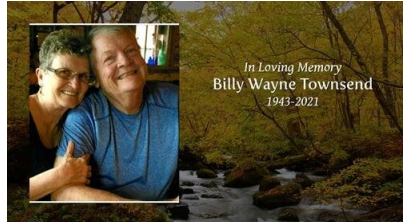
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# Tribute Wall



“ *McDonald Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Judge Billy W Townsend*

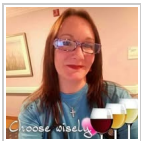


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**McDonald Funeral Home, Inc** - October 25, 2021 at 10:27 AM

BB

“ *Billy was a family guy, he always loved everybody and always treated everybody the same... My family has been before him and had dealings with him as a lawyer..... He always tried his best at what he done.... He loved everybody and always helped the ones that couldn't be helped..... He done what's right as a judge but he always tried to help someone just because they got in trouble..... Billy me and daddy will always like you, you put me in jail several of times and I know you didn't want to but you had to do your job but that's understandable..... Billy your always missed in Hohenwald.....p.s. Shake hands with daddy y'all are together... Prayers for Phyllis and the whole family.... Sorry just now finding out I was wandering why I haven't seen you.....tears.....,*

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**Bobby Brown** - May 31, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ *This breaks my heart just finding this out. He was a great man and a pinnacle of the community. God bless and be with his family in these hard times. My sincerest condolences. - Brandy Bersche' Cothern*

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**Joe Cothern** - August 11, 2021 at 11:14 PM

PA

“ So sorry for your loss. Billy was always a good friend to our family. Praying and sending love. 🙏

Priya Anand - July 30, 2021 at 02:57 PM

PA

“ Priya Anand lit a candle in memory of Judge Billy W Townsend



Priya Anand - July 30, 2021 at 02:50 PM

SR

“ I personally never got to know Judge Townsend but, I wanted to reach out and say I have heard so many good things about this man. Right down to being a UT FAN!! GO VOLS!! I have no words to express how you as a family are feeling. But I know in my heart that he is in the best hands now. With McDonald Funeral Home a Family I know and they have taken me in as a part of their family. Just as they will you guys.. and my thoughts and prayers 🙏 will be with you and yours even if we have never met. Please feel free to reach out. Just for a simple conversation. Thank you so very much, Love Sarah Easley Rogers ❤️



Sarah Easley Rogers - July 17, 2021 at 01:40 PM

RS

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a loving farther grandfather and great grandfather. As well as a loved member of our community. He will most definitely be missed



Rita and Jerry shae - July 16, 2021 at 09:21 PM

CW

“ Billy was a great friend and the best attorney I ever had. He will definitely be missed. Phyllis may God bless and comfort you.  
Carol Wilkinson

Carol Wilkinson - July 16, 2021 at 08:57 PM

LF

“ An honorable man who served the state well! May God Bless his wife and family.  
Sincerely,  
Larry Ferguson

Larry Ferguson - July 16, 2021 at 08:45 PM

MS

“ Such a sweet man I'm so sorry Phyllis you have lost your love, many hugs and comfort coming your way

Mary/Mike Simmons - July 16, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DS

“ *Dean Schwartz Sr lit a candle in memory of Judge Billy W Townsend*



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**Dean Schwartz sr** - July 16, 2021 at 10:55 AM

AD

“ *Arelus & Ernestine Dye lit a candle in memory of Judge Billy W Townsend*



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**Arelus & Ernestine Dye** - July 16, 2021 at 10:19 AM

PT

“ *Pat Treece lit a candle in memory of Judge Billy W Townsend*



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**Pat Treece** - July 16, 2021 at 08:57 AM

LM

“ Love you Grandpa Billy, Maegan Alyssa Brewer

*I wish you had more time.  
I wish we could have said goodbye.  
I wish this stupid virus hadn't ruined our holidays.  
I wish we could have annoyed grandma a little more.  
But most of all I wish you peace.  
I will miss your jokes about me growing up.  
I will miss your "watch this" moments as you mess with grandma.  
I will miss sitting in your giant chair with you.  
I will miss you picking on everyone.  
I will miss you.  
Until we meet again. Love you to the moon and back Grandpa Billy.*



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**Lisa McGehee** - July 15, 2021 at 10:46 PM

LI

“ Sincere condolences



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**lisa** - July 15, 2021 at 09:17 PM

WB

“ *William And Martha Butler lit a candle in memory of Judge Billy W Townsend*



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**William and Martha Butler** - July 15, 2021 at 07:05 PM

RV

“ *Ralph, Wanda Vineyard lit a candle in memory of Judge Billy W Townsend*



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**Ralph, Wanda Vineyard** - July 15, 2021 at 06:23 PM