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Bill W. Blackburn, 74, passed away suddenly on Thursday, August 2, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Maynor O. Blackburn; daughters, Sherri (Chris) Hunter and Teri (David) Ford; sister, Susie Ingalls; brother, Charles Blackburn; grandchildren, Madison, Emily, Pearson, and Nathan Hunter; Anderson and Jackson Ford. He was preceded in death by his brother, Glenn Blackburn and his sister, Mozelle Blackburn Anderson. Bill was born May 11, 1938, in Humboldt, Tennessee, to the late Tollie M. Blackburn and Willie Ada Weatherspoon Blackburn. He graduated from Humboldt High School in 1956 and Draughon's Business College in Memphis in 1958. Bill served in the U.S. Army in San Antonio, TX from 1962-1964. He later attended Memphis State University, graduating in 1971, with a Bachelors of Business Administration in Accounting and attained his Certified Public Accountant license and certification in 1972. Bill became a member of the Tennessee Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs in 1973. He began his employment with Malco Theaters in 1970 and was the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at the time of his death. Bill was tirelessly dedicated to his employer and thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of his job and the people who surrounded and supported him daily. If Bill was asked by family or friends, why he chose not to retire, given his 42 years of service, he would quickly laugh and respond "Why should I? I love my job and I guess I will stay as long as they'll have me." Bill married Maynor Estes on August 30, 1959 in Tupelo, Mississippi. He met Maynor the year before at the local Dairy Queen in Tupelo and immediately told his friends that he had met the woman he was going to marry. Maynor was the love of his life. He adored her and spent the next 53 years demonstrating that love to her daily and enjoying life's adventures with her. They were blessed with two daughters, Sherri Renee, on May 25, 1967, and Teresa (Teri) Lynne, on Oct 15, 1970. Together, the family enjoyed many lake and beach vacations. They loved being together and creating family memories that will



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last a lifetime. Bill's other passion was bowling, a pastime which he started in 1959 and was an avid participant until his death. He shared this love with Maynor. Bill became an active participant in multiple bowling leagues and associations throughout Memphis and the Mid-South. Beginning in 1976, Bill was elected to the Board of Directors for the Memphis Area US Bowling Congress (USBC). He served as Secretary from 1978-1990 and again from 1996 to the present. He was made a lifetime member in 1987 and inducted into the Memphis Hall of Fame in 1989 for Meritorious Service. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee State USBC beginning in 1979. He served as Vice President in 1979 and President from 1990-1991. He became a life member in 1989 and was inducted into the Tennessee State USBC Hall of Fame in 1995 for Meritorious Service. In the late 80s, Bill became involved with the Southern Bowling Congress (SBC), serving as Vice President in 1989 and President in 1991. At the time of his death, he was serving as SBC Executive Director. He was made a lifetime member in 1991 and also inducted into the SBC Hall of Fame. Bill was truly dedicated to the sport of bowling, whether he was helping a bowler, a lead officer, a bowling center proprietor or seeing to tournament details, he always gave no less than 110%. He was the hub that drove the sport of bowling in our area and will be sorely missed by the sport and bowlers throughout the Mid South. Over the course of Bill's bowling "career", he also participated in 34 consecutive USBC National Tournaments and multiple local, state, and regional tournaments. Bill was very proud of his achievement of a perfect 300 bowling game, as well as two games of 290, a 298 game, and a 299 game. Visitation will be Tuesday, August 7 from 5 – 8 pm with services Wednesday, August 8, at 1 pm. Both events will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home The family requests that memorials be directed to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation 498 Halle Park St. 102, Collierville, TN 38017.



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JM

Jan & Shirley Mobley posted:

We will miss Bill very much. He was very caring and helpful to us on several occasions.

August 14 at 1:39 PM

FE

Fayez Eloqlah posted:

Maynor – Just would like to express my deepest condolences to you and the family during this difficult time, may God give you patience and make things easy for you. I have really enjoyed working with Bill for the past ten years or so. Bill will be missed

August 9 at 1:23 PM

DB

Don & Brenda Burchett posted:

Maynor – Our heartfelt condolences to you and the family. I know that this is a difficult time for you, if there is anything we can do please don't hesitate to ask. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. Don and Brenda Burchett

August 8 at 12:24 PM

JR

Jeanette Ruddell posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss.

August 7 at 7:36 PM

MC

Mary Cianciolo posted:

I have known Bill all my life. He was always a big part of my bowling family. My Dad and my Uncle Joe worked with him throughout their bowling careers. He will be truly missed. Love to you Maynard, and the girls. I can hear them up in heaven, Uncle J

August 7 at 9:04 AM

SH

Sheryl Hayes posted:

There are no words to ease the heartfelt heaviness you must be experiencing right now. I do pray that you find comfort and peace in all the memories you have of Bill through the years. Family was important to him and when the sadness creeps in, just smi

August 6 at 2:13 PM



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LK

Lois And Ken Ketcham posted:

Maynor, I was saddened to hear the news when I dropped by Malco today (Monday). I am so sorry for your families loss. You are in my prayers.

August 6 at 12:57 PM

JW

James & Diana Wooten posted:

Maynor, Sherry & Terri. All of you are in our prayers. We loved Bill so much. He was a great boss, friend and wonderful Husband and Father. He will truly be missed by all of us. May God wrap His arms around you and guide you thru this time of sorrow.

August 6 at 11:11 AM

KM

Kenneth Sarge Maxwell posted:

My family's thoughts a prayers are with the family.

August 6 at 7:24 AM

DL

Dave & Gail Lile posted:

Our deepest thoughts & prayers are with you & the family. Bill will be truly missed.

August 5 at 2:09 PM

GD

Gary & Jan Dyer posted:

We have had 40 years work relationship with Bill and Maynor. He has earned my respect many times. His loss is another big hole that will remain unfilled. The family has our deepest sympathy on your loss. In our prayers always.

August 5 at 12:19 PM

MH

Mark & Ann Hansgen posted:

The family has our deepest sympathy on your loss. We will miss him, as he was a friend that will be missed. Our prayers are with you.

August 5 at 10:45 AM



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JS

Johnny Simmons posted:

I only knew Mr. Blackburn for a short time, but I can honestly say that he was a wonderful man. One day we will all be reunited with him and we can rejoice. I know that my father has already found him and said " let's go bowling" for he too loved the game

August 5 at 9:16 AM

JT

Joe & Dannette Trowbridge posted:

Maynor – Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bill will be missed by many many people. He touched so many lives and in my belief everyone he touched was made better for knowing him. Love – Joe & Dannette

August 5 at 7:48 AM

MR

Mike Ransom posted:

My condolences to Bill's family and friends in the Memphis community. Bill was a true gentleman and friend to everyone. All of us that knew him through the TN Bowling family loved him and will greatly miss his intelligent guidance and compassion for all t

August 4 at 7:21 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bill by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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