



Billy J Colvard

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Billy (Bill) Joe Colvard was born June 4, 1935 on a kitchen table to Mary Edna and Marcelous Colvard in Titus, Alabama. Bill served proudly as a Sergeant in the United States Marines from 1954-1957 and received a Bachelors in Science degree in 1963 and a Masters degree in 1967 from Memphis State University. The Marines were instrumental in shaping him into a leader for the Memphis community. He was a Dolphin Boat Club Commodore in 1962 and 1963 and was a member of the Water Front Patrol on the River. He was a teacher at Scenic Hills and Principal at Neshoba and Riverdale Schools in Germantown. Bill was President of the Shelby County Education Association from 1968-1970 and President of the Germantown Civic Club in 1969. He then was a Field Representative for the Tennessee Education Association from 1971-1996. Bill was passionate about the Memphis Zoo, where he served as the Zoological President in 1987. He became a Master Gardener in the first class in Memphis (1995), was named as President of Master Gardeners in 1996, and was an instructor with Master Gardeners 1996-2000. He shared his love, knowledge, and vegetables from gardening with others. He was known for his delicious pickles and canning of jams and vegetables. In 2003, Bill was honored with The Award of Horticultural Excellence from the Memphis Horticultural Society and also served as the Educational Orchard Team Leader at the Memphis Botanic Garden. One of Bill's favorite things was being in the Marine Corps League and helping collect for Toys for Tots around Christmas. Bill was a Member of Germantown United Methodist Church and the Seekers Sunday School Class.

Bill went to be with his Lord and Savior on September 30, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Sally Colvard; his daughters, Kelly Parsons, Chris Daley, and Kelley Rowland; and grandchildren, Logan Parsons, Kelan Parsons, Jordan Daley, Mary Rowland, and Meredith Rowland. In lieu of flowers the family kindly asks that donations be made to the Memphis Botanic Gardens, Marine Corps. League/Toys for Tots, or the



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Memphis Zoological Society. Vistation will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home (5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN, 38119) on Thursday, October 6th from 10-11 a.m., with a Graveside service to follow at 11 a.m.



Events

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Visitation

 **Thursday**, October 6, 2022

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **Memorial Park Funeral Home**
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119

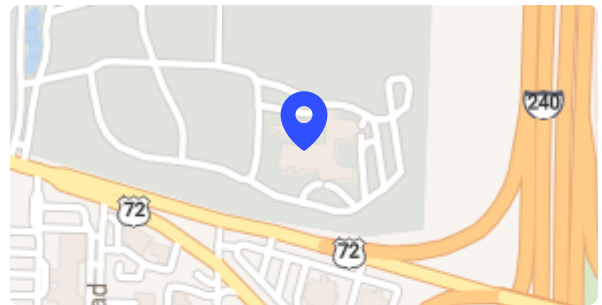


Graveside Service

 **Thursday**, October 6, 2022

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

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Tribute Wall

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Michael J Pippin posted:

"Mr. Colvard" was the one teacher in my 17 years in the Memphis School and University system that I remember the best. He was my home room and history teacher at Scenic Hills Elementary from 1962-4 (7-8 Grade). I think he would have been a little surprised that I came to share his Faith in the Lord Jesus later in life and that I ended up with a son in the Marines (1/5) who was a mortarman and machine gunner in Iraq three times. I look forward very much to visiting Mr. Colvard in heaven one day soon. Mike Pippin

October 6 at 10:24 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Colvard family.



October 3 at 10:18 AM



Jeanne Collins And Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Colvard family.



October 2 at 4:54 PM



Patty Wood posted:

The obituary was beautifully written and so deserving of all the credits. As a neighbor I always enjoyed the "fruit" of Bill's labor, when he and Sally would share the lovingly grown vegetables and fruit. Bob and I will miss your smile and company. Rest in peace. Patty Wood

October 2 at 10:37 AM

GT Gloria Dailey Towner October 3 at 10:07 AM

Sally and family:I send my condolences and prayers for spiritual comfort, strength and peace as you grieve this great loss of your husband, father, grandfather, family member and friend. I am very appreciative that Bill was a colleagues and a great advocate for Public Education. Bill had a warm heart and a great sense of humor and always did his homework before speaking and advocating for the Shelby County and Tennessee Teachers! Thank you all for sharing him ❤️ Sally, may you grieve individually and collectively. Have a" good grief in the process, as you move into the pain, numbness, sadness ,memories and feelings. Just Know death has no sting and the grave has no hold for those who die in Christ ;that to be Absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! Gloria Dailey Towner, TEA ,Retired,Nashville



Memories only last if you share them

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



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