



Billy Ray McLaughlin

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Mr. Billy Ray McLaughlin age 87 of Germantown, Tennessee passed away on June 29, 2024.

He was born on November 1, 1936 in Florence, Alabama to the late James McLaughlin and Pokie Stutts McLaughlin.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Martha, three sisters and six brothers.

Bill was known for his love of family, strong work ethic and willingness to help anyone. This allowed him to persevere, succeed in life, and support his family and friends. He was proud to call Bruceville, outside of Halls, TN, his hometown. After graduating from Halls High School, he attended Memphis State University and then served in the US Army. After receiving his honorable discharge, Bill married his high school sweetheart, Martha, and settled into a career in real estate in Chattanooga. He completed his undergraduate degree at UT Chattanooga.

A few years later, Bill moved the family to Memphis and continued his career in commercial real estate and banking. Bill loved the outdoors and for many years enjoyed fishing with his brothers at Beaver Dam Lake in Mississippi. But everyone that spent time around him, knows that “Mac” enjoyed his woodworking responsibilities at The Village and loved to be out in his vegetable garden at Shelby Farms. He was always generous in sharing the produce and grew some of the best tasting tomatoes in the area (according to family and friends).

Bill was a longtime member of Emmanuel Methodist Church and cherished his many friends there. He doted on his children and grandchildren and was so proud of all their accomplishments. His strong Christian faith and unquenchable desire to help those in need were his most cherished qualities.

He is survived by his son, Scot C McLaughlin (Laurel); his daughter, Kimberly D Morgan (Greg); granddaughters, Layton and Mabry Pegg and one sister Emma Jean Williams.



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The family will receive friends for visitation on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm in the Riverside Chapel at Memorial Park Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 2404 Kirby Road, Memphis TN 38119, The Village Foundation, 7820 Walking Horse Circle, Germantown TN 38138 or the charity of your choice.



Events

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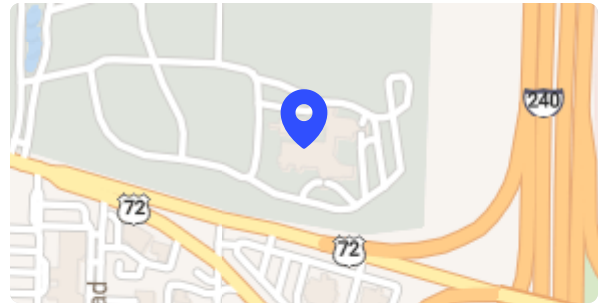
Visitation

 **Tuesday**, July 2, 2024

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

 **Memorial Park Funeral Home-Riverside Chapel**

5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119





Tribute Wall

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Andrew Insch posted:

I met Bill a little bit over two months ago at the Community Garden Plots. I had been trying to get a plot with the Community Gardens and decided the fastest way would be to go in person and talk to someone. That day I walked up to his truck and saw a man taking a nap. My instinct was to let him sleep so I sat down on a bench and waited. Enjoying the weather on a Saturday morning. 40 minutes later he woke up and I approached him. To my surprise, he was ready to set me up with a plot that day. I told him a plot number and within a day or two I got a confirmation email. I wanted to make this man proud of what I (a novice gardener) would do with the plot I was given. I want to keep working hard to make something it to honor Bill. He will certainly be in my thoughts every time I go to the Shelby Farm Community Garden Plots.

July 2 at 4:24 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the McLaughlin family.



July 1 at 6:21 PM



Pfizer Gwe Business Operations Team planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Billy.



July 1 at 6:21 PM



From The Grondin Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the McLaughlin family.



July 1 at 3:42 PM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the McLaughlin family.



July 1 at 9:42 AM



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KB

Karen Bell posted:

Mack was awesome! So kind and knowledgeable as a Board member at the Shelby County Community Gardens. He helped me and others learn about the gardens and assisted in any way that he could. Mack will be missed!

July 1 at 6:54 AM

BT

Bobby And Carolyn Thurmond posted:

Bill was one of the most caring and honest person we have ever known. We will miss seeing him at the garden always asking was there anything he could help us with. He will surely be missed, Bobby and Carolyn Thurmond

June 30 at 12:36 PM

SS

Sammy Salky July 1 at 7:45 AM

I worked with Mack on the Shelby Farms Community Gardens for about 10 years. He took me under his wings when I started gardening and he taught me by his hard and diligent work ethics how to be successful. As a fellow board member, his dedication and knowledge will be greatly missed. Rest in peace dear friend. Sammy Salky

GV

Geraldine Valosik July 1 at 7:04 AM

Our condolences to John and Doris Clayton on the passing of Bill. He was loved by them. Bob and Gerry Valosik



Memories only last if you share them

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



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