



Billy Joe Halford

March 12, 1940 - January 25, 2021

Billy Joe Halford, age 80, son, husband, father, grandfather, and great friend to many, passed away peacefully at Methodist Hospice on Monday, January 25, 2021. He was born March 12, 1940 in Memphis, TN and is predeceased by his parents F.A. Halford of Rutherford, TN and Frances Compton Halford of Brownsville, TN.

Billy Joe graduated from Messick High School, Memphis, in 1958, where his leadership skills were recognized by his classmates as they elected him Senior class president. He was also a member of the 12-year club, honor society and in the Messick Hall of Fame. Billy Joe's Messick connection continued for many years as he led planning committees for class reunions- the most recent held in September 2018, the 60th year bash. If you grew up in the Highland and Park area, you probably saw Billy Joe and friends at the once famous Berretta's restaurant.

He attended Memphis State University which led him to a career as premium auditor for USF&G in Memphis where he retired after 30 years of dedicated service. Billy Joe loved to bowl, work in the yard, travel to the beach, dance the bop, and spend time with his 5 grandchildren. If you knew Billy Joe, you knew his sense of humor and how he often loved to laugh along with others.

Throughout his life, Billy Joe served as member, teacher and elder at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Olive Branch, MS- which is the former Park Avenue Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Linda Stewart Halford whom he married over 58 years ago at Speedway Terrace Baptist Church in Memphis. He was proud of his two children, Ronnie (Angie) Halford of Olive Branch, MS and Sharon (Matt) Mrok of Germantown, TN. He adored his grandchildren, Zach Halford, Ashley Halford, Lauren Mrok, Nathan Mrok, and Noah Mrok. Although Billy Joe never had siblings, he was a true member of the extended Stewart and Moeschle families, plus he and Linda had a deep friendship with Charles and Jean Coleman throughout his years.

Celebration of life will be held at Memorial Park, 5668 Poplar, on Tuesday, February 2, with visitation from 1:30-2:30 p.m. followed by a graveside service at 2:30 p.m.. All are invited.

Click the link below to view the webcasted service:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/47091>

Memorials can be made in his honor and memory to First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8161 Germantown Rd, Olive Branch, MS 38654 or to the donor's choice.

Cemetery

Memorial Park Cemetery

5668 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, TN, 38119

Events

FEB **Visitation** 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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Memorial Park Funeral Home & Cemetery
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, US, 38119

FEB **Graveside** 02:30PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 02 at 03:31 PM



“ Ronnie, sorry to hear about your dad's passing. I hope you and your family are doing well. You are all in my prayers.

Tim Dudas - February 02 at 10:32 AM



“ Linda sure am sorry to hear about Billy Joe. Praying for you and your family.

Frank Billings - January 29 at 10:58 PM



“ I loved Billy Joe so much, always kind, always funny, always smiling. Always telling me how much I looked like my mom. So much fun to be around. He will be missed deeply. My thoughts and prayers to the entire family.



Cathy Ballo Ray - January 29 at 10:17 PM



“ Linda, I just read of Billy Joe's passing. I am so sorry for you and your family. May God be with you and comfort and abide with you every hour in these days ahead.

Betty Benson - January 29 at 02:13 PM



“ Billy Joe was loved by everyone. He meant the world to me. We go back many years ago with the messick crowd.
He was so compassionate and kind. It was truly an honor to have known him. We as believers will see him again in Heaven, smiling and greeting us. See u later, Billy Joe.
Donna Kay Eskew

Donna Kay Eskew - January 29 at 11:11 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of your father's passing. He was a very nice and friendly man.
Prayers to all of you.
Andy Northern

Andy Northern - January 28 at 09:43 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear about the passing of Billy Joe. My parents have always loved him as their neighbor and member of Park Avenue Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Janice Gatlin Stacy - January 28 at 02:47 PM