



Bill Bailey

March 8, 1940 - April 24, 2020

Billy “Bill” Bailey, age 80 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away peacefully Friday morning, April 24, 2020, at 2 AM at his home surrounded by members of his loving family.

Bill was born March 8, 1940 at the family home near Eddyville, Illinois. He was the son of George ‘Ernest’ Bailey and Rita Helen (Behr) Bailey.

On March 19, 1966, Bill was united in marriage to Evelyn Brent at the Eddyville Missionary Baptist Church. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by: his children – Brian Bailey of Vienna, Shawn (Angela) Bailey of the Dixon Springs community, Brad Bailey of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and Christina (Anthony) Gagon of Satellite Beach, Florida; 6 grandchildren – Katelyn and Nathan Bailey, Dylan, Shepard, and Lauryn Gagon, and Lacy Bailey; a brother – Jim Bailey of Anna; a sister – Nancy (Mike) Solomon of Vienna; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by: 2 brothers – Richard Gordon Bailey, in childhood, and Phillip Ray “Cuz” Bailey.

Bill was a 1958 graduate of Pope County Community High School. His lifelong

working career was in construction labor. Bill had been employed for many years by E.T. Simonds Construction Company. Later, he worked for Wayne Vincent Construction and Richerson Excavating and Construction. Bill joined the Laborer's International Union of North America in May 1960. Currently, he was a retired member of LIUNA local # 773. Following his retirement from the construction trade, Bill accepted a position as a custodian at the Vienna Grade School, where he was employed for 17 years. He was last employed by Bailey-Lamb Monument Company in Vienna and assisted with cemetery memorial installations. Bill is remembered for his strong work ethic and honest character.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working in his yard and gardening. He took great pleasure in raising a vegetable garden which provided produce not only for his own family but with plenty to share with friends and neighbors. Bill was also a skilled carpenter and handyman. He enjoyed making handcrafted wood items and tinkering in his workshop. The workshop was designed and hand constructed by Bill, with Evelyn as his capable assistant.

While not a member of the fraternity, Bill always looked forward to helping with the Vienna Masonic Lodge fish fries and visiting with the lodge brethren. Bill also enjoyed attending local auctions, making and sharing his homemade deer jerky, and watching college basketball. He was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball team and his favorite player was catcher Yadier Molina.

Bill was a Christian of the Protestant faith. He enjoyed listening to Southern Gospel music and the Gaither Homecoming series.

A private service honoring the life of Bill Bailey will be held Thursday, April 30, 2020, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Travis Wilson and Pastor Kevin Richerson will officiate. Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

The family would like to express its deep and heartfelt appreciation to Mercy Health – Hospice for the tremendous assistance, loving support and care which has been provided. Also, a special word of thanks to Bill's physician, Dr. Thomas Staton, for his kind and professional care through the years. Lastly, a word of gratitude to all those who have called, text, brought food, sent cards, or remembered Bill and his family in prayer during his illness and in these days following his passing. Even though we can't physically be with you at this time, please know your presence in spirit is strongly felt by our family and is a great source of comfort and support.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Health – Hospice, 911 Joe Clifton Drive, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 or to the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery Association, c/o Chesley Williams, P.O. Box 714, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Bailey*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Words cannot convey my sorrow for your loss. Just know your family is in my thoughts and prayers, today and all the tomorrows..*

Donna & Joe Greenwell - April 30, 2020 at 08:03 AM



“ *Brian, I just heard of your dad's passing. He was such a special man. I enjoyed getting to know him when he was working at the school. If you ever needed anything, just ask Mr. Bailey. Heaven has gained a real working man. Prayers to you and all the family.*

Mark Bean - April 28, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ *Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Carol Bryant - April 28, 2020 at 02:49 PM



Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers sent to The Bailey Family

Carol Bryant - April 28, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bill Bailey.*



April 28, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ *Jane Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Bill Bailey*



Jane Wright - April 27, 2020 at 04:01 PM



*Brian and family,
So sorry to hear about your Dad. We never knew him, but I am sure he was a swell man. Dad are special people in our lives and no one can take their place. May God comfort you all.
Clearon and Jane Ross Wright*

Jane Wright - April 27, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ *Hugs to you and your mom, Brian. You've been there for us, but now we can't be there for you. Just know you're both in my heart, and I know that you know the Lord who gets us through the rough times.*

Sharon Farris - April 27, 2020 at 02:10 PM

JH

“ *Bryan and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sorrowful time. Think of all the good times and remember he is in the arms of God and able to rest now.*



Jill Hall - April 27, 2020 at 11:04 AM

TM

“ *Tom & Carmen Murrie lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Tom & Carmen Murrie - April 27, 2020 at 10:35 AM

TM

Our thoughts and prayers for all the family during this difficult time. God Bless.

Tom and Carmen Murrie - April 27, 2020 at 10:37 AM

TF

“ *Brian and family, you have my deepest sympathy.*
Tom Fowler

Tom Fowler - April 27, 2020 at 09:59 AM

DH

“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Dennis and Pat Harner - April 27, 2020 at 09:41 AM

SG

“ So sorry for the loss of your dad. Sorry you can't have a regular visitation & see all your friends who are here for your family.



Sondra Goins - April 26, 2020 at 11:11 PM

SM

“ Brian ,
So sorry for the loss of your dad!
You are in jeff's & my prayers!
He was the kindest & sweet & warm hearted man. He will be missed
!!!

sherry moore - April 26, 2020 at 06:43 PM

SM

“ Sherry Moore lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



sherry moore - April 26, 2020 at 06:40 PM

TC

“ As a teacher to three of their four amazing children and later as their co-worker at VGS, I remember often thinking how wonderful it would be if all children could have parents like Bill and Evelyn. Simply put, Bill was one of my favorite people. My heart goes out to the family and all who were lucky enough to know him.



Teri Sue Coscarelli - April 26, 2020 at 06:37 PM

BR

“ *Bill & Debbie Rigsby lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Bill & Debbie Rigsby - April 26, 2020 at 04:24 PM

LH

“ *So sorry for the loss of Bill to the Bailey family !!!! Prayers and thoughts for this difficult time .*

Lowell Alan Hunt - April 26, 2020 at 12:06 PM

TT

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss, Brian. God bless your family during this time.*



Toni Taylor - April 26, 2020 at 10:37 AM

TA

“ *Terry &Sue Alsip lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Terry &Sue Alsip - April 26, 2020 at 09:39 AM

JH

“ Janet And Gary Hacker lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Janet and Gary Hacker - April 26, 2020 at 09:33 AM

SH

“ First of all I want to offer my condolences to the family. God bless the family and may he comfort you during this time. As I think about Bill I will never forget the night that our family and uncle Dorris went to Bill and Evelyn's trailer which was just off of the Eddyville blacktop and shivered them , you don't hear of it now days but it was one of the things expected 50-60 years ago. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord if we knew him as our saviour . God bless Stephen Hunt and family

Stephen Hunt - April 26, 2020 at 12:54 AM

RH

“ RICKEY AND SUE HARNER lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



RICKEY AND SUE HARNER - April 26, 2020 at 12:17 AM

CW

“ *Carmen Wells lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Carmen Wells - April 25, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Bailey family. Our prayers are with you through this difficult time. Richard & Janet Alsip*

Richard Alsip - April 25, 2020 at 06:21 PM

SL

“ *Steve&Kathy Lay lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Steve&Kathy Lay - April 25, 2020 at 02:44 PM

EB

“ *My heart goes out to you right now and in those hard days ahead.*



Erinn Bowman - April 25, 2020 at 02:19 PM

LG

“ *Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Lora Goddard - April 25, 2020 at 12:09 PM

AB

“ *Anita Bullock lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Anita Bullock - April 25, 2020 at 11:39 AM

LM

“ *Bill Bailey reminded me of a strong and deep rooted Oak tree. He was strong, committed, and of deep moral and spiritual values. While not much of a talker normally, when he spoke you listened. My condolences and thoughts to his awesome family.*

Larry W. Mizell - April 25, 2020 at 11:14 AM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Teresa Richerson - April 25, 2020 at 09:55 AM

DC

“ *Dianna and I were saddened to hear this news. You family will be in our prayers during this difficult time. May God bless each of you.*

Dianna and Larry Choate - April 25, 2020 at 09:40 AM

DG

“ *Donna & Joe Greenwell lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Donna & Joe Greenwell - April 25, 2020 at 08:12 AM

DH

“ *David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



David and Ellen Hill - April 25, 2020 at 07:38 AM

CB

“ *Sending our condolence, prayers, love, and respect to the Bailey family at this time of great loss. There are no words to say that Brian hasn't said to us; but to remind all, Bill is in God's hands and God will get you through this loss.*

Charlene and Larry Baity - April 25, 2020 at 07:36 AM

DK

“ Dallas & Charlene Harner. & Krissy sent a virtual gift in memory of Bill Bailey



Dallas & Charlene Harner. & Krissy - April 25, 2020 at 07:34 AM

DP

“ Davis And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Davis and Pat Prewitt - April 25, 2020 at 07:25 AM

RR

“ Rick & Sheila Reichert lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Rick & Sheila Reichert - April 25, 2020 at 06:48 AM

JT

“ Jerry And Ann Toler lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Jerry and Ann Toler - April 25, 2020 at 04:34 AM

MC

“ My condolences to the entire Bailey family. My familiarity with the Bailey family is through my friendship with Bill's sister, Nancy, since the mid-1960s. So sorry this is happening during the COVID-19 pandemic and my thoughts will be with you.
Mayna Smith Craggs

Mayna Craggs - April 24, 2020 at 11:37 PM

 Jerry
Palmer

“ *Billy was an old friend from the Eddyville days. He was never afraid of work. Prayers and comfort for the family in this time.* Jerry



Jerry Palmer - April 24, 2020 at 10:46 PM

LK

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



Lois Kerley - April 24, 2020 at 10:40 PM

PJ

“ *Brian & family, so sorry for your loss.*

Richard & Pat Johnson

Patricia J Johnson - April 24, 2020 at 09:41 PM

VE

“ Vicki Eastwood lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Vicki Eastwood - April 24, 2020 at 09:33 PM

MP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Matthew Prewitt - April 24, 2020 at 08:46 PM

WD

“ So sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Bailey. He did some carpenter for me years ago, and that is when I began to appreciate what a wonderful person he was, and i know he was an excellent father and husband. My sympathy to all the family.



Wayne Dunn - April 24, 2020 at 08:43 PM

PS

“ Peggy Jean Smoot lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Peggy Jean Smoot - April 24, 2020 at 08:22 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - April 24, 2020 at 08:19 PM

BB

“ *Bill & Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Bill & Nancy Belford - April 24, 2020 at 05:55 PM

SS

“ *I remember meeting him sitting outside the doctors office. We're each waiting for our ride. We sat there talking. He told me you work hard all your life then your body gives out on you. Today he has a new body. He's shouting up in heaven.*

Susan Smith - April 24, 2020 at 05:54 PM

EC

“ *Brian,
So sorry to hear the passing of your dad. Please give our best to your mom and family. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Find comfort knowing your dad is no longer suffering. Craig and Ellen Carlton*

Ellen Carlton - April 24, 2020 at 05:52 PM

MC

*Brian and family
John Richard and I want to extend heartfelt sympathy and condolences to each of you We know first hand the difficulties you will go through. You will be a blessing to your mom seeing her through this. God bless!*

marilynn cherry - April 24, 2020 at 07:29 PM

CW

“ *Carl Wells lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Carl wells - April 24, 2020 at 05:38 PM

SN

“ *Sam Riley And Deb Newton lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Sam Riley and Deb Newton - April 24, 2020 at 04:43 PM

ST

“ *God Bless you all, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*



Scott and Kay Tapley - April 24, 2020 at 04:21 PM

DE

“ Brian sorry for your loss. May God be with you through this.



Debbie(Stevens)Poe - April 24, 2020 at 04:20 PM

MA

“ Mike & Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Mike & Teresa Anderson - April 24, 2020 at 04:11 PM

GM

“ Gary And Donna Moyers lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Gary and Donna Moyers - April 24, 2020 at 03:55 PM

LM

“ Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Linda and Jeff Mathis - April 24, 2020 at 03:36 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Harris lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Carolyn Harris - April 24, 2020 at 03:31 PM

 Nathan Bailey

“ A loved grandfather and hard working man to me whom will be very missed.



Nathan Bailey - April 24, 2020 at 03:07 PM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Larry and Carolyn McGill - April 24, 2020 at 02:48 PM

TM

“ Evelyn, my Stepdad was Dale Bailey so I kinda grew up knowing Billy, Mike, and the rest of the family. I know how hard it is at times like this, but know how joyous he must be to be with those that he hadn't seen in quite a while. He's waiting for you, and it will be a blink of an eye for him. Many Prayers 🙏



Teresa McCracken - April 24, 2020 at 02:43 PM

PB

“ *Pat Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Pat Blankenship - April 24, 2020 at 01:49 PM

PG

“ *I'm so sorry to hear. Prayers for your family.*

Patty George - April 24, 2020 at 01:30 PM

BI

“ *Our families go back a long time and I will always remember my mother telling about his wedding. A man was crying through the entire ceremony and it turned out he was the dentist she worked for. He said he lost the best help he ever had and Bill Bailey gained a wonderful wife. She gained a good man too. God bless your family and you are in our prayers. Bill and Jackie Blackman*

Bill - April 24, 2020 at 01:29 PM

RT

“ *May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with Bill's family during this time of sorrow. Ron & Joyce Taylor*



Ron Taylor - April 24, 2020 at 01:20 PM

JT

“ *Joyce Taylor lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Joyce Taylor - April 24, 2020 at 01:18 PM

BR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*



Bobby Rentfro - April 24, 2020 at 01:03 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Breeden lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Nancy Breeden - April 24, 2020 at 01:01 PM

KB

“ *Kenny And Diane Baker lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Kenny and Diane Baker - April 24, 2020 at 12:26 PM

VM

“ *Virgil Deon And Arlene Miles lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Virgil Deon and Arlene Miles - April 24, 2020 at 12:20 PM

VM

We are so sorry to hear about Bill, he was in our prayers every night. God be with all of you at this time

Virgil Deon and Arlene Miles - April 24, 2020 at 12:22 PM

MH

So Sorry Brian, prayers for you and your family

Marsha Hayes - April 24, 2020 at 12:44 PM

TM

“ *Terri Kevin MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Terri Kevin MacDonald - April 24, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ *Brian, I am so sorry for your loss, there is nothing in life that can replace a parent and to loose one, no matter what the age is very hard.. My prayers are with you and your family*



Maria Vaughn - April 24, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ Evelyn my prayers are with you always



Maria Vaughn - April 24, 2020 at 12:11 PM

WF

“ Sincere sympathy for the family's loss. May precious memories of a wonderful life shared comfort you now and in the days ahead. Prayers for the family. Peace.



Wanda Florey - April 24, 2020 at 11:57 AM

CT

“ Carla Tapley lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Carla Tapley - April 24, 2020 at 11:56 AM

J,

“ So sorry. I knew Bill all my life. Evelyn my prayers are with you all/

Jeanette ,Norton - April 24, 2020 at 11:49 AM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Bill Bailey*



John Slack - April 24, 2020 at 11:45 AM

RO

“ *Ryan & Sara O’Neal lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Ryan & Sara O’Neal - April 24, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JK

“ *Brian....so sorry for your loss. Rest assured he knew he would be in good hands upon his death; both with you and his Lord. I've been there, Buddy. My prayers are with you.*

Joseph Kalmer - April 24, 2020 at 11:34 AM

KB

“ *So very sorry to the whole Bailey family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Karen Brumley - April 24, 2020 at 11:34 AM

JH

“ Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Justin & Tricia Hartline - April 24, 2020 at 11:32 AM

NW

“ Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Neal & Carol Watkins - April 24, 2020 at 11:28 AM

LH

“ Lonnie Hinton lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Lonnie Hinton - April 24, 2020 at 11:20 AM

BT

“ Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey



Becky Turley - April 24, 2020 at 11:09 AM

SR

“ *SHERI ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



SHERI ROBINSON - April 24, 2020 at 11:07 AM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Bill and Barb Warmack - April 24, 2020 at 11:05 AM

CH

“ *Brian and family. Praying for you during this time*



Chris and LaRae Harner - April 24, 2020 at 11:02 AM

EH

“ *Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Ernie Henshaw - April 24, 2020 at 11:00 AM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Linda Koehler - April 24, 2020 at 10:54 AM

JP

“ *Jamie Parker lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Jamie Parker - April 24, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ *Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Mike Crews - April 24, 2020 at 10:48 AM

CH

“ *Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Bill Bailey*



Cheryl Harris - April 24, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Jeannie McCall sent a virtual gift in memory of Bill Bailey



Jeannie McCall - April 24, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Praying for you all!

Andria Nichols - April 24, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ Prayers for you all during this difficult time.
Love You All ❤️



Mary Lou Hynes - April 24, 2020 at 10:20 AM