



Billy C. Cheek

September 25, 1956 - January 13, 2020

Billy C. Cheek, age 63 years, a resident of rural Cobden and a former resident of Vienna, passed away Monday morning, January 13, 2020, at 6:30 AM at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

Billy was born September 25, 1956 in Marion, Illinois. He was the son of James Lloyd Cheek and Pauline (Riley) Cheek.

Billy was united in marriage to Barbara (Waters) at the Vienna City Park in 2002. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Billy is survived by: his children – Shekinah Cheek of Vienna, Melissa Kay Wentworth of Paducah, and Kris Thomas Choate of Tunnel Hill; 5 grandchildren – Lane Charles Cheek, Alyssa Jo Casey, Blake Andrew Wentworth, Brooklyn Melissa Wentworth and Briley Grace Wentworth; 2 sisters – Pat Williams of Tunnel Hill and Barbara (Larry “Spike”) Mighell of Buncombe; 2 brothers – Tommy (Carol) Cheek of Vienna and Jerry Cheek of the Bloomfield community; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Billy was preceded in death by a son – Jarrod Cheek and a brother-in-law – Robert Williams.

Billy was a 1974 graduate of Vienna High School. He attended Shawnee Community College and earned a Masters Degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He had also served as an instructor in the aviation department at SIU. He had also been employed in the hardware department of the Anna Wal-Mart.

Billy served in the United States Air Force and retired with the rank of Tech Sergeant.

In his spare time, Billy enjoyed woodworking, gardening, building and construction and fishing. He is remembered for his love of telling “long-winded” stories. Billy especially cherished time spent with Barb, his children, and his grandchildren. He dearly loved his family. Billy was of the Christian Faith.

A service honoring the life of Billy Cheek will be conducted Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Burial will be in the Graves – Mt. Olive Cemetery, north of Vienna. Military graveside honors will be accorded.

Visitation will be held Thursday, January 16, 2020, from 11 AM – 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Cemetery Details

Graves-Mt. Olive Cemetery

5700 Dutchman Lake Road
Tunnel Hill, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
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Service

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Military Honors & Flag Presentation

JAN **16**. 2:15 PM (CT)

Graves-Mt. Olive Cemetery
5700 Dutchman Lake Road
Tunnel Hill, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy C. Cheek*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *I will miss you so much papa you were like a father figure to me and you were always there for me when I was down and needed you the most. I love and miss you so very much...* 🥺😭😭



Alyssa Casey - February 26, 2020 at 12:24 AM



We were at rd lobster

Alyssa Casey - February 26, 2020 at 12:25 AM



“ *so very sorry for your loss. Went to school with Billy.
Lena Colboth Geringer
Cape Girardeau MO*

Lena Geringer - February 04, 2020 at 03:54 PM



Thank you very much he was a great friend, husband, father, and papa

Alyssa Casey - February 26, 2020 at 12:26 AM

SL

“ Steve&Kathy Lay lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek



Steve&Kathy Lay - January 19, 2020 at 01:47 PM

RH

“ Rickey And Sue Harner lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek



rickey and sue harner - January 15, 2020 at 02:48 PM

PS

“ Peggy Jean Smoot lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek



Peggy Jean Smoot - January 15, 2020 at 11:12 AM

WD

“ I met Billy while serving in the AF in Alaska. We instantly became friends as did our entire family. Our bond grew e Ben after the service and we stayed in touch after the service. I will truly miss Billy and cherish the memories we made together forever. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Cheek family.

Warren Darr - January 15, 2020 at 09:25 AM

DH

“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



Dennis and Pat Harner - January 15, 2020 at 08:35 AM

RH

Ricky sue harner

Ricky sue harner - January 15, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy C. Cheek.*



January 15, 2020 at 07:41 AM

JJ

“ *Jill Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



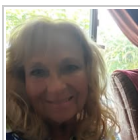
Jill johnson - January 14, 2020 at 10:43 PM

RF

“ *Rebecca Fry lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



Rebecca Fry - January 14, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ *Prayers for Billy's family. Many hours were spent in school with Billy at Tunnel Hill Grade School and Vienna High School. Billy was a kind, caring and dedicated soul. He had a joyous sense of humor and uplifting smile. Sincerely, Carole Simmons Jones, fellow classmate and friend.*

Carole Jones - January 14, 2020 at 07:30 PM

DA

Donna mescher Austin Billy was a classmate, very kind and a good sense of humor. Very nice classmate 1970-1974 Good bless your whole family.

Donna Austin - January 20, 2020 at 06:57 PM

DA

Donna Mescher Austin should have read Vienna High School 1970-1974 God bless the Cheek family.

Donna Austin - January 20, 2020 at 07:57 PM

NB

“ *Nicole Bowker lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



Nicole Bowker - January 14, 2020 at 07:14 PM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek



Teresa Richerson - January 14, 2020 at 06:07 PM

BB

“ Bob And Sherry Belcher sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy C. Cheek



Bob and Sherry Belcher - January 14, 2020 at 05:56 PM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy C. Cheek



John Slack - January 14, 2020 at 03:23 PM

ER

“ Elaine Rotan sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy C. Cheek



Elaine Rotan - January 14, 2020 at 01:59 PM

TM

“ *Tom & Carmen Murrie lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



Tom & Carmen Murrie - January 14, 2020 at 01:39 PM

TM

We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Tom & Carmen Murrie - January 14, 2020 at 01:40 PM

JP

“ *To the Cheek Family, so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and sympathy for all of you. Sincerely, Jerry, Judy and Jay Phelps.*



Jerry Phelps - January 14, 2020 at 01:31 PM

LS

“ *Linda Simmons lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



Linda Simmons - January 14, 2020 at 12:22 PM

AB

“ *Anita Bullock lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



Anita Bullock - January 14, 2020 at 12:05 PM

MK

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Billy was a grade school friend, and we also attended high school together. I remember him as a very kind friend who would help anyone. I am sending my sincere condolences to his family. (Melinda McCuan Kunkel)*



Melinda McCuan Kunkel - January 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM

AU

“ *Autumn lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



Autumn - January 14, 2020 at 09:21 AM

DG

“ *Billy was a caring family man who was loved by all who knew him. Our sincere condolences to all his family*

David and Verna Kay Gunther - January 14, 2020 at 12:37 AM

JW

“ Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy C. Cheek



Jane Ross Wright - January 13, 2020 at 11:42 PM

JW

*To the Cheek family, whom I have know all my life, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God comfort you all. I have such good memories of all members of this family.
Jane (Ross) and Clearon Wright*

Jane Ross Wright - January 13, 2020 at 11:46 PM

MA

“ Mike Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek



Mike Teresa Anderson - January 13, 2020 at 11:29 PM

JR

“ James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek



James and Diane Rainbolt - January 13, 2020 at 11:24 PM

EH

“ *Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



Ernie Henshaw - January 13, 2020 at 10:29 PM

TR

“ *Tammy Rhymer lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



Tammy Rhymer - January 13, 2020 at 10:22 PM

SJ

“ *May God comfort you in your time of loss.*
Darla and Steve Jones



Steve Jones - January 13, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



Jeannie McCall - January 13, 2020 at 08:27 PM

LG

“ *Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



Lora Goddard - January 13, 2020 at 08:18 PM

SG

“ *Billy was one of the best men I ever knew. He was great with mom & dad. I'm so sorry his life was cut short. My sympathy to all his family.*



Sondra Goins - January 13, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ *Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Billy C. Cheek*



Mike Crews - January 13, 2020 at 06:20 PM