

Billy Joe Weinstein

September 7, 1938 - November 7, 2014

Billy Joe Weinstein, age 76 years, a resident of rural Tunnel Hill, passed away Friday afternoon, November 7, 2014, at 5:20 PM at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

Bill was born September 7, 1938 in Memphis, Tennessee. He was the son of Adolph Joseph Weinstein and Edith LaVerne (Richmond) Weinstein.

On August 10, 1968, Bill was united in marriage to Ann Harper-Simmons at the Reynoldsburg Church near Tunnel Hill. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by: his daughter – Ruthanne Lewis, and her husband Keith of Tunnel Hill; a granddaughter – Joey Ann Francis, and her husband Keith “Weiner” of Tunnel Hill; 2 great grandsons – Tucker L. Francis and Tyler D. Francis.; a brother – Samuel Weinstein, and his wife Karen of Seguin, Texas; 2 sisters – Rebecca Veltman of Hermosa Beach, California and Glenda Hawkins of South Haven, Mississippi; a dear and special cousin, who Bill thought of as a sister, Charlene Lewis, and her husband Harold, of Carlisle, Arkansas; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter – Mahalie Deann Francis.

Bill was a 1957 graduate of Pacific Grove High School in Pacific Grove, California. He then attended Union University, where he earned his Bachelor Degree in Music in 1962. While attending Union University, Bill was a member of the Phi Mu Linfonia Fraternity of America. Bill had continued his education and had accumulated many of the hours required for a Master's Degree in Administration.

From August 15, 1962- August 14, 1964, Bill served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the 98th Army Band at Fort Rucker, Alabama. During his military service, Bill was honored to play Taps for many military funeral services. Bill was honorably discharged with the rank of SPC 4.

In August 1964, Bill was hired to teach music at the Vienna High School and continued in that position for 15 years. He then worked as a salesman for Moorman Feed Company and later associated with Lawrence and Bean Insurance Company in Vienna as an agent, working until his health began to decline a few weeks ago.

Bill loved to farm and had a great love of the land. He has raised registered black angus cattle for many years.

Bill served for many years as a member of the Johnson County Housing Authority Board. He had also been a member of the Masonic fraternity. Bill and Ann worshiped together at the Vienna First United Methodist Church.

Bill had a passion for music, was an excellent vocalist and enjoyed dancing. He was devoted to his family and loved spending time with them. He particularly enjoyed attending his granddaughter's and later his great-grandson's sporting events and activities. His love of sports extended to the professional level and he was a dedicated fan of the St. Louis Cardinal's

baseball team.

Bill will be remembered for his love of “family, music, and cows.”

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning, November 12, 2014, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Larry Moreau and Pastor Wesley Harper officiated. Musician Sharon Emery provided the song selection. Burial was in the Reynoldsburg Cemetery near Tunnel Hill. Pallbearers included: Keith "Weiner" Francis, Tucker Francis, Kelly Harper, Jason Harper, Bryan Johns, Wayne Dunn, and Tyler Francis.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening, November 11, 2014, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Reynoldsburg Cemetery Fund, c/o Bob Harper, 30 Harpertown Lane, Tunnel Hill, IL 62972, the True Vine Ministry, Vienna First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1349, Vienna, IL 62995 or to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, IL 62995.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **11.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 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

NOV **12.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Joe Weinstein*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Mr. Weinstein was a great teacher, mentor and friend. He will greatly be missed by all who knew him well. Johnson County has lost a good man here and I would like to pass my condolences to his entire family.*

Jesse L. Pippins

Jesse Pippins - December 13, 2014 at 01:58 PM



“ *Just found out about Billy Joe. So sorry to hear of his passing. Billy Joe was my 1st cousin, but because of the age difference & we weren't around each other much, sadly, I never got to know him that well. But, I do remember from the times I was around him, he seemed like a super nice guy!! The last time I saw Billy Joe was at Uncle Tom's house (that seemed to be where Pat & I would visit w/Billy Joe & Ann after I grew up). We remember fun times, fun stories, lots of laughter & we thought Billy Joe & Ann made a great couple. We offer all our love & prayers of comfort to Ann and All of the family. We are TRULY sad for your loss. Love to All..... Rich & Pat Richmond*

rich richmond - November 14, 2014 at 12:52 PM

RR

“ Rosemary & Jim Rouse lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Rosemary & Jim Rouse - November 13, 2014 at 07:43 PM

DB

“ A beautiful voice has been added to heaven's choir. Prayers for you in your loss.



Dorothy Bacon - November 13, 2014 at 04:59 PM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss. May your many memories of Bill help you as you move forward.



David & Faye Mize - November 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

JT

“ Jack Travelstead lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Jack Travelstead - November 12, 2014 at 08:54 AM

DM

“ *Doris Murphy lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Doris Murphy - November 12, 2014 at 08:53 AM

TC

“ *My condolences to the family. Bill and I butted heads everyday in high school but he was always a very close friend.*

Tim Carter

tim carter - November 12, 2014 at 07:16 AM

JD

“ *My condolences to the loved ones of my college buddy, Bill. We attended Union and were music majors together. I had not seen Bill in many years, but some maybe 10 years ago we were driving to Kentucky and I told my wife I was going to stop and say hi to Bill in Vienna. I pulled up to the door at McDonalds and he was walking out. We did visit a couple of times since then. Bill was one of those guys who was my friend even during the years we were not in touch. We survived college together which is a lot like surviving the military together. Blessings to all of you during your time of Celebrating his life as well as your time of mourning. Love to all, Jerry Dunn.*

Jerry Dunn - November 12, 2014 at 06:50 AM

DP

“ *Dave & Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Dave & Pat Prewitt - November 11, 2014 at 10:26 PM



“ *Valerie Lynne lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Valerie Lynne - November 11, 2014 at 02:38 PM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear of Billy Joe's passing. Hugs and prayers for Ann and the family for the difficult days ahead. I have sweet memories of his visits to Eads, TN. He was always happy to talk and share stories. When he and my dad were talking , I don't know who could talk the longest or tell the biggest story ! Praying for comfort for the family. Love to all , Benita Richmond Burcham*

Benita Richmond Burcham - November 11, 2014 at 10:25 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Black Holt lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Kathy Black Holt - November 11, 2014 at 12:09 AM

CJ

“ Clearon & Jane(Ross)Wright lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Clearon & Jane(Ross)Wright - November 10, 2014 at 09:39 PM

DM

“ B.J. was always a friendly, good-hearted, talented man, who showed a keen interest in everyone he met. I was so sorry to hear of his passing. Ann and Ruthanne, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Doug Mathis - November 10, 2014 at 08:57 PM

JD

“ Jennifer Hensley Dunbar lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Jennifer Hensley Dunbar - November 10, 2014 at 07:02 PM

SW

“ Susan Weigel lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



susan weigel - November 10, 2014 at 04:52 PM



“ *First, I would like to offer my condolences to the family, especially Ruthanne and her mother, Ann. I had the pleasure of knowing them since first grade and enjoyed overnights in their home. I will never forget the day at school when they came to tell Ruthanne she'd lost her dad. And, I was so happy when B.J. came into their lives and filled that void for Ruthanne. Also, B.J. was my choir teacher in high school. He was a great teacher, good person, and easy to be around. May God bless your family at this time! DEBBIE*



DEBBIE HORN - November 10, 2014 at 03:36 PM

WT

“ *Warren And Barb Turner lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Warren and Barb Turner - November 10, 2014 at 10:11 AM

JH

“ *Jerry & Rondice Houseman lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Jerry & Rondice Houseman - November 10, 2014 at 10:05 AM

SH

“ Steve & Jeannie Housewright lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Steve & Jeannie Housewright - November 10, 2014 at 09:55 AM

HD

“ The directors of the Heather Treat memorial our saddened by BJ s death and we thank you for remembering others at this time with your memorials. There will be a brick layed in memory of BJ at the Vienna City park.

Heather Treat Memorial Directors - November 10, 2014 at 09:50 AM

RH

“ BJ was a great talker, singer and had a great little smile. I have known him all my life and live near him on Harpertown Lane. I was honored to have him as a cuz. The Angels have gained another member to the great choir.

Robin Harper-Whitehead - November 10, 2014 at 09:49 AM

SS

“ *Billy Weinstein didn't change a whit after college. We shared Union University together in the late 50's and early 60's and he was a special person to be around. He didn't seem to know what a stranger looked like, and he seemed to always be happy. Years later, at our 50th reunion, he didn't seem to know what a stranger looked like, and he seemed to be very happy. I'm glad to have shared space with him here on earth, and have every reason to believe that someday we'll get to hear his music again in heaven. Peace to you, Ann, and to his children and grandchildren.*

Sally Lipe Steffens

Sally Lipe Steffens - November 10, 2014 at 09:09 AM

JH

“ *Jerry Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Jerry Hawkins - November 10, 2014 at 08:48 AM

AB

“ *Amy Bishop lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Amy Bishop - November 10, 2014 at 08:26 AM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Elizabeth kerley - November 09, 2014 at 11:58 PM

VH

“ I have good memories about BJ. He was a good husband and a good friend. My sorrow goes out to his family. I express my sorrow for his wife Ann. Ann and I have been good friends most of her life. If I can help in any way please let me know. Verne

Verne Harper - November 09, 2014 at 09:50 PM

AN

“ Some of my fondest school memories were of being in his music classes and band. God Bless you sir, and may you rest in peace....sadly missed....sending prayers and condolences to Ann and his family...



Alan Nutty - November 09, 2014 at 09:13 PM

KS

“ Karol Stahl lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Karol Stahl - November 09, 2014 at 06:24 PM

RH

“ RICKEY AND SANDRA HARNER lit a candle
in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



RICKEY AND SANDRA HARNER - November 09, 2014 at 05:50 PM



“ Karla Hale lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe
Weinstein



Karla Hale - November 09, 2014 at 04:39 PM

TA

“ Terry Anderson lit a candle in memory of Billy
Joe Weinstein



Terry Anderson - November 09, 2014 at 04:01 PM

MI

“ Thank you so much for being a good neighbor to my mother
Loisdene Smith. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your
family Ann.

Mary Ingram - November 09, 2014 at 11:46 AM

MI

“ *Mary Ingram lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Mary Ingram - November 09, 2014 at 11:44 AM

WF

“ *Wanda Florey lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Wanda Florey - November 09, 2014 at 07:55 AM

MS

“ *Mike & Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Mike & Nancy Solomon - November 08, 2014 at 07:46 PM

RP

“ *Ray And Imogene Phelps lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Ray and Imogene Phelps - November 08, 2014 at 07:29 PM

RW

“ *Bill was my music teacher from the age of 9 and throughout high school. I had and still have the Highest Respect for him. I will always remember what he did to help me, my brother Don and my sister Julie . He was a nice guy and will be missed.*

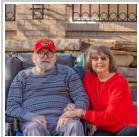
Robin Wetherell - November 08, 2014 at 07:03 PM

LG

“ *Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Lora Goddard - November 08, 2014 at 05:46 PM



“ *Sherry Belcher lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Sherry Belcher - November 08, 2014 at 05:20 PM

MK

“ *Melinda McCuan Kunkel lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Melinda McCuan Kunkel - November 08, 2014 at 05:17 PM

AR

“ Alan And Carol Racey lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Alan and Carol Racey - November 08, 2014 at 03:34 PM

AW

“ Aleatha Wright lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Aleatha Wright - November 08, 2014 at 03:15 PM

ST

“ Scott And Kay Tapley lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Scott and Kay Tapley - November 08, 2014 at 01:50 PM

PW

“ Pat And Ted Wilson lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Pat and Ted Wilson - November 08, 2014 at 12:46 PM

DH

“ Dallas & Charlene Harner lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Dallas & Charlene Harner - November 08, 2014 at 11:36 AM

JR

“ James & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



James & Diane Rainbolt - November 08, 2014 at 10:19 AM

HV

“ Harold & Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Harold & Georgia Vinson - November 08, 2014 at 10:15 AM

NW

“ Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Neal & Carol Watkins - November 08, 2014 at 09:51 AM

WD

“ Sorry about the loss of Bill. I never will forget what a memory he had. He always had a tender spot in his heart for many of the students he taught. Will be missed.

Wayne Dunn - November 08, 2014 at 09:38 AM

KH

“ Kenna Jo Hancock lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Kenna Jo Hancock - November 08, 2014 at 08:54 AM

DB

“ Just one of the nicest people I've ever known. He will be greatly missed and my heart goes out to you all.



Debby Brown - November 08, 2014 at 08:35 AM

EK

“ ELLY KERLEY lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



ELLY KERLEY - November 08, 2014 at 08:22 AM

MT

“ So sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to Ann and Ruth Ann and the rest of the family.



Mary Taylor - November 08, 2014 at 07:44 AM

GW

“ Greg&Denise Wasuleski lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Greg&Denise Wasuleski - November 08, 2014 at 07:23 AM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss. prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Richard and Joan Owen



joan faulkner - November 08, 2014 at 04:59 AM

HS

“ Heidi Stapleton lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Heidi Stapleton - November 07, 2014 at 11:37 PM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein



Elizabeth kerley - November 07, 2014 at 11:23 PM

CR

“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Weinstein's passing. He was not only my teacher, but a friend. He will be missed when we have our decoration day at Woodside and we know he watched out for our little cemetery. It was always neat that he knew my family in Tennessee and that my Great Uncle had been his Dr. during his childhood. Praying God's comfort to Ann, Ruthanne and all the family.

Clearon and Jane Ross-Wright - November 07, 2014 at 10:51 PM

EC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Ann and the family.
Craig and Ellen Carlton

Ellen Carlton - November 07, 2014 at 10:19 PM

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JT

“ *JACK TRAVELSTEAD lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



JACK TRAVELSTEAD - November 07, 2014 at 10:19 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, prayers for the family Bob and Jeannie McCall*

Jeannie McCall - November 07, 2014 at 09:47 PM

VM

“ *Virgil Deon & Arlene Miles lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Virgil Deon & Arlene Miles - November 07, 2014 at 09:44 PM

MR

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Weinstein. I have a lot of good memories of him at VHS. We had a great band & pep band playing at basketball games and parades. He was an excellent trumpet player himself inspiring me to try to be better. I will never forget him. Prayers to Ann & the family through this time.*



mark racey - November 07, 2014 at 09:31 PM

RB

“ *Rich And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Rich and Karen Brumley - November 07, 2014 at 09:28 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - November 07, 2014 at 09:27 PM

JH

“ *Jack And Jackie Harper lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Jack and Jackie Harper - November 07, 2014 at 09:18 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - November 07, 2014 at 09:10 PM

EA

“ *Ed & Diane Annable lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Ed & Diane Annable - November 07, 2014 at 09:02 PM

SW

“ *Sean & Falon Whitnel lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Weinstein*



Sean & Falon Whitnel - November 07, 2014 at 09:01 PM

KC

“ *So sorry. Bill was one of my favorite teachers. Prayers for the family.*

Kim Collins - November 07, 2014 at 08:30 PM