




Billy John Rule

July 14, 1929 - January 27, 2017

Billy John Rule, age 87, of Rutledge, passed away Friday, January 27, 2017 unexpectedly at home. Bill was born in Sevier County and lived there until moving to Rutledge in 1985. He graduated from Sevier County High School in 1944. After high school, he worked for Standard Mills in Knoxville where he met the eternal love of his life, Evelyn Farrar. They were married May 19, 1951. Bill went to work at Brown Custom Cabinets in 1952, where he stayed for 35 years making beautiful furniture and cabinets. After he left Brown's, he worked for the Water Circus and later Dixie Stampede when it was built in 1987. Bill retired from there in 1992. Bill's love for his wife and family was unconditional and meant everything to him.

Bill is preceded in death by his loving wife, Evelyn Farrar Rule who passed on May 17, 2016, two days before their 65th wedding anniversary. Bill is now back in her loving arms where he always belonged. 

He was also preceded in death by his mother, Estelle Walker Rule; father, B. Wiley Rule; and brother-in-law, James C. Hurst.

Bill is survived by son and daughter-in-law, James and Gail Rule; daughter, Karen Denise Rule and her special friend, Larry Peleska; granddaughter, Jennifer Rule Fox and husband, Robert W. Fox II; grandson, Cody Lee Gryder and fiancé, Ashley Belcher; great-grandchildren, Cassandra Dawn and Alexandria Marie Fox; great-granddaughter born December 8, 2016, Ariannah Noell Gryder; sisters, Mirian "Mick" McMahan and husband, Harry and Clara Hurst; several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special Thank You to all of Bill and Evelyn's special friends at Cracker Barrel in Strawberry Plains for their devoted care and support.

Pallbearer honors will be provided by Mansel Seals, Brad Whitt, David Hodges, Everett Gray, Morgan Gray, and Robert Fox II.

Funeral service 7:30 pm Monday, January 30, 2017 at Fielden Chapel with Rev. Stacy Lawson officiating. Interment 10:00 am Tuesday in Oakland Baptist Church Cemetery in Rutledge. The family will receive friends Monday from 5:00 - 7:30 pm prior to the service at Fielden Funeral Home in New Market.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Fielden Funeral Home Inc.
910 Churchview St
New Market, TN 37820
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 30, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 30, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 30, 2017 at 03:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 30, 2017 at 03:00 PM

AU

“ Bill did some beautiful woodwork for my parents (Anna Lee & John Underwood, Knoxville), and he and Evelyn were wonderful neighbors to my aunt and uncle (Jean and Roy Hodge, Rutledge). My deepest sympathy to those who cherished him.
Arnette Underwood, Knoxville

Arnette Underwood - January 30, 2017 at 11:33 AM

RH

“ Ryan & Whitney Hardwick purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Billy John Rule.



Ryan & Whitney Hardwick - January 30, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 30, 2017 at 10:41 AM

SA

“ SmartBank Directors and Associates purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Billy John Rule.



SmartBank Directors and Associates - January 30, 2017 at 10:17 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 30, 2017 at 10:11 AM



“ Your friends at Brochure Distribution Services purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy John Rule.



Your friends at Brochure Distribution Services - January 30, 2017 at 09:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 30, 2017 at 09:45 AM



“ Steve and Carol Ann Ellis purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Billy John Rule.



Steve and Carol Ann Ellis - January 30, 2017 at 07:16 AM

SC

“ OH, the memories of this wonderful couple...the countless hours they spent at my mom and dad's house. They were such a welcome sight when they pulled into the driveway. Mom and dad were always SO happy when they came to just sit and talk. On days they did not come, mom and dad would say they wished Bill and Evelyn would stop by. Daddy even turned the TV off when they came. Bill lived 10 months after Evelyn went on ahead. My dad lived 10 months after my mom went on ahead. Their hearts went on ahead, and they wanted only to join them. Their prayers got answered. It broke our hearts, but, oh, how happy they are !

Sandra Combs - January 29, 2017 at 07:27 PM

KR

Yes they are!

Karen Rule - January 30, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 29, 2017 at 04:31 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 29, 2017 at 12:14 PM

TH

“ *The Borden Family: Randolph, Robin, Taylor, Hannah purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy John Rule.*



The Borden Family: Randolph, Robin, Taylor, Hannah -
January 29, 2017 at 10:49 AM

WA

“ *I was saddened to hear about the passing of our friend Bill. I've shared many memories with Bill & Evelyn over the years and they were like family. My deepest sympathy to you, Karen & Jim- you had a great Dad. He truly loved you and was proud of his grandchildren. May God comfort your family.*



Wanda Abbott - January 29, 2017 at 08:09 AM

KR

Thank you Wanda. It's so hard.

karen rule - January 29, 2017 at 12:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.*



January 28, 2017 at 09:07 PM

FF

“ From The Dixie Stampede Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Billy John Rule.



From The Dixie Stampede Family - January 28, 2017 at 09:00 PM

BR

“ Beulah Rule lit a candle in memory of Billy John Rule



Beulah Rule - January 28, 2017 at 07:58 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 28, 2017 at 05:57 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 28, 2017 at 04:54 PM

MF

“ *Magic Memories Family purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Billy John Rule.*



Magic Memories Family - January 28, 2017 at 04:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.*



January 28, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.*



January 28, 2017 at 03:37 PM



“ *Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.*



January 28, 2017 at 03:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 28, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 28, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ *The Endless Sky Spray* was purchased for the family of Billy John Rule.



January 28, 2017 at 02:28 PM