



Billy Lee Rowden

March 8, 1932 - January 31, 2012

Billy Lee Rowden, the only child of Everett Glen and Gladys (Anderson) Rowden, was born March 8, 1932 in Big Piney, Missouri. Shortly after his birth, Billy's mother passed away. He grew up in the Big Piney area and graduated from Waynesville High School in 1949.

As a young man, Billy made a very important decision in his life. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized. He was a faithful member of the First Christian Church for over 50 years. You could find him at church every time the doors were open as long as his health permitted.

Billy was united in marriage to Mary Ann Rodabaugh on January 21, 1955. They shared many wonderful years and memories together until she preceded him in death in 1988.

In his working years, Billy was a business man. He owned and operated a garage, was a used car dealer and later on became a cab driver. He enjoyed meeting and working with people and visiting. He could tell a lot of stories about the Waynesville area and the people in the community.

In his spare time, Billy enjoyed playing checkers, watching baseball and golf and was a pretty good pool player. He was a member of the Waynesville Masonic Lodge #375 AF & AM and also the Lions Club.

Billy will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him. He passed away at 1:15 a.m. Tuesday, January 31, 2012 in the Harry S Truman Memorial Veteran's Hospital, of Columbia, Missouri after a long fight with cancer. He had attained the age of 79 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Billy leaves to cherish his memory his 3 children: Margaret Ann Arrington (Danny) of St. Robert, MO, Melvin Lee Rowden (Sharon) of Waynesville, MO and George L. Ruckman (Patrice) of Crocker, MO; 4 grandchildren: Julie Peine, Rebecca Posten, Robin Lyn Rowden and Danny Arrington, Jr.; 7 great grandchildren: Garrett, Sawyer and Abigail Posten, Cecilia, Johnathan and Victoria Piene and Destinee Haggard; and a host of friends.

In addition to his mother and wife, Billy was preceded in death by his father, E.G. (Glen) Rowden (1980) and longtime friend, Jo Powell (2011).

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 3, 2012 in the First Christian Church of Waynesville with Gary Holt officiating. Becky Lercher sang "What A Friend We Have in Jesus", "Amazing Grace" and "Come to Jesus". Serving as escorts were Greg Posten, Garrett Posten, John Peine, Danny Arrington, Jr., Larry Childers and Pete Cruz. Serving as honorary escorts were Roy Nichols, Dave Teufel, Ed Price and Phil Hayes.

Burial followed in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
Hwy H & Business I-44
Waynesville, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Lee Rowden*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Our sympathies go out to Bill's entire family. We attended church with him at FCC. He was so tender hearted concerning the Lord. May the family find comfort of the Lords arms around them knowing Bill is in the Lords precence. Sincerely, The Wheeler's Doug, Erica, Callie, Carlie##imported-begin##Doug & Erica Wheeler##imported-end##*

February 03, 2012 at 01:59 PM



“ *We are deep sorry that Billy Lee Rowden passed away. May our Heavenly Father comfort and strengthen you in your sorrow and grief. We love you all.*

Lee and Wanda Todd Family##imported-begin##Lee & Wanda Todd family##imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 06:04 AM



“ *R.I.P. Billy.....##imported-begin##john franklin##imported-end##*

February 02, 2012 at 12:43 PM



“ My sympathy goes out to his Family.##imported-begin##johnwhelan##imported-end##

February 01, 2012 at 09:47 PM



“ I knew Bill through the First Christian Church and he always called me 'Madge" instead of Marge and that was OK with me, he did say hello. I am sorry to hear the news about Bill and I know that he is in a far better place. The Lord will rap his arms around you and bring you peace during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Gordon and Marge Scott##imported-end##

February 01, 2012 at 08:30 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. I saw Billy a lot at the Senior Citizens Center. I liked him. He was always very kind and nice.##imported-begin##Peggy Walters##imported-end##

February 01, 2012 at 12:31 AM



“ George and Pat I never knew there was a connection between you and Bill. So sorry to hear of Bills passing. I have known bill a lot of years. I also knew his father Glen and lots of his family members. I also am a U.S. Army vet of the Berlin conflict. That was a day I will always remember when Pres Kenedy sent me a letter saying I want you. I went the second time. Norman & Marjorie Stoll. I love Bill and will miss him, Our loss in his case is God's gain##imported-begin##Noorman & Marjorie Stoll##imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 09:15 PM



“ George & Pat: So sorry for your loss. We will miss seeing him at the senior center.##imported-begin##Ray & Helen Fleischer##imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 08:52 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Ray & I have known Billy for many years. He was a good man and will now be living with the Angels. May he Rest In Peace.

Ray & Sue##imported-begin##Ray Keeney & Sue Hayes##imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 06:30 PM



“ melvin and family/we here at bench mo. are so sorry for the loss of your dad.bill was a great guy ,we are going to miss him coming by.just remember he is with his lord now ,our heartfelt prayers go out to you in this time of sorrow,god bless you for taking great care of him.come by, larry,norma,dana and michael##imported-begin##norma smith##imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 05:54 PM



“ With deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones.##imported-begin##Peggy (Cannon) & Gary Hufford##imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 04:09 PM