



Mr. William Horace "Billy" Traylor

December 13, 1932 - September 20, 2020

William H. "Billy" Traylor, 87, of Bowdon, Georgia passed away on September 20, 2020.

Billy, as he was known by his family and friends, was born on December 13, 1932 to Wade and

Gladys Lovvorn Traylor in Newell, Alabama. Billy was preceded in death by his parents and

Larry's mother Shirley Shartzter.

Billy graduated from Woodland High School in Woodland, Alabama, where he was a star

basketball player and excellent student. Later he became an entrepreneur as a cattle farmer

and owned his own school bus which he drove for several years for students in the area. In

addition to his school routes, he also transported ballplayers, band members, and several

groups on longer trips. As an entrepreneur, he bought and traded farms, land, cattle, and

convenience stores through the years. At a young age, he was united with the Pine Hill Church

of Christ, which he attended for several years.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law Larry and Debra Traylor, brother and

sister-in-law Fred and Harvie Belle Traylor, all of Bowdon; grandsons Brad and Jennifer Traylor,

Wade and Sara Traylor of Carrollton; great grandchildren Jaden, Cooper, Reagan, and Sawyer

Traylor, all of Carrollton. Billy loved all of his family wholeheartedly and they loved him and will miss him so much.

Graveside services for family and friends will be conducted on September 22, 2020 at

11:00am at the Bowdon City Cemetery with Rev. Justin Richards officiating.

The family would like to thank their extended family and friends for their thoughts,

prayers, and other loving gestures at this time. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations

be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Cemetery Details

Bowdon City Cemetery

Johnson Street
Bowdon, GA 30108

Previous Events

Graveside

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Dottie Cavender lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Horace "Billy" Traylor*



Dottie Cavender - September 26, 2020 at 08:44 PM

BJ

“ *Larry, and Family.. You are all in my thoughts, and prayers.*



Brenda J Jarriel - September 22, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *Mike And Lee Haynes lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Horace "Billy" Traylor*



Mike and Lee Haynes - September 22, 2020 at 10:36 AM

“ Oh the memories of the past, so, so many where does one begin. I've ridden that school bus countless times, to school, football games, and recall Billy telling Warren Powell it was about one mile to the football field to Mt. Zion. Billy opened the door and Coach Powell told me to get off and run the rest of the way. Back in the late 1960's the weight limit was 115 pounds, when we left Bowdon I weighed 116 pounds. After running the rest of the way and getting on the scales at the Mt. Zion field house with nothing but a jock strap covering my boyhood, I came in at 115. Coach Powell then gave me a drink of water. Seeing this the Mt. Zion coach wanted to weigh me again. A terrible argument broke out between the two coaches. I didn't get back on the scales, and Coach Powell like the owner of a bad junkyard dog, sicked me on those Eagles that night and that was the highest amount of points I ever remember beating a team by.

Now Billy being a United States Marine instilled a never-ending loyalty to his fellow comrades in arms. Billy would wear his blue US MARINE pants many times as he picked up school children from all around the Bowdon school district. He instilled a sense of respect into many of us school aged boys and girls for the United States of America and what our flag stands for. We proudly stood at attention with our hands over our hearts when the National Anthem was being played at the football games and still had prayers broadcast over the loudspeakers by one of our local pastors. Many more stories could be told about Billy and the life-changing events and impacts he's had on my life and others.

Larry his son and I were friends all throughout our lives as well. I'd been to their house and remember the road in front of their then house having oil on it to keep the dust down back then. And who could forget Shirley if you ever met her, she was another person who had an impact on my life as well.

As we come to this time of remembrance, I personally want to thank God the Father, His Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit for

allowing me an opportunity to share the love that's in my heart for the family, and the memories of a fallen giant of the community, whose life helped shaped me into the man I am today. I pray you have an eternal rest of peace Billy, thanks for the memories.

Tim McWhorter - September 22, 2020 at 10:16 AM

PA

“ *Patty Akin lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Horace "Billy" Traylor*



Patty Akin - September 22, 2020 at 08:20 AM

LV

“ *Lisa Vise lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Horace "Billy" Traylor*



Lisa Vise - September 22, 2020 at 07:09 AM

TC

“ *Tommy & Judy Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Horace "Billy" Traylor*



Tommy & Judy Cantrell - September 21, 2020 at 09:23 PM

DC

“ *Dottie Grizzard Cavender lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Horace "Billy" Traylor*



Dottie Grizzard Cavender - September 21, 2020 at 08:56 PM

JJ

“ *Judie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Horace "Billy" Traylor*



Judie Jackson - September 21, 2020 at 07:41 PM

JS

“ *Jan Stitcher lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Horace "Billy" Traylor*



Jan Stitcher - September 21, 2020 at 06:51 PM

JM

“ *Janie Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Horace "Billy" Traylor*



Janie Meadows - September 21, 2020 at 12:56 PM