



## Billy Ray Rayburn

July 24, 1937 - September 20, 2016

Billy Ray Rayburn age 79 of Harriman, went home to be with the Lord and was reunited with his loved ones Tuesday September 20, 2016. Bill was a Retired Captain at both Brushy Mountain & Morgan County Regional Prisons, a member and deacon at Childs Memorial Baptist Church, Harriman, and Masonic Lodge #38, Kingston. He was preceded in death by parents George and Jessie Hutsell Rayburn, mother by birth Rossie Rayburn, son Billy Ray Rayburn II, sisters in law Sherry Huffacker, and Carolyn Heysinger; brother in law James "Jim" Bell, and sisters Johnnie Faye Bell, Judy Kay Shepherd.

Survived by:

Wife Barbara Rayburn

Daughter in law Linda Lassiter Stooksbury and husband John

Grandsons Michael and Jack Stooksbury

Brother in law Virgil Nelson and wife Barbara

Danny Nelson and wife Linda

Ralph Nelson and wife Tina

Gary Nelson and wife Sharon

Earl Hysinger

Sister in law Linda Bell and husband Ronnie

Niece Sheilah Mendez, and many other niece, nephews, and family friends.

The family will receive friends, Friday September 23, 2016 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Childs Memorial Baptist Church with the funeral following at 1:00 pm., Pastor Tim Shelton and Bro. Carl Armes will be officiating. Graveside will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ *Lora, Kirk, Michael, Madalyn and Jamey purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Billy Ray Rayburn.*



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**Lora, Kirk, Michael, Madalyn and Jamey** - September 23, 2016  
at 12:20 AM

MP

“ *I met Bill when I was just a little girl we lived next door to each other, he was a wonderful, sweet, loving husband and father, I know he will be missed, prayers and love to his family. Love Melanie Kubas Pelfrey*

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**Melanie Pelfrey** - September 21, 2016 at 10:05 PM

DC

“ *I met Mr. Rayburn several years ago. It didn't take long to realize that when you were around him you were in the presence of a true Christian. He was always a friendly and pleasant fellow to be around. I still have his Harriman Drag Strip trophy that I got from him which I will always cherish. He is in the presence of our Lord and Saviour now. He will be sadly missed.*

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**Darren Clough** - September 21, 2016 at 09:13 PM

RA

“ *I worked for Captain Rayburn at Morgan County. He was a fine man, good to all. I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Regina Armes** - September 21, 2016 at 06:42 PM



“ *Capt. Bill Rayburn was above all a Gentle-man I am proud to call him Friend.*

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**Ken Mynatt** - September 20, 2016 at 09:25 PM

SC

*Bill Rayburn was a good kind man.*

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**sabra coker** - September 21, 2016 at 02:52 PM

DJ

“ *Barbara, Linda, Michael, Jack, John and family, David and I were so sad to hear of Bill's passing. David didn't get to know him for as long as we have, but he sure thought a lot of him. Our whole family thought the world of him. Our hearts are heavy for you. Bill was a dear man, always had a smile on his face, and always had words of encouragement. He never failed to ask about David and me and how we were doing. Every time he talked to me he would say I'm praying for you all. Never heard him complain about anything. He was a fine christian man. My daddy loved him dearly, I can imagine what shouting and singing they are doing. He will be greatly missed. Heaven gained another angel today. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very heartbreaking time. Lean on God and he will help you through. We love you all.*

*Romans 14:8 - For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.*

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**David and Lisa (Hensley) Jordan** - September 20, 2016 at 06:42 PM

PH

“ Bill was a very loving and caring person Tommy said if he every had a friend Bill was his friend and we thought the world of him. I sure he and Tommy are having a great time. Barbara I sure your heart is broken my prayers went out for you when I heard about Bill we will miss him greatly we love you and will be praying for you. Pat

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**Pat Hensley** - September 20, 2016 at 04:59 PM