



Ernest "Pee Wee" Bilbrey

July 25, 2013

Ernest C. Bilbrey (known to many friends as "Pee Wee"), age 87, of Harriman, died Thursday, July 25, 2013, at his home.

He was a member of Emory Heights Missionary Baptist Church in Harriman.

He is survived by daughters Rita G. Bilbrey of Harriman and Sheena L. Bilbrey of Briceville; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and Cousin Sharon Robinson of Harriman.

Graveside service and burial will be 2 p.m., Sunday, July 28, at Emory Heights Cemetery, Harriman, with the Rev. Pete Scarbrough officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday, July 27, 6 – 8 p.m., at the Kyker Funeral Home Chapel in Harriman.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ I've heard about Ernest Carl all my life from my Mom and Dad but I didn't get to know him until about seven years ago. We hit it off instantly. We've had so much fun eating out together and talking about family. He reminded me so much of my own Dad. I'll always cherish our time together. I only wish I had known him sooner.

Sharon Robinson - Harriman, TN - Cousin - August 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Daddy, you were always my "Rock of Gibraltar" and my best friend. The legacy you've left behind is one that any child would be so proud of--one of honesty, loyalty, kindness, compassion, respect, love, wisdom and most of all a very honorable and highly respected man who accepted the Lord as his savior. You once said you didn't know what the Lord saw in you and that you were fit for anything. The Lord used your life to touch so many lives. Every person who knew you always saw the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in your life because you served the Lord. What an awesome testimony! You'll never know all of the many lives you touched in your lifetime. I will always love you with all my heart, and I'm the luckiest girl in the world and so blessed the Lord gave you to me to be my Dad. I'm truly relieved you have no more pain, suffering, and heartache but are with your Savior and Mother in Heaven. I'll join Mother, you and my Lord when it's my time. I love you dearly my precious father and my best friend.

Rita G. Bilbrey - Harriman, TN - Eldest Daughter - July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ I love and miss you Dad more than anyone could know. I really got to know the real you when I stayed with you when you started getting sick. You are the most kindest, respectable, honest, and wisest man I have ever known. You will be missed by a lot of people. Hobbs (cat) looks for you and I am sure he doesn't understand where you are. We keep telling him it's OK that Daddy has gone to Heaven to be with the Lord and Mom. Dad you made a difference in this world by the way you lived your Christian life. A lot of us looked up to you and I personally wish I was more like you. I know you wasn't perfect, but pretty darn close. I love you and Mom with all my heart and someday I will see you again.

Love you Dad,
Sheena

Sheena Bilbrey - Harriman, TN - daughter - July 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Sheena,
Was sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for you and other family members to find the peace in Mr. Bilbrey's passing. Both of your parents were always kind to me.

Cheryl

Cheryl Laxton - Kingston, TN - Friend - July 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *My first thoughts were Pee Wee and Thelma are together again...then I was over come to know that Gene was there with them as well. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. Praying God's peace for each of you. We will all miss Pee Wee very much but take courage we shall be reunited some day once again. All our love.*

Michele, George, Joe, Brylee, & Joy, Andrew and Jerome Scarbrough

Michele Scarbrough Main - Harriman, TN - July 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FN

“ *Rita, Sheena and family;*

I want to say Helen & I are with you in our prayers & thoughts. You will never know what Uncle Peewee meant to me. He was always there to straighten us boys out when we were kids. I am so glad I got to talk to him last week. Always know that he loved his family very much. He and aunt Thelma are looking down on the family with great pride, I'm sure.

*Love and miss you guys.
Fred & Helen Scarbrough.*

Fred (Freddy) Scarbrough - Bartow, FL - Nephew - July 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dearest Rita and Sheena,
The right words at a time like this are difficult. We are feeling the loss of your dear Father. Rita, since you came back into my life this time, I feel like we came very close, closer than most of our graduating class at HHS. I remember the heart rendering phone calls we had at work where I felt I could share ANYTHING with you without shyness or shame and the same from you to me. I lost my Dad many years ago, so I can say I know how you feel I think. Our church lost one of it's most faithful members, and I lost a true friend. Our deepest heartfelt prayers and well wishes go out to you in your time of sorrow, but we know we will be reunited on that day that we are called Home.
With our love
David and Bea

David and Bea Gibson - Harriman, TN - Friends and fellow church member -
July 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ I am so sorry to hear about Pee Wee. He was a precious man and friend. I have many fond memories of visiting with him and Thelma. You have my heartfelt sympathy. You all are in my prayers.

Corene Maddox McConnell - Harriman, TN - former niece - July 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Bilbrey family during this difficult time.

Andrea Masvidal - Lenoir City, TN - Friend - July 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love you Sheena*

Robert and Shirley Jeffers - Dayton, OH - July 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM