



## William "Bill" Loyd Bradberry Jr.

February 14, 1948 - September 10, 2020

A loving husband, father and grandfather, William (Bill) Loyd Bradberry, Jr. left this earth to join his Heavenly Father on September 10, 2020. He was a man devoted to God, family and country. Born in Duluth, Georgia on February 14, 1948 to parents Claudie and Loyd, he grew up in Dacula, known as Billy, with his three younger siblings making connections with all he encountered.

Proudly serving his country in the United States Air Force, he was a life-long supporter of those in the military. He earned his associate's degree and served as the Student Body President at Truett-McConnell College and obtained his undergraduate degree from Georgia Southern University. After graduating, he was a blessing to many young athletes as a Physical Education teacher and gymnastics coach earning the title of Gwinnett County Teacher of the Year and umpiring a Little League Southern Regional Tournament before making a career change. When he moved to Sweetwater, Tennessee with his wife, Alva Jean Bradberry, in 1976 he quickly became an important member of his new community even though he remained doggedly loyal to his Georgia Bulldogs. He and his wife raised their three children in Sweetwater and he mentored many young men in his role as a baseball coach. With a successful 41-year career at Vestal Manufacturing, Bill held the positions of Traffic Manager, Sales Manager, General Manager of Sales and Purchasing Manager before his retirement in April of this year.

He was preceded in death by: infant son Kevin Bradberry, his parents William Loyd Sr. and Claudie Bradberry and grandparents William Washington and

Minnie Adline Greeson Bradberry and grandparents Lonnie Edward and Lola Mary Ann Ewing Moore.

Bill is survived by his wife of 47 years, Alva Jean Bradberry. His daughter and son-in-law Wendy and Ray Stapleton of Virginia and grandchildren Joshua and Abby. His daughter Jessica Bradberry of Maryville. His son and daughter-in-law Russ and Cambrai Bradberry of Maryville and grandsons Payce, Paxton and Palmer. His brother and sister-in-law, Ricky and Debby Bradberry of Greeneville. His sister and brother-in-law Linda and Marvin Westbrook of Dacula, GA. His sister and brother-in-law Judy and Jimmy Archer of Dacula, GA. Brother-in-law and sisters-in-law: A.J. and Sharon Smith, of Sweetwater, Rebecca Parson, of Nashville, several nieces and nephews.

Friends may view from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 18, 2020 at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, visitation with the family will be from 5:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. A private service will be conducted with Rev. Marvin Westbrook, and Dr. Leonard Markham officiating. A private interment will be conducted in the Edgewood Cemetery, in Knoxville, TN. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cemetery

229 S. Gallaher View Rd  
Knoxville, TN 37919

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 18. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“*Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Loyd Bradberry Jr.*



**Kyker Funeral Home** - September 16, 2020 at 10:03 AM

JA

*I am so thankful for this life video prepared by Jessica and I'm sure with Alva, Russ and Wendy. My heart aches for another hug and smile greeted by "Howdy". I love you Big Brother! Bill💔😭*

**Judy Archer** - September 16, 2020 at 06:25 PM

VH

*Sorry for your loss losing a parent is very hard to imagine after the years of being taught right from wrong when their job is done they allow you to go out into the world and practice what they have taught you. Memories will always be in your heart forever. May god bless and continue to take away the sadness.*

**Vickie Hebert** - September 21, 2020 at 09:23 AM

VB

*I just cried and cried when billy passed away it looks like he had such a happy life and I'm so thankful for that I stayed at his parents house when I was young spot and he was so kind I loved billy gone to soon see you in heaven soon*

**Vickie brannan** - June 08, 2023 at 03:27 AM

SW

“ So saddened to learn of the passing of Bill. He was a true gentleman and friend. Doyle enjoyed his conversations with Bill. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
*Doyle & Shelba Walker*

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**Shelba Walker** - September 18, 2020 at 05:41 PM

DW

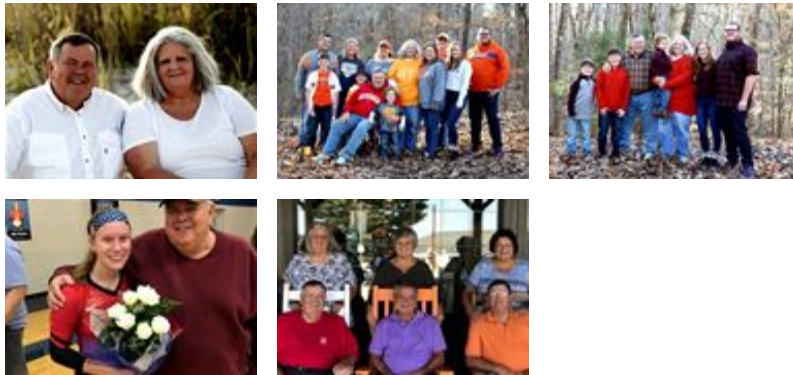
“ We have enjoyed coming to the Maryville Yarddogs' baseball games over the last several years to watch our grandson Jackson Miller play, and always loved sitting near the Bradberry family. It's a joy to see how much love this family has for each other. Mr. Bradbury was always at the games and enjoyed watching his grandsons play ball. He will be missed! *Kemp and Donna Wynn*

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**Donna Wynn** - September 16, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ 70 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - September 16, 2020 at 09:57 AM

EH

“ I know we don't see each other often but your family has always held a special place in my heart. Billy was the kind of brother, husband and father that everyone would want. A blessing to everyone that knew him. I know you will miss him terribly. Love you all.

*Emily*

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**Emily Howland** - September 16, 2020 at 09:26 AM

EB

“ Emily Howland, Connie Kirkpatrick, Tommy Bradberry purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William "Bill" Loyd Bradberry Jr..



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**Emily Howland, Connie Kirkpatrick, Tommy Bradberry** -  
September 16, 2020 at 08:56 AM

TH

“ I am saddened to hear the passing of Coach Bradberry. He was my PE Coach at Snellville Middle School back in the mid 70's and left an indelible mark on my life. My condolences to the family.

*Tony Hawkins*

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**Tony Hawkins** - September 16, 2020 at 08:36 AM

BK

“ We have delayed writing this for a few days because sometimes there are just no words to adequately express the sadness and sense of loss experienced at the passing of someone who was so very loved by so many. He was Bill's best friend throughout school and that friendship continued though they saw each other infrequently. The love for each other shone through especially when they phoned each other. Our hearts are broken as are the hearts of all who knew him but we trust that we will see him again on heaven's shore. We send our prayers for all his family and know they have many cherished memories to sustain them. May he Rest In Peace until we meet again.

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**Bill and Gayl Kirkpatrick** - September 16, 2020 at 12:40 AM

HG

“ Harmony Baptist Church, Eatonton, Georgia purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William "Bill" Loyd Bradberry Jr..



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**Harmony Baptist Church, Eatonton, Georgia** - September 15, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Loyd Bradberry Jr..



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September 15, 2020 at 04:56 PM

SG

“ Sara Galyon lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Loyd Bradberry Jr.



Sara Galyon - September 15, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Loyd Bradberry Jr..



September 14, 2020 at 04:24 PM

TT

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. What a wonderful and kind man he always was. I know he will be missed by every life he touched. My prayers are with Alva Jean and the family.

Tammy Guyer Tanzi

Tammy Guyer Tanzi - September 14, 2020 at 02:15 PM

GT

“ My sincere condolences and deepest sympathies go out to Alva Jean and Billy's family, I know he will be so missed by many. I had the pleasure to know him well and coach our son's baseball and football teams for so many years! He made a positive impact on so many young men and his family for many years. So glad our paths crossed in this life...Bill RIP friend.

Gary M Tallent - September 14, 2020 at 10:29 AM

MH

“ *Alva Jean, we are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts are prayers are with you and your family. Michael & Jamie*

Michael Hayes - September 14, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Loyd Bradberry Jr..*



September 14, 2020 at 07:40 AM

ST

“ *Alva Jean and family. We are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was such a kind, sweet person. He will be missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Susan & Mike Turpin*

Susan Turpin - September 13, 2020 at 10:44 PM

BS

“ *Sorry for the loss of this fine gentleman. My dad worked with him at Vestal. Sympathy to the family.*

Barry Self - September 13, 2020 at 09:41 PM

PW

“ So very sorry, prayers are with this precious family. Bill “Billy” as we called him in high school was my very first date. We double dated with a friend and her boyfriend, we went to the Gwinnett County Fair in 1964. May God’s love give you peace and comfort during this time. He was an extraordinary person and a friend. His brother Rick was also one of my good friends. 🙏❤️ Patsy Rooks Wall



Patsy Wall - September 13, 2020 at 03:58 PM

SP

“ Alva Jean, our hearts and prayers are with you today.

Shari Peterman - September 13, 2020 at 08:56 AM

SB

“ Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of loss.

Steve Bean - September 13, 2020 at 08:00 AM

SM

“ Billy was a great friend and classmate. I think he was my first boyfriend, maybe about third grade. 😊💕💕

Susan Hogan Mulkey - September 13, 2020 at 12:22 AM

DC

“ Please know you are all on our hearts and in our prayers at this difficult time! I know he will be missed tremendously. Praying for comfort for all.

Donald and Kaye Cash - September 12, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JH

“ My sincere condolences and deepest sympathies go out to Billy's family, from Janice and I. It was a real shock to hear that Billy had passed. He and I are the same age, and we went to school in Dacula together, we graduated together in 1966. That seems so long ago, but you never forget your classmates. I always thought a lot of Billy and admired his role as an athlete with the school's athletics programs, especially basketball. I think he loved it all, but was partial back then to basketball. Many memories of Billy come to mind as I am reminded that life is so temporal. What really matters in the end is that you are a Child of God, and I think Billy was. Again, our sincere condolences to the family.  
Jim (Jimmy) and Janice Hethcox, LaGrange, GA

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**Jim Hethcox** - September 12, 2020 at 09:26 PM

JP

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all. RIP Billy 🙏



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**Joan Mitchell Patton** - September 12, 2020 at 08:29 PM

LW

Thanks Joan, I miss him already. ❤️

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**linda westbrook** - September 14, 2020 at 09:56 PM

BD

“ One of the finest men I ever had the pleasure of knowing.

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**Bill Daugherty** - September 12, 2020 at 05:43 PM

W(

“ *With Love. Kathy, Vickie, Scott, Kim (Bradberrys) purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William "Bill" Loyd Bradberry Jr..*



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**With Love. Kathy, Vickie, Scott, Kim (Bradberrys) -**  
September 12, 2020 at 05:40 PM

SF

“ *Kim and I are so sorry about Billy. He was a good man, husband, father, brother, and friend. We know how much he will be missed. God bless you and we will be praying for you all.*

*Kim and Scott Bradberry*

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**Scott Bradberry & Family -** September 12, 2020 at 05:27 PM

JA

*Thank y'all for all your love and support 💔😭*

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**Judy Archer -** September 12, 2020 at 07:24 PM

LW

*Thank you, I already miss him so much, he usually called every other day to talk..😭💔*

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**linda westbrook -** September 14, 2020 at 09:54 PM

SW

“ *Mr. Bill & ms.alva jean made a great impact on my life. I worked for Bill on the farm through high school, ,& what a mentor this man was in my life! My heartfelt condolences go out to this dear family! Losing a man like this is a tragedy, men like Mr. Bill are far & few in between. We will meet again my friend!!!!*

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**Scott white -** September 12, 2020 at 03:23 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear about Bill. Wish I could be with all of you and visit.  
Love you,  
Billie Sue.

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**Billie Sue Smith** - September 12, 2020 at 01:37 PM