

Billy Birdsong

February 15, 1923 - June 13, 2017

Billy Birdsong, passed June 13, 2017, at age 94. He was born February 15, 1923 in Elkton, Tennessee. Born into a large family, he had 6 brothers and 2 sisters. He was honorably discharged from the Army, after being stationed in Death Valley, in 1943, and explored an interest in photography, nature, and sports. He worked as a referee for college basketball in Martin, TN, where he met his wife, Virginia (Happy) Birdsong in 1947. They married on June 27, 1947 and moved to Madison, settling in and buying a home, soon thereafter.

His love of children and the community showed in his volunteering to build the original Madison Little League Park with his own hands, and coaching little league for many years. He also, along with his wife, started the girls softball league in Madison. He also spent many years volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America. He worked most of his life for, and retired from the Nashville Gas Company. While Virginia was the social butterfly, always on the go, Billy kept the home running, taking care of his family.

He is preceded in death by his wife of nearly 70 years, a mere three months ago, Virginia "Happy" Birdsong.

He is survived by his children: Robert (Laurie) Birdsong, Lanny (Rebecca) Birdsong, and Rita (Rick) Kendall; Grandchildren: Brandy (Doug) Kincaid, Chris Birdsong, Billy (Ashley) Birdsong, Anthony Strickland, and Lindsey Birdsong; and Great-Grandchildren: Austin and Lawson Birdsong, and

Natalya, Zachary, and Nicholas Kincaid.

A graveside service honoring the life of Billy Birdsong will be held Saturday, June 17, 2017, at Spring Hill Cemetery, at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements by the Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN.

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Birdsong* ”

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM

“ This morning (6/17/17) at 11:00 AM, Lanny and I, with heavy and broken hearts, listened to Billy Birdsong's graveside funeral service as it happened, just as we did for Happy Birdsong's service in late March, 2017, via modern technology thanks to an extraordinary, kind, loving and compassionate young man who we love so dearly and who means so very much to us both, Billy Marco Birdsong. We may not have been present in person to either service because of our inability to travel the hundreds of miles, due to Lanny's serious heart condition, but we were there just the same. Billy Birdsong was an amazing, wonderful, strong and loving man. He was always so very loving to me as his Daughter-In-Law and to Lanny, his beloved son. I cannot remember, in the almost 22 years I've known Billy, I cannot remember him ever ever being anything but kind to me and to Lanny. He always let Lanny and I know that he loved us always. I was so so blessed to have Billy as my Father-In-Law. He set such a fine example of being a caring, compassionate person and his devotion to Lanny was amazing. He never made us doubt for a second that he was in our corner totally from the moment Lanny and I visited Billy and Happy in October of 1995 to share with them our wedding plans, Billy was the first to give us both a giant loving hug and to say congratulations and to sincerely welcome me into his family. He was so very proud of all of Lanny's many accomplishments and Billy was also do grateful to Lanny for being a great brother to Rita by providing her with a job at Lanny's company in Nashville for a number of years - just as Billy would have done for someone he loved as Lanny loves his sister Rita. Billy and Happy were thrilled that as an Electrical Engineer, Lanny was always able to come their rescue to solve any electrical issue they had at their home in Madison during all of the years after Lanny's graduation from U.T. Even after we relocated almost 12 years ago they would call and Lanny would "trouble shoot" with them on the phone to try to help "fix it" - or at least be able to diagnose the problem and let them know if they would need a professional in person. Billy was so gracious and always thanked Lanny with so much love and

kindness and pride in his voice. Lanny and I are beyond devastated that Billy passed away Tuesday at 10:24 AM

Rebecca Birdsong - October 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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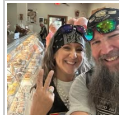
“ *He was truly one of the greatest men I ever knew...he loved anyone an our games of basketball and checkers!! Austin and Lawson thought the the moon and now they are finally together rejoicing!!! I love you Papawâ¤ï¸â¤*

Lindsey Birdsong - June 15, 2017 at 05:34 PM

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“ *Godspeed Billy... You showed me and my daughter nothing but love from the day we meet you and you will truly be missed in my life. I thank you for all the great times and look forward to seeing you and Mom one day. Please give her a hug for me...*

Rick Kendall - June 15, 2017 at 03:17 PM



Hello my name is Heidi, we just purchased the property on Pates Ford in Walling that belonged to Happy's father Mr. Gooch. We'd love some information about the old house on the property if you have any. my email is heidipetitt@gmail.com

Heidi Petitt - August 25, 2019 at 06:43 PM