



Mr. Billy Ross Long

January 30, 1940 - January 9, 2023

Mr. Billy Ross Long, age 82, of Chickamauga, GA passed away Monday, January 9, 2023 at his home surrounded by his family.

Born on January 30, 1940 in Riceville, TN, Bill grew up in Chattanooga, TN, but spent the last fifty-one years in Chickamauga where he opened the Crossroads Barber Shop. He was trained as a barber in the US Army (1959 - 1962), and was a favorite barber to many for over 60 years. He loved his customers and enjoyed serving his community.

In the 1950s, Bill gave his life to Christ while attending a Billy Graham crusade. He married Faye Hood Long on February 23, 1964, and together they raised their children as members of Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church where they have been members since the 1970s.

Bill enjoyed fishing and was an avid sports fan who could always be found cheering on his favorite teams: The Atlanta Braves, and the Tennessee Vols. But the most important thing to Bill was people. If you needed help and he could give it, he would. He lived his faith with patience, kindness, and a gentleness of spirit toward all he met. He will be greatly missed, not only by his family, but also by the community he served

He was preceded in death by his parents Ted H. Long and Virginia Green

Long, brother Johnny Long, and sisters Katherine Whitley and Barbara Lanham.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Faye Hood Long, his son Ted Long (Heidi), daughter Hope Long, granddaughters Morgan and Molly Long, and sister Edith Poteet. He is also survived by brothers and sisters in-law Bob and Emma Hood, Bill and Kat Stephens, Ralphine Hood, and many nieces, nephews, special friends, and loved ones.

The funeral service will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, January 12, 2023 in the funeral home chapel, with Min. Zach Fitzpatrick officiating. Interment will follow in the Chickamauga City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon until the funeral time on Thursday. In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church at Elumc.com or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org in Billy's names. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home-J. Avery Bryan Chapel, Chickamauga.

Cemetery Details

Chickamauga City Cemetery

Lee Ave.
Chickamauga, GA 30707

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Chickamauga Chapel
215 Lee Ave.
P.O. Box 370
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Mr. Long was my father's best friend in high school. They continued their friendship until my father passed in 2021. I did call Mr. Long to let him know, & that was the last time I had spoken to him. I'm sure my father & Mr. Long are in "cahoots" yet again. RIP*

Jackie - November 18, 2024 at 04:21 PM

JK

“ *My many memories of Bill at the shop was him going to the front of the shop acting like someone was up their waiting to get their haircut and like we missed them being up there. Even though there was no one there. Just messing around . Or asking to put our sales on his B for Billy saying "I know you want to put those haircut on them B's in steady of the J's for Jackie. And laugh the whole time. I sure do miss his haircuts and his friendship we all had. Seeing him getting all excited over the Braves winning was priceless. I thank him for the job he gave me at Crossroads and the knowledge I have learned from him. Live and miss him dearly.*

Jackie Knight - January 12, 2023 at 12:25 PM

HL

Thank you for sharing those memories.

Hope Long - January 13, 2023 at 02:22 PM

PO

“ I met Bill the first time when I was 4-5 years old and he gave me and my brother our first barber hair cuts.
I am 61 now and when Bill was able to be there he would still cut my hair.
I have lost a lot of friends at the shop! Steve, Kenneth, Ralph and now Bill.
Bill always would turn a gray day bright!
I am proud to have been able to have Bill as not only my Barber but an outstanding person- and friend.
All the guy's at the shop have been a blessing to me and my family!
Great people and a true gift from God to have been part of there lives!
We will always remember them all!!
All Gods blessings to Bills Family and friends!
Patrick Oneal &Family.

Patrick Oneal - January 12, 2023 at 01:10 AM

HL

Thank you so much.

Hope Long - January 13, 2023 at 02:22 PM

KB

“ Hope and Family, I am so very sorry.



Kathy Bates - January 11, 2023 at 04:40 PM

HL

Thank you.

Hope Long - January 13, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Ross Long.*



January 10, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Ross Long.*



January 10, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Faye, Ted & Hope: I am so very sorry to hear of Bill passing. He was such a fixture in the community & so loved. My thoughts & prayers are with each of you. Debra Guffey Diffenderfer*

Debra Diffenderfer - January 10, 2023 at 02:27 PM



Thank you so much.

Hope Long - January 13, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Remembering your family in prayer, God Bless.*



Carrie Henderson - January 10, 2023 at 01:55 PM

BB

Faye, Hope, Ted I am so sorry yo hear of Bill's passing. You all were such great neighbors and friends.

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

betty f bowman - January 10, 2023 at 06:07 PM

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betty f bowman - January 10, 2023 at 06:12 PM

HL

Thank you so much.

Hope Long - January 13, 2023 at 02:24 PM

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