



Billy Frank Knowles

July 14, 1940 - July 13, 2016

Billy Frank Knowles Sr. passed away July 13, 2016 just one day shy of his 76th birthday. He was a native of Montevallo and long-time resident of Lake Mitchell in Clanton where he enjoyed fishing, boating and entertaining friends and family.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 16, 2016 at Bolton Funeral Home with Rev. Sid Nichols officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 16, 2016 at Bolton Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Richardson - Randall Cemetery in Montevallo. Bolton Funeral Home is directing.

Bill was known as a fun-loving, hard-working man. You knew when he walked in the room that it was just a matter of time before he would have you smiling. A serial entrepreneur, he showed us how to succeed in business and life. Bill had a life-long love of music, never missing an opportunity to sing. As a youth, he led the choir at Concord Baptist Church in Calera, and was a member of the award winning 4H quartet called the Suicide Four. He loved his family but had a special place in his heart for his grandkids and was excited to see what the future held for each of them. Over the years Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing golf but his most favorite past time was watching Alabama football.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents: Thomas Randall Knowles and Myrtice Brown Knowles; his wife: Mary Frances Knowles; his sisters: Myrtis Williams and Edna Jackson; and his best friend and fishing buddy: Bob

Sullivan. Bill is survived by three children: daughter, Kristina Knowles, son, Bill Knowles Jr. and daughter, Kathy Knowles (Tommy) Turner, all of Chelsea; stepsons: Troy Beavers and John Beavers; five grandchildren: Jessica Knowles (Austin) Reaves of Orlando, FL, Colton Turner, Cade Turner, Chanlee Turner and Ben Knowles of Chelsea; a brother: Whit (Pat) Knowles; a sister: Betty Jo Billingsly; the mother of his children: Brenda Thomason Knowles; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Reynolds Cemetery

Reynolds Cemetery Road
Montevallo, AL 35115

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bolton Funeral Home
207 Hwy 47 South
PO Box 4
Columbiana, AL 35051
(205) 669-3179

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear God,

Please tell Uncle Bill how very much I loved him and how very sad I am about his passing. I spoke to him on the phone just 2 days prior, and we were planning for me to come and visit for a few days. I was just going to help him around the house, reminisce about Aunt Mary, and hang out. We had gotten so close since losing Aunt Mary. He needs to know that I thought the world of him. He was such a kind man!

Please God, help me to cope with his passing. I don't understand how quickly it happened or why You didn't let me tell him goodbye. I would give anything for just one more hour with him!

I miss him so much! It hurts!

Mom, Dad, and I will be making a donation to a humane society here in Baton Rouge in Uncle Bill's name. I hope he'll like that.

Please let him know that I'm sending him hugs and happy thoughts. I can only hope that he and Aunt Mary are together again and happy.

*In Your Name,
Amen*

Laura Sumners Russo - August 15, 2016 at 02:23 AM

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“ Billy Frank was my life -long friend, both of us being raised for a good part of our lives on dairy farms, singing together in the Suicide 4 quartet, playing ball together and sharing many of life's early experiences.

We were in Alaska, away from email and telephone service when our son Corley came in by float plane with the news of his death. I would have been there if I could have been.

All of Billy Frank's family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Butch Ellis

Butch Ellis - July 27, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Billy Frank Knowles.



July 14, 2016 at 05:10 PM



“ *Billy Frank was a friend throughout high school. He was such a sweet guy and he never teased me about my freckles! Years later, after not speaking to one another since high school, I was delighted to receive a phone call from Billy Frank telling me that he had gotten married to a friend of mine -- Mary Frances. Mary Frances was one of the first friends I made when my family moved to Shelby County from Tennessee in 1950 and even though she lived just the distance of a few fields away, she had to attend school in Childersburg while I was sent to Wilsonville and then SCHS. After that phone call, Billy Frank and Mary Frances stayed in touch occasionally -- first by phone and later by email. My thoughts are with the family at this time.*

Sallie Cosby Thayer

Sallie Thayer - July 14, 2016 at 10:37 AM

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So sorry for your loss you are in my prayers Billy Frank was a class mate of mine SCHS 58. Billie Ann White Usry

Billie Ann White Udry - July 14, 2016 at 01:46 PM

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i have fond memories of Billy Frank from high school. I remember his great sense of humor. We have kept in touch through Facebook in recent years. I was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. My prayers are with your family.

Yvonne Stephenson Carter

Yvonne S Carter - July 15, 2016 at 08:37 AM