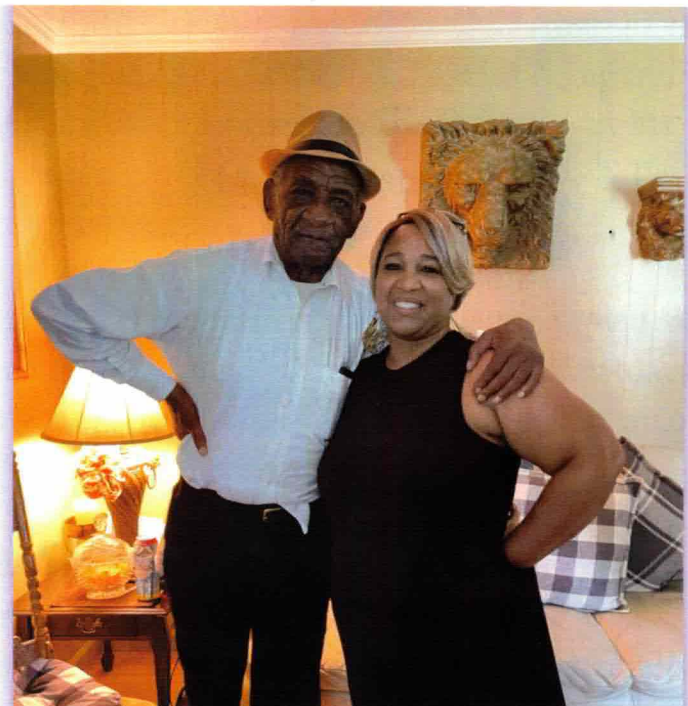


"You Did It Your Way!"



*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still
waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I
will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Psalm 23

A Celebration of Life

Billy Earl Lyon

Sunrise
December 15, 1947

Sunset
May 14, 2026



Funeral Service:

May 23, 2026

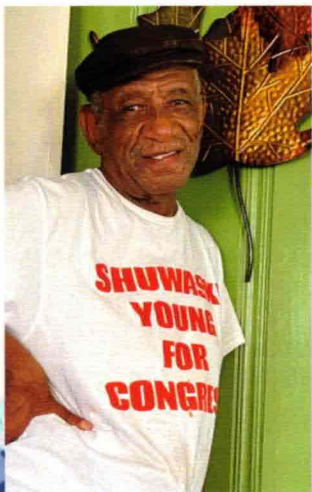
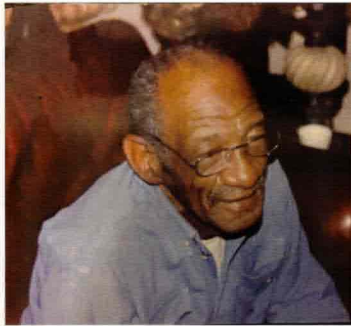
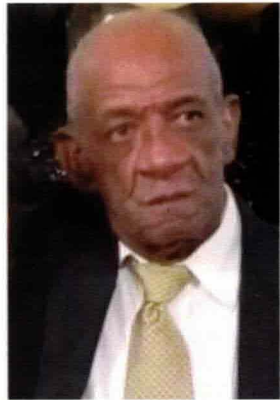
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Mt. Ary M. B. Church
15900 Highway 15 North

Pastor Ricardus Mixon, Officiating
Beck Funeral Home, Inc.
Directing



Billy Earl Lyon



The Life and Legacy of Mr. Billy "Bill" Earl Lyon

Billy Earl Lyon was a captivating man that could easily hold or get one's attention. He was born on December 15, 1947 to Jonathan and Ethel Lyon in Neshoba County. Bill has a legacy of sisters and brothers that were born into this union: James, Connie, Selma, Birdie, Joseph, Theodore, Diane, in which these siblings preceded him in death, Shirley, Edward, and Linda are surviving siblings with one surviving sister-in-love, Evelyn.

Billy joined the Mt. Ary Church at a young age where he regularly attended as a youth. He attended Hopewell High School. After graduation he joined the United States Military. After an honorable discharge, he was a scholar at "The" Jackson State University earning a degree in his family's legacy of Industrial Arts (carpentry). He used his talents along with his father and brothers, as well as taught others to learn the skill. Later, he became an instructor at Louisville Vocational Center, this assignment lasted many years. He and his brothers, Joseph and Edward, decided to become entrepreneurs. He spent the rest of his career years as a proud fifth generational carpenter.

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He was married to Judith Moore for many years and they had one daughter, Naundra Lyon-Heidelberg, and a bonus child that is his sister-in-love, Reshoda Moore-Wiseman. He also had a significant companion, Connie Speight, until his death along with her children: Christopher Eiland, Cecilia Tate, and Conesha Coleman.

His proudest conversation was to talk about the apples of his eye, his daughter, Naundra, and grandsons, Victor, Vance, Voston, and Dominic. This also included any brother or sister but most definitely his nieces and nephews. Family was and meant everything to him. He stood and talked with his chest plunging out when he spoke about anyone in his family.

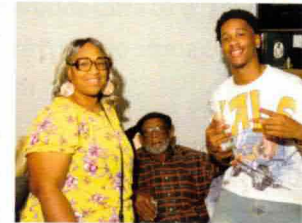
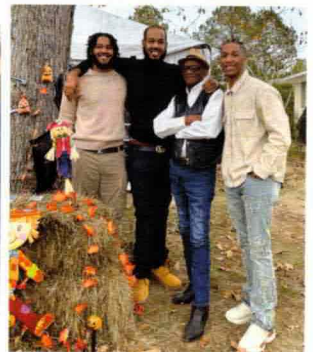
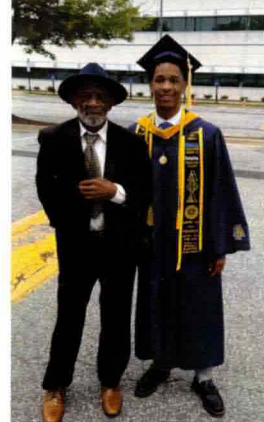
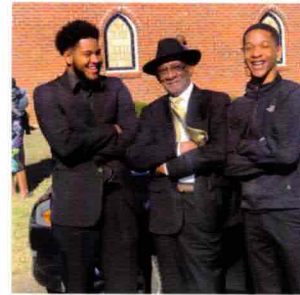
Most of his immediate family has proceeded him in death except his daughter, grandsons, surviving siblings and one sister-in-love, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He is leaving us with memories, a funny spirit, and a dance that would put a hole in the floor.

Our hearts are heavy, but we rejoice in knowing you are in a better place.

SERVICES FOR BILLY LYON

- Processional.....Mt. Ary Choir, Ministers, & Family
- Scripture.....Old Testament & New Testament
- Prayer.....Voston Heidelberg, Grandson
- Choir.....Mt. Ary Choir accompanied with
Undeon Hardy
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Benjamin Pitman
- Memories, Reflections, &
Acknowledgements..... Ashley Lyons-Black, Aleatrice
Liddell, & Naundra Lyon-
Heidelberg
- Eulogy.....Pastor Ricardus Mixon
- Choir..... Mt. Ary Choir
- Recessional.....Beck Funeral Home

Family and Friends



Tributes

One of our favorite memories of our granddad was those drives with him after arriving in Mississippi, often with our cousins. Moments that may have been short, but always felt like they lasted forever. Before we even pulled off, he would always say, "We about to make a block," Don't tell them women where we have been and every single trip started the same way: "Keep it in the road. Keep your nose clean." Back then, we never fully understood what he meant. But until a couple of years ago we realized he was teaching us about life. No matter how far you go, how fast life moves, or how close you get to the edge, always stay grounded, stay focused, and don't let the world pull you off course.

When we think about our granddad, all we have are good memories, real laughs, real conversations, and genuine love. He was the type of man who would brag on his grandsons to anybody in the community because seeing us do right in life made him proud.

And if you knew him, you knew he had sayings for everything. One of his favorites were: "You never let a woman know two things — what's in your wallet and what's in your phone." Funny saying, but underneath it was wisdom, lessons, and principles that still stick with us today.

Because of him, we are the men we are today. The way we move, the way we carry ourselves, and the way we try to stay solid no matter what's around us, especially because Lord knows some of our friends are straight "Looney Tunes."

But through it all, our granddad always reminded us LOVE YOUR MOTHER, stay on the right path, stay humble, and keep it in the road.

Love you forever, Granddad
Victor, Vance, and Voston

Tributes

Billy, now you are free! Your memory will live forever in our hearts! We were more than siblings, we were a constant source of strength for each other in difficult times, and a joy in moments of happiness! Your wit echoes warmth; in every storm you stood tall! You had a presence that everyone could not miss, and felt! So, rest well, my brother. Loving you forever,
Jean

Billy, you're my last brother and I'm missing our conversations about world events, politics, and just everyday things in which we almost talked about every day. I wish everyone knew just how intelligent you were how you could do almost anything well and how much you loved your family. You had a tolerance and patience, which I never had and you taught so many young people skills to carry with them for a lifetime. You've done your earthly work, take your rest, I will have to learn to live life without a brother. Rest well...
Your brother,
Edward Lonzo Lyons

To: My brother Whom we have lived together for 18 years, I am going to miss you dearly. Rest in peace brother, I did everything I could during your time of illness with Love.
Love your sister,
Linda

"You Did It Your Way!"
I miss my friend of more than 40 years. No more calls to check on my day nor random visits along the way.. It's slowly sinking in that you are really gone and the emptiness within says I'm somewhat alone. When tears began to fall and sadness fills my heart, in the back of my mind, I know what you would say, "Awww Connie, cheer up, I did it my way." You had many regrets but excuses were none. You made life worth living and had lots of fun. Life will move on but memories linger behind. You have gone on but your presence is still in my heart and mind. There's little comfort in the things people say, I'm clinging to the promises of there's another meeting day. So until we meet again....
Love always, Connie

Special Acknowledgments

Billy did things his way and lived the life that the cards dealt him. Just a small thanks to him for being true to himself and not allowing anyone to take away his uniqueness.

A personal thanks to his sisters, brother, and significant other for the endless care you provided. You never left his side and you never allowed him to want for anything. "I, Naundra, am eternally grateful for you."

The family appreciates the expressions of love, kindness, concern through numerous calls, visits, cards, monetary donations, time spent with family, and your continued prayers.

Additionally, thanks to the University Medical Center, Diver Care, Beck Funeral Home, Wonderful Creations Florist, Mt. Ary's Kitchen Staff, the community, and all who played a part. Blessings to all... God Bless.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Flower Bearers

Nieces and Friends

Pallbearers

Kenneth Eiland

Alexander Henderson

Dominic James

Bardra Lyon

Dr. Corey Wiseman

Chaz Wright

Shuwaski Young

Honorary Pallbearers

All Nephews

Interment

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