

Pallbearers
Lower Richland Basketball Alumni
Nephews

Floral Bearers
Nieces



Please Don't

Please don't say that I gave up
just say that I gave in.
Don't say I lost the battle,
For it was God's war to lose or win.
Please don't say how good I was,
but that I did my best.
Just say I tried to do what's right,
to give the most I could,
not less.
Please don't give me wings or halos,
That's for God to do.
I want no more than I deserve.
No extras, just my due.
Please don't give flowers,
or talk in harsh tones.
Don't be concerned about me now,
I'm well with God, I have made it home.
Don't talk about what could have been,
its over and done.
Just see to all my family needs.
The battle has been won!
When you draw a picture of me,
don't draw me as a saint.
I've done some good, I've done some wrong....
So use all of your paint.
Not just the bright and light tones.
Use some gray and dark.
In fact, don't put me down on canvas,
just paint me in your heart.
Don't just remember all the good times,
but remember all the bad,
For life is full of many things.
Some happy and some sad.
But if you must do something,
then I have one last request:
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done
and with the love that's left.
Thank God for my soul's resting.
Thank God for all who loved me,
and praise God who love me the best.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Kenneth Bernard
BILLY

November 8, 1958 - August 18, 2026
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026
2:00 PM

Expression of Gratitude

The family would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to everyone who has shown love and support to Kenneth during his hospitalization and to us in his ultimate passing. We appreciate and thank you for every prayer, visit, phone call, text, warm embrace – whatever gesture you extended we have embraced it as it has left an indelible mark on our hearts. Your love and kindness will always be remembered by each of us.



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Reflections of His Life

Kenneth Bernard Billy was born on November 8, 1958, in Eastover, SC, the second born child to the late Moses and Ruthie Mae (Branch) Billy. Kenneth quietly entered eternal rest in the early morning hour on August 18, 2026 in Spartanburg, SC. Kenneth fought for nearly three months after a brief illness to get back home because home was where he wanted to be. God had a better path and new home.

Kenneth was a proud graduate of Richland County School District #1 schools. He graduated from Lower Richland High School as a member of the class of 1977. Kenneth excelled as a Center for the Diamond Hornets. He was gentle giant, but a force in the paint. Upon his high school graduation, Kenneth attended Anderson Junior College on an athletic scholarship for basketball. Upon completion of his two years at Anderson Junior College, he transferred and attended West Virginia University Institute of Technology. Kenneth returned to South Carolina and was employed in multiple capacities from construction, trucking and tinkering at a local shop detailing cars or whatever was needed. Kenneth brought laughter to most he encountered, loved a good joke and a good laugh.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Donald Billy and his wife, Idora Dixon Billy.

Kenneth is survived by his siblings Beverly Bussey, her husband Barney of West Chester, OH; Valerie Sullivan, her husband Eric of Moore, SC, and Kelvin Billy, his wife Jamie of Columbia, SC. Kenneth leaves cherished memories of his four nieces, Nahaliel and Hannah Billie, Breana Perea, Ria Miller and two nephews, Bakari Bussey and Dalton Sullivan, with whom he shared many “you’re so old jokes” and an adventure or two. He was just beginning to delight in fond memories of his great niece and great nephew. He is also survived by his uncle, Nathaniel Branch and aunt, Earline Miles Branch. Kenneth also leaves many family members, especially the “dirt road” gang, and friends to remember and reflect upon his life. We are thankful that God shared him with us.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional and Viewing
JP Holley Funeral Directors

Selection
Minister Roger McBeth

Old Testament Scripture
Eric D. Sullivan, Brother in Law

New Testament Scripture
Barney A. Bussey, Brother in Law

Prayer
Pastor Sherman McBeth

Selection
Minister Roger McBeth

Reflections
Nieces and Nephews
James “Beck” Edmonds, teammate
Beverly Billy Bussey, sister

Selection
Minister Roger McBeth

Words of Comfort
Pastor Sherman McBeth

Interment
Greenlawn Memorial Park, Columbia, SC