



Billy Joe Wilson

July 3, 1934 - January 25, 2018

Billy Joe Wilson, 83, of Walnut Hill, passed away at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, January 25, 2018, at Residential Living Center, in Mt. Vernon.

He was born July 3, 1934, in Mt. Vernon, the son of Joseph Daniel and Vesta (Dees) Wilson. On July 26, 1953, in Springer Church, he married Jessie "Pug" Phelps, and she survives him in Walnut Hill.

He attended Bethel Grade School, and graduated from Mt. Vernon Township High School in 1952. He served on the Grand Prairie School Board, and was an auto body repairman, and farmer. He also served as a Deacon and Elder, as well as Sunday School Teacher, at Boyd Christian Church. He was a family man, and loved his family, but mostly, he loved Jesus.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Jessie "Pug" Wilson of Walnut Hill; two sons, Dan Wilson and wife Sue of Woodlawn, and Greg Wilson and wife Sue of Woodlawn; six granddaughters; ten great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Geraldine Wilson of Mt. Vernon, Mildred Wilson of Mt. Vernon, and Shirley Phelps of Centralia; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral Services for Mr. Wilson will be held 12:00 p.m. (noon) Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at Boyd Christian Church, with Jeff Van Meter officiating.

Burial will follow at Boyd Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the hour of service, on Tuesday, at the church. Memorials may be made to the Boyd Christian Church and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, PO Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences

may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the funeral home's Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Boyd Cemetery

Dix, IL 62830

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Boyd Christian Church
Dix, IL 62830

Service

JAN 30. 12:00 PM (CT)

Boyd Christian Church
Dix, IL 62830

Tribute Wall

LW

“ Will remember him and the kindness of your Dad and Mom!
Heartfelt sympathy, thoughts, prayers and love for you and all the
family..Linda Wilson

Linda Wilson - January 30, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Billy
Joe Wilson.



January 26, 2018 at 12:06 PM

LO

“ Bill always had such a positive attitude and a way of making
everyone around him comfortable. When he had a message on his
heart he would come forward at church to share. Always full of
emotion, he would deliver the most heartfelt messages. The last
message that I remember was "let the Holy Spirit lead". "You'll be
happier and more in touch with the Lord."

A few years ago he called me and sheepishly reported that he had
shot his air conditioner. He was trying to scare a stray dog when the
mishap occurred. He mentioned his ac and laughed almost every
time I saw him after that.

Loren - January 26, 2018 at 10:34 AM

JL

“ So sorry for your loss. May Jesus hold your hand through this rough time. We love you.

Don and Juanita Likens

Juanita Likens - January 26, 2018 at 08:55 AM

SL

“ Bill always loved the music of the church. Almost every time after church service he would come up to the musicians and say "thanks for that music". He was so moved by the songs and always was an encourager to keep making music. I will always cherish the hugs and words of appreciation.

Sandy Loyd - January 25, 2018 at 08:00 PM

SA

“ Bill was always telling me about the time when my Mom and him were little playing together. He said one day they were playing in a barn and my Mom locked the barn door and left him in there! He would always laugh and say, Wonder why your Mom did that? Always loved to hear this story from him. You will be missed Bill, may you Rest In Peace and when you see my Mom in heaven, find out for me, why she did lock that barn door on you. Love you, Sandy Allen

sandy allen - January 25, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ I will never forget doing estimates with him, I was quick on swerving to avoid an accident and uncle Bill said, well you just saved our lives, dang your a good driver! I said yes the Lord is! Special moment Jesus take the wheel! Joe and I will forever miss speedy?

Sandy Boyd Dell Phelps - January 25, 2018 at 07:08 PM