



William Edward "Billy" Best

July 14, 1934 - January 4, 2019

Funeral services for William Edward Best, 84, will be held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 at the West Hartsville Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. Kevin Walters will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Monday, January 7th, 2019 at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Mr. Best died peacefully while in prayer on Friday, January 4, 2019. Known to his friends as "Billy," he was born on the family farm in Stokes Bridge, SC, a son of the late Liston Bryant Best and Lissie Grantham Best. He married Delores Kelley in July of 1957 and they remained sweethearts all their lives. Billy was an insurance agent for Liberty Life for 34 years. As a young adult, he served in the SC National Guard. He was a faithful member of West Hartsville Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, sang in the choir, was part of the Men's Prayer time, and enjoyed visiting the sick.

Surviving are his son, Chris Best (Fran) of Mt. Pleasant, SC; daughter, Penny Pons (David) of Murrells Inlet, SC; sister, Edna Porter of Sumter, SC; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores Kelley Best; sisters, Elizabeth

Gaskins, and Lillian Barnette; brothers, Leroy Best and Marshall Best.

Memorials may be made to West Hartsville Baptist Church, 1003 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Friends and family will gather at West Hartsville Baptist Church to celebrate his life of faith, hope, and love and give thanks for the promise of a shared eternity.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 383-3004

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-6531
info@bpafuneralhome.com
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

Service

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

West Hartsville Baptist Church
1003 W. Carolina Ave.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ Audrey Griggs lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Audrey Griggs - January 12, 2019 at 07:40 AM



“ A good man. Will be missed, but will never be forgotten. May the family find peace in knowing that he's home in Heaven. Audrey B. Griggs and Virginia G. Barfield

Audrey Griggs - January 12, 2019 at 07:40 AM



“ Kitty Gaineley sent a virtual gift in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Kitty Gaineley - January 10, 2019 at 11:02 PM



“ Crystal Minnehan lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Crystal Minnehan - January 09, 2019 at 06:23 PM

LH

“ *Mr. Billy was a wonderful example of what a man of God should be to those who knew and loved him. RIP sweet man and enjoy your reunion in heaven. You will be missed.*

Lois Hester - January 08, 2019 at 09:33 AM

JW

“ *Judy Walters lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best*



Judy Walters - January 07, 2019 at 11:58 PM

CD

“ *Connie Dixon lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best*



Connie Dixon - January 07, 2019 at 11:32 PM

WY

“ *Wilma Gainey Yarborough lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best*



Wilma Gainey Yarborough - January 07, 2019 at 11:29 PM

VB

“ *He was a fine gentleman; always so pleasant. Prayers for the family.* ”



vernon G Boyd - January 07, 2019 at 11:14 PM

PA

“ *Chris and Penny, Thinking and praying for you and your loved ones. Always thought so much of your parents. Sincerely, Beth Galloway Haley* ”



pat - January 07, 2019 at 09:07 PM

AJ

“ *He was always the nicest man. I remember him coming by Mama & Daddy's House when I was a little girl. He always had a smile and kind words.* ”



Amy Johnson - January 07, 2019 at 02:51 PM

LL

“ *Lawrence & Cindy Lowe sent a virtual gift in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best* ”



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - January 07, 2019 at 12:29 PM

DH

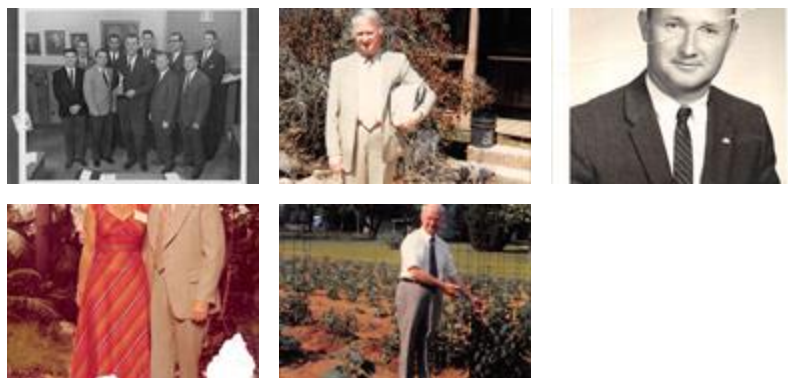
“ Dawson And Judy Hemby lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Dawson and Judy Hemby - January 07, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ 10 files added to the album Memories Album



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - January 07, 2019 at 10:50 AM

LL

“ Lori And Randy Lowe lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Lori and Randy Lowe - January 07, 2019 at 09:26 AM

MG

“ I was a cashier at BI-LO in years past and Mr. Best and his wife were one of my favorite couples to wait on. I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Best always had a sweet smile and was sure to put one on your face as well.

Mandy GAINEY - January 07, 2019 at 08:08 AM

Jane Jernigan

“ Penny, I loved Losie and Billy so much!!! Sending prayers!!! Jane Ward

Jane Jernigan - January 07, 2019 at 12:52 AM

BM

“ Mr Billy had such a kind and gentle spirit. He was a faithful servant of our Lord and Savior. He will surely be missed by his family, church family and friends. Rest In Peace dear sweet soul.



Bob and Judy Morehead - January 06, 2019 at 11:41 PM

AB

“ Chris and Penny, Bill and I were so heartbroken to hear of Mr. Billy's passing. Nobody gave a better hug than your daddy and I'm so blessed to have received my hug last Sunday. It is so special he went home to Jesus while on his knees praying. I pray you feel the same peace your daddy had knowing the wonderful grace of our Heavenly Father.

Much love,
Anne & Bill Braddock

Anne Braddock - January 06, 2019 at 11:32 PM

KP

“ just saw Mr Billy at Mr B's a couple of weeks ago, always smiling and always nice. One of the finest and nicest gentleman I've ever known. May God hold you in his loving arms and welcome you in your forever home



Kenneth Peavy - January 06, 2019 at 11:29 PM

RG

“ Rev. & Mrs. Marvin Griggs sent a virtual gift in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Rev. & Mrs. Marvin Griggs - January 06, 2019 at 10:24 PM

RG

Saddened over the passing of Mr. Best. He was a special man to everyone that knew him, a great friend. Have known him all my life. Always a gentleman. Love and prayers for the family.

Rev. & Mrs. Marvin Griggs - January 06, 2019 at 10:27 PM

AB

“ My prayers are with Mr. Billy's family. He will certainly be missed in choir. Although I was a new member and in choir as well, he made me feel so welcome. I will certainly miss his handshakes and his over all presence. For sure he is with the Lord and heaven has gained a wonderful man.

Allison Bennett - January 06, 2019 at 10:10 PM

BN

“ Billy was a kind, warmhearted, friendly and gentle man. Just saw him the other day and as always he greeted us with a smile. Prayers for Chris, Penny and all the family .

Brenda & Mike Northcutt - January 06, 2019 at 10:10 PM

MN

“ Mike And Brenda Northcutt lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Mike and Brenda Northcutt - January 06, 2019 at 10:02 PM

RL

“ Robin And William Long lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Robin and William Long - January 06, 2019 at 09:12 PM

RL

So sorry to see this.Mr.Best was the sweetest. We're going to miss our peanut buddy. Prayers today and the days ahead.Rip my friend.

Robin and William Long - January 06, 2019 at 09:15 PM

LT

“ *Linda Thompson lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best*



Linda Thompson - January 06, 2019 at 08:52 PM

EH

“ *Mr. Billy had such a kind and gentle spirit. We were so blessed to know and love him as part of our church family at WHBC and especially in the choir. We're sure Mrs. Delores was so glad to see him. Hugs and prayers for Chris, Penny and their family.*
Eric and Kay Hayes

Eric Hayes - January 06, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ *Prayers for the family.Mr.Best used to come to my mom's and stepdads house many years ago when I was a child.Everyone in Wilks Chapel community had insurance with him.He was a fine gentleman.*

Sara Purvis - January 06, 2019 at 08:31 PM

FL

“ *Frankie Lane lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best*



Frankie Lane - January 06, 2019 at 08:07 PM

BA

“ I knew Billy when I was a child, and in later years, when I attended Liberty Hill Church, met his wonderful wife Delores. My condolences to his children on their loss.

brenda allen - January 06, 2019 at 07:14 PM

CD

“ Carolyn Dixon sent a virtual gift in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Carolyn Dixon - January 06, 2019 at 07:02 PM

CD

So sorry for your loss!! I have known Mr. Best for many years he sold me my first life insurance.

Carolyn Dixon - January 06, 2019 at 07:03 PM

BH

“ Bil Howle lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Bil Howle - January 06, 2019 at 06:41 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Sansbury lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best*



Barbara Sansbury - January 06, 2019 at 06:38 PM

SE

“ *Sam & Judy Elgin lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best*



Sam & Judy Elgin - January 06, 2019 at 06:00 PM

JJ

“ *John Johnson lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best*



john johnson - January 06, 2019 at 05:34 PM

JG

“ *Jimmy&Judy Gainey lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best*



Jimmy&Judy Gainey - January 06, 2019 at 05:27 PM

AB

“ Allen&Martha Bryant lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Allen&Martha Bryant - January 06, 2019 at 05:05 PM

AB

Billy was the best. He has been our neighbor for 22 years. Sunday School classmate and church member for longer than that. We will surely miss him. His warm smile, handshake and hugs. Loved getting my hugs on Sunday mornings when he came in, and also on Wednesday nights in choir practice(He leaves a big hole in our church, choir and hearts). May God fill your hearts with all the precious memories of a truly blessed man.

Allen&Martha Bryant - January 06, 2019 at 05:13 PM

CB

“ Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



carol bryant - January 06, 2019 at 04:41 PM

CB

"Mr. Billy" was a kind and gentle friend to many. Love and prayers for his family at this sad time. Blessings, Carol

carol bryant - January 06, 2019 at 04:43 PM

BF

“ So sorry to hear this sweet man has left us. Praying for his family to receive comfort knowing he is with his wife in the presence of God.

Becky Forrest - January 06, 2019 at 04:31 PM

LD

“ Lynn DeWitt lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Lynn DeWitt - January 06, 2019 at 04:18 PM

KM

“ Kathy McFarland lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Kathy McFarland - January 06, 2019 at 03:42 PM

CS

“ Charles And Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



Charles and Lavonde Smith - January 06, 2019 at 03:39 PM

MS

“ I am so sorry to have heard this He was always always a wonderful man and loved him so much i have known him all my life. I can remember when he sold insurance to my mom and dad when we lived on the chicken farm,he would always bring us pencils or rulers. He will be missed by all of us that knew and loved him. Rest easy on that big blue sky in Heaven.



Melissa D Spires - January 06, 2019 at 03:34 PM

JD

“ Jimmy And Cora Dial lit a candle in memory of William Edward "Billy" Best



jimmy and cora dial - January 06, 2019 at 03:26 PM

MT

“ So sorry to read about this. He was a great person and man. Talked to him some weeks back.and was in such good spirits. He loved his family so very much. Praying for the family.

Mitchell and Judy Turner - January 06, 2019 at 02:26 PM

TW

“ Billy was an amazingly good man. Kind hearted, humble and always smiling. A true Christian gentleman. He is home with Jesus and Delores now!

Travis and Marilyn Walters - January 06, 2019 at 06:54 AM