



CSM Billy G. Manning Obituary

April 17, 1936 - November 4, 2013

CSM Billy G. Manning died Monday, November 4, 2013 at Willson Hospice House.

His funeral service will be 11 AM Friday, November 8, 2013 at Friendship Baptist Church with interment in Leesburg Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors.

Born in and raised in Lee County, CSM Manning graduated from Lee County High School in 1954 and was the principal advisor to the Adjutant General of Georgia on all enlisted matters in the Georgia Army National Guard.

He enlisted in the Georgia Army Guard in August of 1954 and was assigned as a Scout in the Reconnaissance Platoon of the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry in Albany. He went on active duty in January 1958 and served at Fort Jackson, SC and Fort Chaffee, AR. He was then assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery at Fort Bragg, NC. He rejoined the Georgia Army Guard in January 1960 as a full-time technician. His assignments include Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, Battalion Operations Sergeant and Battalion Command Sergeant Major. He was assigned to Headquarters, Georgia STARC, in May 1985 as State Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Manning's decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit,

Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 hourglass devices and the Army Service Ribbon. His state awards include the Georgia Distinctive Service Medal and the Georgia Commendation Medal.

His military education includes XVIII Airborne Corps NCO Academy, Fort Bragg Artillery Fire Direction School, Fort Benning NCO Career Development Course, Army Precommissioning Course, Infantry School, Fort Bragg Army Intelligence School, Georgia Military Institute Advance NCO course and Georgia Military Institute Senior NCO Course,

CSM Manning's civic affiliations include the Association of the US Army, Life Member Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the National Guard Enlisted Association, the Masonic Lodge # 701 F&AM, Hasan Shrine where he served as Past President, Scottish Rite and is a member of Friendship Baptist Church.

He served on the Board of Directors for the Lee County Farm Bureau for 14 years, the Lee County Planning Commission and the Albany Federal Employees Credit Union

Survivors include the love of his life for 56 years and his wife of 52 years Patricia Wheaton Manning of Leesburg, his daughters, Monica Manning Miller and her husband David Miller, Superior, CO, Veronica Manning Johnson and her husband Michael W. Johnson, Leesburg, Mitzi Manning Connors and her husband Richard Connors, Jr. Easton, PA; grandchildren, Caroline Miller, Hollis Johnson, Merritt Johnson, Collen Connors, Kate Connors, and Rodney Arrington.

In lieu of flowers please make memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project,

P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Mitzi, I'm a friend of Jennifer Woodruff and Nina Blackshear. We've gone to a few group dinners together. Although I never met your father, it sounds like he was a wonderful man. The world is that much better because of the lives that he touched. I'm sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Karen Wright Sanders - Glenside, PA - November 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Mr. Manning was so gracious letting my son and I go fishing at his pond. I really believe he got as much joy watching Jake catch fish as Jake did. There are no more Mr. Mannings around. We will have your family in our prayers.*

David Potter - Leesburg, GA - Friend - November 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Pat and Family,
I have such fond memories of time spent with Billy and your family on St. George Island, and exchanging cards over the miles. My prayers, love and support are with you.
Love, Beryl*

Beryl Miller - Tigard, OR - Monica's mother in law - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Pat and Family,
You are in our prayers and we send you all our love.
We have very fond memories of Billy. He will be missed!
love, Trudy, Mark & Carly*

Trudy & Mark Twedt - Portland, OR - Monica's sister in law - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *CSM Manning you were an inspriation to many soldiers throughout their careers, we were two. Thank you for being part of the GA Guard family. To Mrs. Manning and the family, thank you for sharing CSM with us. May Our Lord comfort you.*

1SG(R) Wayne & SFC(R) Laura Howard - Sylvania, GA - Friends - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ SGT MAJ as you start your final tour to watch over all us, You may be Gone but you will never be Forgotten. As myself and so many other served under you, we all know you had a outer shell as hard as Stone Mountain. But we all know you had a heart as big as Stone Mountain and as pure as gold. Rest In Peace my friend. You made a difference for so many people. I feel so proud and honor to have served with you SGT MAJOR Billy Manning. Next we met, it will be at the first Tee my friend./

Richard Simons - Warner Robins, GA - Personal Friend - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ We send our Thoughts, Prayers and Love to the entire FAMILY! We will miss him and we are sure all of you will miss even more. Millard is in the /fairview Hosital, in Dublin, Ga., tonight, You will hear from him later I hope. Love, The Joiners, E8 Millard Joiner and Doris Joiner

Millard & Doris Joiner - Eastman, GA - National Guard Friends & Buddy - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Veronica, Ms. Pat and family:
We were so sorry to hear about Mr. Billy's death. He was a great and good man who blessed everybody he met. He is probably enjoying a heavenly pineapple sandwich as we write this. We were all hoping and praying for his recovery and continue to pray for your peace and assurance at this time of loss.
Know that our prayers are with you and your family and that we will be glad to be of whatever assistance we can.
Love, Clayton & Jan

Clayton & Jan Smith - GA - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Dear Pat and Girls, (especially my Johnson girls and Michael)
What a wonderful legacy Mr. Manning leaves for you. His life was one that should be an example for all of us. He loved his sweetheart Pat dearly, you daughters made his walk a little straighter and your grandchildren were the light of his life. Hold tight to each other and the memories he left you with. Be proud of the family history that is yours. hold you heads up higher and your shoulders straighter knowing you follow in his footsteps. Pat what a wonderful friend, and soulmate he must have been for you. It was always a delight to see you two together. I looked forward to your coming in to vote (early.)

Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers as you walk on through these seemingly dark days, but the sun will shine again as you remember this great man. How he loved all of you, and touched so many lives and made such a difference in our world. Because he lived Ishawour world is a better place.

Nan J.

Nan Jones - Albany, GA - friend - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Pat, Veronica, Monica & Mitizi

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Billy was such a special person in our family with a heart of gold. He will be truly missed. He was so proud of Forebells and for what it stood for his family. It's a treasure that will always remind you of what a husband, father and friend he was. Love you all and hang close all those memories.

Patricia Fore Hicks - Greenville, SC - First cousins - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Billy was truly a good guy and honest soldier. I am sure he will be missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who knew and loved Billy.

David and Brenda Young

David Young - Rock spring, GA - Fellow guardsman and friend - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Pat and family Sorry for your lose, CSM Manning was a man of great character and above all HONOR, It was a privileged to have known such a great person and soldier, AS HE ALL WAYS SAID MAKE IT HAPPEN. Our prayers are with you all at this time. may god bless.

SFC RETIRED LYNN CHAVIS AND DORIS CHAVIS - walthourville, GA - friend - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ "Make it Happen" is forever etched in my mind with my mental picture of CSM Manning. He lived his own creed and loved Soldiers. I am honored to have served with him and received his mentorship. Heaven rejoices with a new Command Sergeant Major.

Stan Crowder, COL (R), GaARNG - Dallas, GA - Friend - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Pat,, vironica,, monica & Mitizi,
We are so sorry to hear about Billy"s death. We know that we have not been faithful in staying in contact with you. Our thoughts & prayers are with you & all the family. We will always remember the wonderful times we were together & what a dedicated person Billy was. We do very often talk about you & how much we cared about you. We will not forget you & will always have fond thoughts of Billy. We will all see him again.

Love

Tommy & Delores Faircloth

Tammy, Shanda & Alicia

Delores & Tommy Faircloth - Cuthbert, GA - friend - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Miss Pat & Girls,
What a wonderful man Mr. Billy was. I think of him and I remember that smile on his face. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengten you with power through his spirit in your inner being. Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior who daily bears our burdens. I love y'all.

DeLora

DeLora Staines Rogers - Panama City, FL - family friend - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Farewell CSM Manning to an excellent Soldiers Soldier and a fine Person.
YOU WILL BE MISSED.

CW4 Retired Thomas Jaynes - Nennan, GA - Friend and fellow soldier - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Pat and Family, I am truly sorry to hear that Billy has passed away. I will remember him by his great personality and smile. He and my late husband, Bob, were in the Guard together and Bob thought very highly of him. My prayers are with you all at this time.
Janice J. Garey

Janice Johnson Garey - Albany, GA - Friend - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mrs. Pat, Monica, Veronica and Mitzi,
So sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Billy. It was a priveledge(sp) and honor to have known such a great man all of my life. He will truly be missed by all that knew him.

June Eubanks - Leesburg, GA - Good Friend - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I extend my sympathy to Bill's family. I regret that I will be unable to attend the services, but I will always have fond memories of visits with Bill and his family in years past.

Truitt Fore - Knoxville, TN - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM