



## Mr. Leon W. (Billy) Berry

February 3, 1930 - August 9, 2017

Leon W. (Billy) Berry, 87, of Albany, GA, died Wednesday, August 09, 2017 at Willson Hospice House.

His funeral service will be at 2 PM on SATURDAY, August 12, 2017 at Putney United Methodist Church with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Cathy Green, the Rev. James Howell, and the Rev. Pat Burns will officiate. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Friday from 6-8 PM.

Mr. Berry was born in Ashburn, GA, and he had lived in Albany since 1949. He was the organist and choir director at: the First Assembly of God for 35 years, Putney United Methodist Church for 22 years, and at St. Teresa's Saturday Mass for 1 year. He played at weddings, funerals, and other occasions for most of his life. Mr. Berry also taught music lessons for many years. Mr. Berry studied voice under Mrs. O. D. Culpepper and from a professor from Florida State University. He also was a salesman for McLendon Piano and Organ. Mr. Berry retired from Civil Service at MCLB Albany in 1985. He was preceded in death by his father, Leon Berry, his mother, Magdalene Boyd Berry, 2 sisters, Betty B. Parker, and Mary B. Bennett.

Mr. Berry is survived by his wife of 60 years: Martha W. Berry, Albany; a son:

Leon W. Berry, Jr. and his wife Pamela, Dry Branch, GA; a grandson: William Brandon Berry and his wife Hannah, Twiggs County, GA; a great grandson: William Hayden Berry, Twiggs County, GA; a sister: Emily Hobbs, Ashburn, GA.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to Willson Hospice House, 320 Foundation Ln., Albany, GA 31721, or to a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

AUG 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Putney United Methodist Church  
1301 Dorrough Ave.  
Putney, GA 31705

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Leon W. (Billy) Berry*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Leon W. (Billy) Berry*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Martha and family, I was sad to learn of your loss, but I know Billy is rejoicing with family members and friends that were waiting for him in heaven. I remember so many times listening to him play the piano at Red Oak and at family reunions. You are in our prayers.*

*Ginger Brown Corbitt, cousin, granddaughter of Theron Boyd.*

**Ginger Corbitt** - August 14, 2017 at 08:39 AM

MB

“ *May the God of all Grace & Comfort minister to each of the family and friends of a true lover & servant of Jesus. My Grandfater, Theron Boyd, first introduced me to Billy Berry when I was old enough to make mental connections with persons who greatly encouraged my father, Cleo Boyd, before his death, Through the years of being away from home & family as a minister across the Southeastern U.S., there have been so many times when individuals have mentioned Billy and Martha Berry as having ministered the joy and hope of Christ to them. What a legacy! Thank you for sharing your life with others. My prayers are focused on you as you grieve his temporary absence, celebrate his life, and look eager to that reunion with Billy and all those who have placed their faith in Jesus. God has called another soldier of the Cross home...to the celebration of Heaven.*

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**Mark Boyd** - August 12, 2017 at 07:31 AM

MB

“ *Martha,*

*I was so sorry to hear Billy had gone to Heaven. We have had some great times together in Albany and on the many trips we traveled on. I believe Billy and Ramon are enjoying playing music and singing to the Lord and he has a choir together bigger and better than any he had on earth. You are in our prayers daily and hope we can be together again soon . All in my family wish you the very best. Love you.*

*Your cousin, Marlene Berry and family*

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**Marlene Berry** - August 11, 2017 at 12:23 PM

CM

“ *Carla McNeil lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leon W. (Billy) Berry*



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**Carla McNeil** - August 11, 2017 at 10:11 AM

CM

*Prayers for the family.. I grew up at First Assembly of God watching him play that organ and leading the choir. Prayers for the family.. Carla (Burt) McNeil*

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**Carla McNeil** - August 11, 2017 at 10:13 AM

SL

“ *Martha, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of brother Billy! Praying for peace and comfort 🙏*

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**Sean Littlejohn** - August 11, 2017 at 09:50 AM

SL

“ *Sean Littlejohn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leon W. (Billy) Berry*



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**Sean Littlejohn** - August 11, 2017 at 09:49 AM

KM

“ *Martha, so sorry to hear about Billy. Ouida Carr just called me. I'm praying for your comfort and peace. Love you, Kay & Earl Mims*

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**Kay Mims** - August 10, 2017 at 04:00 PM

DJ

“ Oh Martha , Billy was a great man and I thought the world of him. I wonder what he and Bates a talking about this morning! My god give you the comfort during and after this time.

*David Johnson*

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**David Johnson** - August 10, 2017 at 10:12 AM

DN

“ Doss Family, Norman Family & The Neighbors purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Leon W. (Billy) Berry.



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**Doss Family, Norman Family & The Neighbors** - August 10, 2017 at 10:10 AM

DF

“ Martha, am so sorry to hear about Billy. So many, many years of fond memories of you two. Praying God will comfort and sustain you in this hour as only He can. Love you.

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**Don/Ann Ford** - August 10, 2017 at 08:49 AM

RM

“ Martha, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. We loved Billy and treasure our times together. I wonder just how many manuals are on a "heavenly" organ... and how many angels will be in his choir... ?? God bless and keep you.

*Helen and Ray Minter*

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**Raymond Minter** - August 10, 2017 at 07:58 AM

JJ

“ *My condolences to the family. As a music teacher and organist/pianist myself, I want to say how much I enjoyed listening to him play. He must have a big organ to play in heaven and a bigger job to do. He blessed many with his music.*

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**Janice Jordan** - August 09, 2017 at 04:49 PM