



William Ashley Swilley Obituary

October 27, 1935 - September 26, 2005

William Ashley "Billy" Swilley, Sr., 69, of Albany, died Monday, September 26, 2005 at Shands Memorial Hospital in Gainesville, FL. A native of Albany and of the Presbyterian faith, Mr. Swilley was a 1955 graduate of Albany High School, attended Florida State University and was a member of the varsity football team. He spent his career as an office equipment salesman and retired from Hodges Office Equipment in Albany after 25 years with the company. He was active for many years as a coach with Albany youth sports teams and was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Albany Sports Hall of Fame. An avid fisherman and bird hunter, Mr. Swilley enjoyed spending time with his friends and family. He was preceded in death by his father, Lee Swilley. Mr. Swilley is survived by his loving wife Priscilla Fraser Swilley of Albany; three sons: William Ashley Swilley, Jr., of Jacksonville, FL, Stephen Clayton Swilley of Albany, and John Britton Swilley and his wife Andrea of Athens; two grandchildren: John Andrew Swilley and Thomas Hayes Swilley both of Athens; his mother, Rozelle Pitts Swilley of Dawson; two sisters: Sandra Swilley Cannon of Memphis, TN and Dale Swilley Cox and her husband Earl of Albany; a brother, Benjamin Pitts Swilley and his wife Kay of Statesboro; and several nieces and nephews. Those desiring, please make memorials to the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home/Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1000, Stockbridge, GA 30281.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Dear Swilley Family,
I don't know why I looked your name up on the internet but you have been in my thoughts and now prayers. My mother is Sue Garrett and some of my fondest memories as a child were spent with your family. I remember Billy very well, he was so handsome and nice. Ben was a great friend of my uncle Bill Garrett. Dale, I remember the fun that we use to share and your mother was one of the most beautiful women that I have ever seen or known. My love to all of you and my prayers go with Billy and his family. I am so very sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Susan*

Susan Barronton Salemi - October 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our Prayers Are With You
Burke Family*

The Burke Family - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ It's been awhile since I have seen you all. I guess in my mind, I was the only one getting older and that you guys would still be the same. I didn't get a chance to speak to you at the funeral. I just wanted you all to know how truly sorry I am for your loss. That sweet, mischievous grin will be missed and always remembered.

Winnie Hart - October 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ We have truly lost someone special. He always had a smile that made you feel better even when you felt bad. He never complained or let you know how sick he was. It was bad enough when we closed the restaurant and didn't see him, but we knew we call and he'd be right there with his smile and cherrie self. But, now he's gone from calling. But, he will always be somebody that was special in our lives. And he will remain in our hearts forever.

Wanda Langley - October 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I want Pricilla and Britt to know that you are in my prayers in the lost of a great man. God be with you during this time of greif.

Saye Kearce Butler - October 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dale
Just learned of your loss and wish to extend our sympathy to you and your family.

marideane maxwell - October 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *Andrea and Dale, Just a note to let you know that you and all of your family are in my thoughts & prayers this week. As both a father-in-law and a brother, Billy will surely be missed.*

Edith Jennings Johnson - October 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Dear Priscilla:
The girls and I were saddened to learn of Bill's illness and death. We will be praying for all of you.
The girls and I are still struggling with Alvin's untimely death.
Kate Harvey*

Kate Harvey - September 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Billy's passing. I have many fond memories of him spending time with my dad at our real estate office. He was always such a joy to be around. I guess now Billy and dad are reminiscing in heaven. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.*

Jan Youngblood Brock - September 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *I just heard today (9-30-2005) that Mr. Swilley had passed away. My family and I want to offer our deepest sympathy to you all. I always enjoyed seeing and talking to Mr. Swilley whenever our paths crossed. I too recently lost my Dad about a year ago. Only those who have lost a Dad will ever understand the feelings and emotions involved. Again, I send my condolences and I pray that Swilley family and friends find peace through Christ almighty.*

Lee and Pam Faircloth - September 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ My family and I would like to extend our deepest sympathies for your loss. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers and you go through this most trying time.

Laurie Parrish - September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Our thought and prayers are with Britt and his entire family in the sorrow of separation.

Teresa Johns - September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ I feel as though I have lost a brother. So many memories. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathy.
Eva and Jim

Eva (Gregorie) Collins - September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Billy was my childhood friend and our families were friends as well. I have so many wonderful memories of our growing up years and the class of 54 reunions. He was a lovely man and I will miss him as all of our great classmates will. I wish I could be with you, but due to illness will be unable to attend, but will be there in my heart. Love to the family. Joye Thomas Hadarits.

Joye Thomas Hadarits - September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We are both so sorry to hear of Billy's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

Debbie and Robert Maloney - September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire family in the loss of Billy. We remember his humor and especially how his laughter was reflected in his eyes. God grant peace and comfort in this trying time and in the days ahead.

Sincerely, Robert and Linda

Robert and Linda Wells - September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ My heart goes out to the family. He will always be in our hearts. As a youth my sisters and I were fortunate to know and become friends with him and the family and those memories will always be with us. Our love and prayers are with you all.

Frieda

Frieda (Howard) Randles - September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Paul and I were saddened to learn of Billy's death. He was in Paul's graduating class and I worked closely with him on the Albany Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors. We remember many meals with him at Mama Jean's Restaurant. Our prayers are with the family.

Helen and Paul McCorvey - September 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ The Swilley family and the Parrish family have known each other for over 60 years. I went to school with Ben and Dale. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tommy and Suzanne

Tommy and Suzanne Parrish - September 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Just a note to tell you and your family that I feel so blessed having known Billy. His laid back and easy going nature had a calming effect on me. Not to mention too, that he did not mind discussing the merits of eating "chittlins" and homoiny (can't spell!!!)He is going to be missed by countless friends. Love to you all and God Bless.

Barbara W. Blair - September 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of loss.

Nikki, Bo and Jaylyn Weitman - September 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM