



Mr. Billy Joe Murphy

December 27, 1950 - October 18, 2016

Billy Joe Murphy, 65, husband of Louise Murphy, of 929 Shiloh Road, Seneca, passed away Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at his home.

A native of Seneca, SC, Mr. Murphy was the son of Isabell Bowen of Walhalla and the late Bud Murphy. He worked at Seneca Hardware for 16 years, and later owned his own small engine repair shop for 29 years.

In addition to his wife, and mother, Mr. Murphy is survived by his daughters: Elaine Murphy Blackwell and husband Don Blackwell, Jr. and Mimi Murphy Hannah and husband Donald Hannah; brother: Jim Murphy and wife Cheryl; grandchildren: Christopher, Amanda, Connor, Alissa; three step grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, Mr. Murphy was preceded in death by his sister: Linda Brake Joiner.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM, Friday, October 21, 2016, at Parkway Baptist Church, Seneca, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org, or to Shriners Hospital for Children, www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/donate.

The family is at the home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **21**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Parkway Baptist Church
10111 Clemson Blvd.
Seneca, SC 29678

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Billy Joe Murphy*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Sherry Sorrells lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy*



Sherry Sorrells - October 25, 2016 at 06:07 AM



“ *Tracy Sorrells lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy*



Tracy Sorrells - October 25, 2016 at 06:05 AM



“ *Heaven just got an angel...a good one.
We love and will miss Billy.
He loved his wife, children and grandchildren. They were all his
pride and joy.
Love and prayers to all of them.*

Kathy Field and Lee Gibson - October 23, 2016 at 07:55 AM

CF

“ Billy is going to be well missed ,known billy formost of 50 yrs always spent hours talking and laugh at the shop.billy doesn't know it yet but Russ/randy waiting on him.

carl Grooms ,old friend family - October 21, 2016 at 09:25 PM

LW

“ LaToya Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy



LaToya Walker - October 21, 2016 at 01:20 PM

TS

“ Ted Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy



Ted Smith - October 21, 2016 at 01:02 PM

AW

“ We loved picking on each other. Really going to miss that ! I have known Bill since I was a kid. R.I.P my friend.

Angela Holmes Watkins - October 21, 2016 at 12:36 PM

BK

“ My dad Towns Ramey until he passed in 2012 was a frequent flyer to Bill Murphy's home and shop on more than a regular basis! I know it wasn't always about one of his many tractors! He was going out there to hang out lol! He so enjoyed just going there and there were many times that his wife Miss Bessie would have something cooked and she would always offer a plate or bowl to my dad and then it was on! Lord how he loved what she would cook! My dad would also from time to time have one of my three children with him and each one got to know Bill Murphy and his sweet wife Bessie! My dad loved nothing more than going to see Bill for more than repairing his tractor! He loved the endless joking and cutting up they would do and stories being shared! I know my dad was right there waiting to welcome and greet his good friend when he arrived! I am so sorry for the loss of Bill to his wife and family and to our community! He knew his trade and was an honest hard working man! Doing business now days isn't the same as it use to be all friendly and social and not a rush or hurry, but with Bill Murphy you could find that good southern old fashion way of doing business! I will have his family in my prayers and thoughts! May god bless and keep y'all!

Beth Ramey Keaton - October 21, 2016 at 09:51 AM

WB

“ I knew Billy for over fifty years and am saddened to hear of his passing. We went to school together and he always worked on my small engine equipment. My prayers and sympathy go out to Bessie, the children, and the rest of the family.....Wayne F. Barton

Wayne F. Barton - October 21, 2016 at 08:20 AM

PG

“ So sorry to hear , praying for God to comfort in the days ahead . Pat Grogan (The Mailman)



Pat Grogan - October 20, 2016 at 11:00 PM

TC

“ Never will forget the day that Billy & Louise pulled up to the Red Diamond station in the K-5 Blazer. He said to Alvin Heaton & I "You gotta see 'em!" Talking about the newborn twins, Billy opened Louise's door & showed us the most precious babies. That moment was almost undescrivable. He picked me up & kissed me on the cheek. I said "naw Billy yer supposed to hug Louise & kiss the babies" as I wiped the tobacco juice off my cheek. Billy said " you don't know how good it feels to be a Daddy." What about the time Bud was pulling on a rope tied to the top of a tree as Billy was cutting the base of the tree? Ole Bud was backing up & fell in the swimming pool. Billy said "ya all right? Where ya at"? Then Ole Bud climbed out of the pool & said " I'll give you a hundred dollar bill ifin ya don't tell nobody"! Billy said "you can keep yer money Daddy, cuz I'm tell'in everbody"! Always a lot of humor, a lot of good times & a lot of love for the community & especially his family. Billy set an example in life by treating all of his customers fairly & telling the truth. Do we treat our fellow man fairly? Do we tell the truth? Billy would say" I don't want to hurt your feelings, but you got junk. Let me show you somethin." Don't know if Billy ever got a ticket for anything. He knew about every law enforcement person & firefighter in 3 counties & had badges to prove it. I'll certainly miss ole Billy, the best small engine repairman in the Shiloh community. Do we all have to work on junk in our lives? I'll be praying for you, Louise as well as your family. May God be with you in your time of sorrow. Your friend forever, TIM COBB~

tim cobb - October 20, 2016 at 10:13 PM

LP

“ *Lee Ann Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy*



Lee Ann Parker - October 20, 2016 at 08:11 PM

JM

“ *James & Jane Mulkey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy*



James & Jane Mulkey - October 20, 2016 at 07:47 PM

CM

“ *C.W. MORTON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy*



C.W. MORTON - October 20, 2016 at 06:17 PM

SG

“ *Billy was a honest,hard working man with a great sense of humor and a great first cousin that will be missed by all of our family. Thoughts and prayers to his family.*

Shelia Grant - October 20, 2016 at 05:50 PM

DH

“ *The Family of Billy,
Through the years I have known this man I
have never meet him like Billy. Through all the
good and bad times Billy could be depended
on any one that needed help. Every time I
would go to the shop for just one minute to ask a question it turned
into over an hour. I will miss Billy very, very much. If there is
anything I can help you and the family, just let me know. Just like a
brother to me. Thank you Betsy for letting me borrow him for all
these years. We Love you and the family. There is a candle on and
a bright star awaiting on you on the other side.*
Love,
Doug and Linda Hornick



Douglas & Linda Hornick - October 20, 2016 at 04:09 PM

 Sara
Baker

“ *My heart is broken:*(He always had a smile on his face. Dollar
General will never be the same again:(You will be missed and I will
never forget you! Love you always!*

Sara Baker - October 20, 2016 at 04:05 PM

LR

“ *So sorry to hear about Bill. Your family you will
be in my thoughts and prayers.*
LOUISE O. ROCHESTER



Louise O. ROCHESTER - October 20, 2016 at 04:04 PM

BH

“ *Blease And Rita Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy*



Blease and Rita Harper - October 20, 2016 at 03:53 PM

TP

“ *I will always remember his laugh and kind spirit. He loved everybody. He was a joy to be around and listen to his stories💕 It is hard and you will miss him, but oh the great memories! Lots of love 💕 Teresa Pruitt and family*

Teresa Pruitt - October 20, 2016 at 03:50 PM

RB

“ *We will never forget Murph and he will certainly be missed by many. He was a one of a kind guy.We will hold the family in our prayers... Ron & Alice Blair*

Ron Blair - October 20, 2016 at 02:23 PM

BO

“ *Our deepest condolences...Billy & Julie Orr*



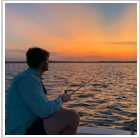
Billy & Julie Orr - October 20, 2016 at 02:07 PM

SL

“ *Scott And Tammy Lawing lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy*



Scott and Tammy Lawing - October 20, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ *Really saddened today over the loss of my old buddy Mr. Murph who ran the small engine repair shop off Shiloh road. Just a man who had so much character and always had a smile on his face. I never left his shop without hearing his emphatic "let me tell you something" followed by stories of his old hoss Husqvarna 77 saw or taking me in the back room to show me some relic of the 2 stroke past. This would always be followed by his slant smile and famous phrase "they just don't make 'em like that anymore." Well I'd have to agree...and sadly they don't make 'em like Ol' Murph anymore either. He will be missed.*

Sean.

Sean Nolan - October 19, 2016 at 11:18 PM

JB

“ *Jean Bruce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy*



Jean Bruce - October 19, 2016 at 10:29 PM

ML

“ No one like Billy Murphy. God broke the mold after he made Billy. He will surely be missed for years to come. Thinking of Billy always brings a good memory of a visit to his shop. RIP Billy.

Marshall Loudermilk - October 19, 2016 at 10:15 PM

PR

“ So sorry for your loss Isabella. My prayers are with you and the family . With love Patricia Bowen Reid

Patricia Bowen reid - October 19, 2016 at 09:04 PM

KP

“ Billy was such a sweet man. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.



Krisinda (Brewer) Porterfield - October 19, 2016 at 08:08 PM

DS

“ To the family of Billy our prayers go up for you. Billy will be miss very much in the Seneca area. Very dedicated to his family his business & was a very great guy to talk with. May God Bless you all.



Derrill Stephens - October 19, 2016 at 07:48 PM

LB

“ Praying for all the family. Billy Joe was a dear and wonderful friend and we loved him very much. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Lane & Avelene Brewer

Lane Brewer - October 19, 2016 at 07:17 PM

DG

“ Debbie Garrett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy



Debbie garrett - October 19, 2016 at 06:55 PM

SF

“ Sarah Sims And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy



Sarah Sims and family - October 19, 2016 at 05:29 PM

LB

“ Lane & Avelene Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Joe Murphy



Lane & Avelene Brewer - October 19, 2016 at 05:28 PM

JN

Louise and Family:

We are so sorry for your loss. Billy will be sorely missed. We continue to keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Jimmy & Robbie Nicholson

Jimmy & Robbie Nicholson - October 19, 2016 at 05:43 PM

AS

“ *Betsy & family,*

We very sad to hear about Billy's passing.

You & your family are in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time.

Chad, Daniel, & April Shipman

April Shipman - October 19, 2016 at 05:00 PM



LW

“ *I counted "Bill" as a very dear and reliable friend. What I admired most about Bill was he rolled not punches. You knew where you stood with him. Also in all my business dealings over the years he always treated me fair and square. I will miss him dearly and I know the family will miss most of all. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to call me. May the Lord sustain you in the difficult days ahead.*

Leon Whitsel

Leon Whitsel - October 19, 2016 at 04:56 PM

MH

“ I will always remember Billy as a kind and care free individual. He would always do what he could for you and was a super small engine repair man. I don't know exactly how many hats i gave him to add to his collection over the years but he's got one heck of a bunch of hats. He was for sure devoted to his family. His wife and daughters were fantastic and loving people. Ole Billy will be for sure missed. He was one of a kind. God bless to you all. Mike Hardy



Mike Hardy - October 19, 2016 at 04:35 PM

MW

I remember the Cookie Dean hardware store (Seneca Hardware) Billy repaired mowers chainsaws and weed eaters for me there as well as at his shop on Shiloh Road. Great Mechanic and a good man. He will be missed very much. My sympathies and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Mike Waldrop - October 20, 2016 at 07:59 PM

LM

Bill will be missed for the great repair work he did and all his friends. I love to just stop and ask a question or pick at him. I have known Bill for about 36 years and he has always been fair and square. He worked on all the Clemson Forestry saws and equipment as long as I was at Clemson. I loss a very dear friend this week, but God must have needed a man with his knowledge up stairs. Prayers for Bessie and family, and if you need any help please just give me a call. Will miss walking into the shop and Bill saying " don't come in here starting anything. Rest in peace.

Lon Martin - October 21, 2016 at 05:30 PM