



Billy Gene Batey

January 14, 1940 - April 15, 2017

A celebration of the life of Billy Gene Batey will be Monday, April 17, 2017, 5:00 p.m., at Oxford First Baptist Church, where he was a member. The family will receive friends at the church from 3:00 until 4:45 prior to the service. Officiating at the service will be Rev. Dr. Stan Albright, Rev. William P. (Buddy) Nelson and Rev. B. Gene Webb. Interment will follow at the Oxford Memorial Gardens.

He was born in Saint Clair County, Alabama on January 14, 1940. He died, aged 77, Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Regional Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dave and Norene Batey, his beloved brother, Bobby and his much-loved in-law parents, Alvis A. Hamric and Rubye Hamric.

A man of quiet faith, Billy faced the end with uncommon courage and strength. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife of nearly 58 years, Jane H. Batey; daughter Dr. Angela Batey (Tami) of Knoxville, Tennessee; son Patrick (Heather) of Pelham, Alabama and other extended family. His cats, Racer and Socks, will miss him as well.

Pallbearers will be Scott Batey, Michael Boozer, Keener Hudson, Don Sills, Victor Phillips, and Kendel Webb. Honorary Pallbearers will be Donita and Gerald Cobb, Jimmy and Annette Cruise, Chandler Phillips, Trent Phillips, and the Oxford High School Class of 1958.

Billy was a 1958 graduate of Oxford High School. At the age of 12 he was struck by the beauty and spunk of Jane Hamric and he married his high school sweetheart on August 23, 1959. They were blessed with the birth of a daughter the next year. He worked at A & P grocery store to put Jane through college, then, when Jane graduated and became a high school teacher, he completed his degree in accounting at Jacksonville State University. He worked as an accountant at FMC Corporation for virtually his entire career. Billy had a quick wit and ready smile. He loved the outdoors, and in his younger days, especially enjoyed showing off his skills as a water skier, custom making his own slalom skies. He was also a lover of all things Auburn.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Billy G. Batey Memorial Concert will be received by the Oxford Performing Arts Center, PO Box 3383, Oxford, Alabama, 36203.

Cemetery

Oxford Memorial Gardens

McKibbon St

Oxford, AK, 36203

Events

APR **Visitation** 03:00PM - 04:45PM

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First Baptist Church of Oxford

95 East Oak St, Oxford, AL, US, 36203

APR **Service** 05:00PM - 06:00PM

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Comments



“ My condolences to you, Angie, for the passing of your father. May the support of family and friends help sustain you, may memories bless you, and may your faith in God's promises comfort and guide you. Laretta Luggie

Laretta Luggie - April 17, 2017 at 10:19 PM



“ Although I did not know Mr. Batey personally, I do have the privilege of worshipping at Farragut Presbyterian Church, where his daughter, Dr. Angela Batey, is the Director of Music. She constantly gives so much of herself, with her amazing talent and love of music, to our congregation. We are truly blessed to have her as our Director of Music, and are praying for peace and comfort for the Batey family during this difficult time.

Terry Olberding - April 17, 2017 at 07:19 PM



“ I did not know Billy but know what he was like through his beautiful and talented daughter Dr Batey who inspires people constantly with her musical talents. So sorry for his loss

judy digregorio - April 16, 2017 at 07:25 PM



“ A truly loved cousin! Our thoughts are with you and praying God comforts you with his love,

Violet Baty Davis - April 16, 2017 at 02:17 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayer goes out to Jane and the family. As 1058 OHS classmates we have enjoyed being part of one of the closest ever. God truly bless he and Jane with a great life together. Grace and I will be praying that God's Grace will truly be sufficient at this time. We are so sorry we will not be able to attend the service because of an out of town commitment in Missouri, but we will be praying. God Bless!

Eddie and Grace Buford

Eddie Buford - April 15, 2017 at 07:54 PM



“ Jane, Angie, and Patrick,

I am so sorry that you have lost the rock that was Billy Batey, but I know you are all strong Christians and know he is safe in the arms of Jesus. Losing him can't be easy because he was a wonderful husband and father, but you will be comforted through God's love and the support of your family and friends. You will also have all the wonderful memories that the four of you have made together. Remember that for those who live and die in faith, death has no sting, and what eternal life promises is so much better than what we have on earth. Billy Batey will always be remembered fondly by everyone who ever knew him. He was a godly man and a wonderful person. You are in my prayers.

Gloria Horton

Gloria Horton - April 15, 2017 at 06:58 PM