



Mr. Billy Gene Bickerstaff

September 5, 1955 - November 30, 2025

Billy Gene Bickerstaff, 70, of Anniston, Alabama, abruptly and unexpectedly passed away on November 30th. He was born on September 5, 1955, in Jackson, Tennessee, to Clara and Dolton Bickerstaff.

As a youth, he was a member of the 1968 Tennessee Dixie Youth baseball team that won the state championship and advanced to the World Series in Florida. He continued his athletic success in high school, playing on baseball teams that won back-to-back All American League World Series Championships in 1971 and 1972. He attended Beech Bluff School from first through twelfth grade, where he lettered in both baseball and basketball and graduated third in his class.

Billy graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1977 with a degree in Psychology. He later received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Jacksonville State University in 1980.

He completed ROTC and was commissioned into the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant. Following quartermaster training at Fort Lee, Virginia, he received his first posting at the Anniston Army Depot. After three years of active-duty service, he transitioned to a civilian role at the Depot under a special act of Congressional authorization, rising to hold multiple director positions, including in resource management and maintenance operations.

Billy also served in the Alabama Military Department, where he achieved the rank of Major, and later in the U.S. Army Reserve, where he attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His military service included participation in efforts related to the implementation of the Torrijos–Carter Treaties, which facilitated the transfer of the Panama Canal from U.S. control to Panama as a neutral, internationally operated waterway.

He married his high school sweetheart, Vicki, and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Billy was deeply involved in the lives of his two sons, coaching their little league baseball and basketball teams and remaining active in the community throughout their upbringing.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki; their two sons, Blake (Rebecca) and Benjamin (Sarah Katherine); and three grandchildren, Brylan, Marley, and Brewer Bickerstaff. He is also survived by his sister, Lee Ann Webb, and brother, Larry Bickerstaff. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clara and Dolton Bickerstaff.

In retirement, Billy enjoyed home projects, traveling to the family's beach house, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was an avid golfer and a member of Pine Hill Country Club. He remained active in his church, His Word Global Methodist, where he recently contributed to renovation efforts. He also loved watching sports with his sons, especially cheering for the Tennessee Volunteers.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. at His Word Global Methodist Church, followed by a short memorial service beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 6th.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Disabled

American Veterans (DAV) or to His Word Global Methodist Church.

Church address: 213 Choccolocco Street, Oxford, AL 36203

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

His Word Global Methodist Church
213 Choccolocco Street
Oxford, AL 36203

Service

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Don Howell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Gene Bickerstaff*



Don Howell - February 21 at 09:48 AM

JR

“ *June Land Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Gene Bickerstaff*



June Land Reaves - December 16, 2025 at 04:38 PM

JM

“ *Vickie there are no words I can say to help you through this sad time. Billy was a most gracious man and in school he never spoke a bad word of anyone. The two of you made a wonderful couple from day one starting at Beech Bluff High. I read where he was third in our class I didn't remember that I was 32 nd of 31 if you can be that low. Nothing in his obituary surprises me. Thanks to the both of you for your service to our country. I played baseball with him in school and if I had been a better third baseman we would've won more games. 50 years of together , truly a Notebook marriage. I am sad but rejoice that his soul is in the arms of our lord Jesus. Bless you Vickie and your family*

Johnny Maness - December 05, 2025 at 09:21 AM

LC

“ I am so sad to hear this news. I worked with, and for Billy for many years at AAD. He was a great guy and a very supportive supervisor. Vicki, I recently lost my spouse so I know how devastated you feel. I pray God gives you and your family peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Lynn Hawkins Chapman - December 04, 2025 at 09:08 PM

DC

“ I'm sorry to hear of Billy's passing. I have known Billy since the 80's thru military and ANAD. Serving along side him in both, Billy was a good man and friend. RIP my friend. Prayers for Family!

Don Campbell - December 04, 2025 at 04:38 PM

BV

“ Vickie, I am so sorry to hear of Billy's passing. I just ran into the two of you at Walmart. Billy was a good man and great to work with. Prayers from Lesia & I. RIP my friend.

Butch Vandiver - December 04, 2025 at 03:57 PM

RB

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Billy. I have known Billy for many years through the military and also working for him at the Anniston Army Depot. My thoughts and prayers to his wife and family.

Richard Brummett - December 04, 2025 at 03:39 PM

BH

“ Vicki, I am sad to read of Billy's passing, yet it brings a smile to know you were able to celebrate your 50th anniversary. We live in Montgomery now & can't travel or I would be blessed to hug you in person. I pray God's strength for you and your family, Barbara Wesley Hill 🙏💕

Barbara Wesley Hill - December 04, 2025 at 11:37 AM

WM

Vicki, I am heartbroken for you and your family . I graduated with Billy and he was always a fine young man in our school days. I was school reporter and borrowed a verse from his graduation speech to post in my final article for the Jackson Sun newspaper. He was a very intelligent young man and had an excellent career. So grateful you and Billy had 50 wonderful years together. May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family and give you all peace and comfort today, tomorrow, and always.
Wanda Mainord

Wanda Mainord - December 04, 2025 at 12:21 PM

LS

“ Vicki, John and I are just heartbroken for you and your family. You are all in our prayers. We love you sweet Lady.
Linda and John Smythe

Linda Smythe - December 04, 2025 at 11:18 AM

RB

“ I have known Billy and Vicki over 30 years. Reading his obituary I can see he was a very accomplished man. There were things I didn't know about Billy. The things I do know he was a good Christian man that loved his family! He left to soon, but finished the work God put him here to accomplish
I love this family dearly . They have supported me during my time of grief. I send my prayers for peace and comfort. Rip Billy Bickerstaf
Rosemary and Keith Brown

Rosemary Brown - December 04, 2025 at 09:53 AM

DC

i am very sad to hear of Billy's passing. He was a very nice man. I consider it a honor to have had the opportunity to work with him. He was very pleasant and I found him to be humble. Vicky you and your family are on my heart and in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you a peace that passes all understanding.

Deborah Crosson - January 29 at 05:41 PM