



Billy R. Blue

September 1, 1953 - October 24, 2025

Mr. Billy Ray Blue, the son of Earl Blue, Sr. and Carrie Crook Blue, began his earthly journey on September 1, 1953, in Weaver, Alabama. Billy lived a rich life filled with passion, laughter, and a profound commitment to those he loved.

Although Billy, fondly known as Blue, was a 1971 graduate of Calhoun County Training School, he forged lifelong friendships while spending time with the Cobb Avenue High School Alumni. An athlete at heart, he played basketball in high school and in local adult leagues, and developed a deep love for all sports. Blue was an avid Auburn fan and never missed an opportunity to cheer on his team through wins and losses.

Blue retired from Regional Medical Center as a supervisor in the environmental services department with over 20 years of dedication and hard work. As an esteemed esquire of the Thomas A. Williams Elks Lodge #1668 for over 30 years, Blue truly understood the value of community and friendship. He was a welcoming presence wherever he went, never meeting a stranger and always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. He was a fighter and stood tall against every life challenge.

On Friday, October 24, 2025, Billy Ray Blue, a vibrant soul, completed his earthly journey and transitioned from labor to eternal rest. He was preceded in

death by his parents, Earl Blue, Sr. and Carrie Blue, and his brothers, Earl Blue, Jr. and Thomas Blue.

Blue's memories will forever be treasured by his beloved daughter, Charlisa (Monaletto) Irby of McDonough, GA; son, Kevin Rutledge of Birmingham, AL; brother, Edward (Beulah) Blue of Anniston, AL; sisters, Sarah Wilson of Chicago, IL, Mary Ann Sims of Chicago, IL, and Margaret (Ronnie) Young, of Villa Rica, GA; the love of his life until the end, Brenda Roberson Blue of Anniston, AL; special niece, Tara Blue of Alexandria, AL; special friends, Samuel Dailey and Cleotha McLaughlin, both of Anniston, AL; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Let us come together to honor a remarkable man who not only stood tall but also helped others to rise. Billy R. Blue, you will forever be in our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Edgemont Cemetery

3555 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **31**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston
830 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Celebration of Life

NOV **1**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
1658 Lehman Avenue
Anniston, AL 36201

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Condolences to the family. When I met Billy and it was an instant friendship. He called me in early October when he fell ill. I'll never forget that phone call. Loved that he called me Carolyn Louise.*

Carolyn Cole-Mabine - January 12 at 02:31 PM

MG

“ *My condolences. Mr. Blue will be missed. I enjoyed the smile, laughter, and working for the Elks lodge seeing Mr. Blue.*



MONIQUE C GILBERT - November 03, 2025 at 10:26 PM

TF

“ *The Godwins and Walker family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy R. Blue.*



The Godwins and Walker family. - October 31, 2025 at 09:56 AM

MG

“ *Mens Wearhouse in Buckhead, Atlanta Ga purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Billy R. Blue.*



Mens Wearhouse in Buckhead, Atlanta Ga - October 30, 2025 at 07:37 PM

NG

“ *Dea and Sis William Godwin lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray my dear cousin. Rest in Peace!*



Nona Godwin - October 30, 2025 at 01:28 PM

LM

“ *Lynda Mcgraw sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy R. Blue*



lynda mcgraw - October 29, 2025 at 10:28 PM

JC

“ *Juliette Cook lit a candle in memory of Billy R. Blue*



Juliette Cook - October 29, 2025 at 09:48 AM

JC

Brother Blue you will truly be missed sorely by the members of College City Temple #823 and Lodge #1171. You were a great friend and supported us in our mission of Elk. Condolences and prayers are extended to the family. May God surround you with His arms of love, comfort and protection. War Eagle my Brother.....

Juliette Cook - October 29, 2025 at 09:52 AM

BC

“ *Bethsaida Baptist Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy R. Blue.*



Bethsaida Baptist Church - October 29, 2025 at 09:19 AM

RW

“ *Rev. Drs Carrie And Jimmie Walker lit a candle in memory of Billy R. Blue*



Rev. Drs Carrie and Jimmie Walker - October 28, 2025 at 10:53 PM

RW

To Charlisa, Brenda, Edward, Sarah, Mary ,Margaret Ronnie, all our family our hearts were saddened to hear of the transition of our dear cousin Billy Ray. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this trying time of berevemet. May God comfort and keep you in his care. Remember that God is your refuge and strength an ever present help in the time of trouble. Psalm 46: 1

Rev. Drs Carrie and Jimmie Walker - October 28, 2025 at 11:05 PM

RS

“ *Ronnie Young Sr lit a candle in memory of Billy R. Blue*



Ronnie Young Sr - October 28, 2025 at 06:33 PM

RS

BNL Billy Ray Blue, Loved Sports, any sport no matter the game, but, Big Bill was a Super Avid Fan of the Auburn Tigers, War Eagle, ride or die. I will miss our many phone calls during half times, end of games be College or NFL every Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Will miss those NCAAF & NFL Football Championship Games @ the home house in Alexandria. Rest in Peace, BNL, Rest Easy, my brother.

Ronnie Young Sr - October 28, 2025 at 06:53 PM

MB

“ To Blue's family: Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. Blue and I were sports buddies at Truman Gym back in the day. Blue and I played a lot of ball together, those were great times. I shall miss my friend. Rest well Blue, until we all get together at the gym again.

Melvin Bush - October 27, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy R. Blue.



October 27, 2025 at 04:03 PM

EH

“ Elder Jerrell C. Hicks lit a candle in memory of Billy R. Blue



Elder Jerrell C. Hicks - October 27, 2025 at 01:16 PM