

Billy Floyd

May 10, 1939 - August 10, 2007

Billy Roy Floyd, of Searcy, passed away at White County Medical Center on Friday, August 10th. He was born May 10, 1939. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy "Bud" and Estelle Floyd. He lived a full life honoring God with family and hard work at the center of his life. At 18 years of age he married his high school sweetheart, Sandra Sue Harrison. Together for 48 years, Billy and Sandra had three children, Tina, Ricky, and Randy. Billy's life example of stability led each of his kids to currently be married for 25 years (Tina to Robert Hudgins), 23 years (Ricky to Kim Stark), and 18 years (Randy to Lu Anne Graves). Each of these couples have 3 children - giving Billy nine grandchildren - Christina Hudgins, Scott Hudgins, Michael Hudgins, Audra Floyd, Austin Floyd, Abby Floyd, Madeline Floyd, Jacob Floyd, and Joshua Floyd.

Billy's career was one to be admired. He attended Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. Starting out early as a route driver for Coca - Cola Bottling Company, he progressed to various Senior Management positions concluding a 35 year career with Coca-Cola. Long-term Searcy residents remember Billy for how much he gave to local civic organizations during the years he was with Coca-Cola of Arkansas in Searcy (1962-1986). In 1970 Billy completed his executive management certification at Harvard Business School. He completed Coca-Cola Management Intensive Training in 1976, a year long internship that involved traveling to major metropolitan sales areas. Billy and

Sandra left Searcy in 1986 with Coca - Cola, living in Little Rock then Shreveport, Louisiana before returning to Searcy in 1996. Not a person for "retirement", Billy worked for Yarnells Ice Cream for 5+ years as a consultant. Billy concluded his career owning and operating a successful motorsport business, Searcy Yamaha, Suzuki, Kawasaki, Polaris Sales for 7+ years. He was also on various bank boards with First Community Bank. Billy was successful in the various aspects he pursued...he will be remembered by the many employees that worked for him as a great leader who cared about them and their families well being.

During his life he also was a Sunday school teacher and an ordained deacon of the Baptist faith. Billy was president of several groups, including Sidney Deener PTA, Jaycees, Kiwanis Club, Whitewood Shrine Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He believed in being involved in developing the community he lived in, in 1978 he was named "Citizen of the Year." He was involved with 4-H clubs because he showed cattle as a young 4-H member. When he served on the fair board, he helped the kids sell their animals. Billy loved to spend time on his cattle farm and continued that passion to the end.

He will long be known as a man of very very few words...but his actions spoke volumes. Living an honorable Christian life for his children and grandchildren to follow, creating a legacy to be admired by many.

Tribute Wall



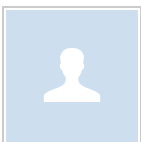
“ We are thinking of you at this time. We did not realize that Mr. Floyd had passed away when we ran into you Friday night. When we found out later, our hearts were broken and saddened. You will be in our prayers.

August 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ DEAR RICKY AND FAMILY ,
JON AND I DECIDED TO SEND YOU A NOTE INSTEAD OF GOING TO VISITATION. I KNOW THAT THIS TIME IS SO OVERWHELMING FOR YOU GUYS, AND THAT MAYBE IT WOULD BE EASIER TO SEND OUR THOUGHTS IN WRITING RATHER THAN IN PERSON. YOUR FATHER WAS ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING MEN I HAVE EVER MET. I TALKED TO HIM ALOT IN MORNINGS(JUST SIMPLE THINGS) WHEN NO ONE ELSE WAS THERE, HE EVEN HELPED ME UNLOCK THAT ONERY DOOR A TIME OR TWO. HE ALWAYS HAD SOMETHING NICE TO SAY AND ALWAYS SEEMED TO BE SMILING . THAT IS THE WAY I AM GOING TO REMEMBER HIM ,WITH THAT BIG SMILE ON HIS FACE!!!. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU , LOVE MELISSA AND JON

August 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Billy was a very special person with a winning smile and he will be missed.
Sincerely, Wayne and Mae Ann Luebker

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