



Billy Parks "Bill" Pryor

February 8, 1936 - September 29, 2023

Billy Parks "Bill" Pryor, 87, of Searcy, passed from this life on Friday, September 29, 2023. He was born February 8, 1936, in Kensett, a son of the late Houston and Estelle (Ellis) Pryor.

Bill graduated from Kensett High School, Ouachita Baptist College, and the University of Arkansas. Upon graduation, Bill's career began in management training at JCPenney in Hot Springs, then as an auditor for the Arkansas Highway Department and Federal Highway Administration in Little Rock. In the late 1960's he and his family moved to Searcy where he worked as supervisor of accounting for Remington-Rand. In 1976 he opened his own CPA practice, retiring after 40 years. Bill Pryor was truly a servant. He served his country through the Army Reserves, achieving the rank of Captain. He served his community as a city councilman and coach.

Bill gave his life to Christ at an early age. He served the Lord for many years through First Baptist Searcy as a deacon, high school boys Sunday School teacher, Royal Ambassador leader, and cook. Bill enjoyed the outdoors, fast-pitch softball, photography, woodworking, cooking, gardening, and smoking meat. Around Christmas, Bill was known to carry samples of homemade fudge around to give to family and friends. He especially enjoyed spending time with his best friend and wife, Patsy, as they searched for the best Mexican restaurant. Bill loved his children and grandchildren. His cookie jar

always had homemade chocolate chip cookies and his pockets were full of Smarties for his grandkids.

He is survived by 3 children, Amy Roussel (Bill), Bruce Pryor (Elise McCauley) and Dr. Matthew Pryor (Amy); grandchildren, Ethan Pryor, Anna Roussel, Vivian Pryor, and Emily Pryor.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Patsy Ruth (Norman) Pryor and 2 siblings, Dorothy Pryor Johnson, and Robert "Bob" Pryor.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to First Baptist Searcy's Faith Center Project. 105 South Spring Street, Searcy, AR 72143.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Searcy with Pastor Brian Whitney and Bro. Tommy Miller officiating. Visitation will precede the service, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the White County Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road and Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church, Searcy
Spring & Center Sts.
Searcy, AR 72143

Funeral Service

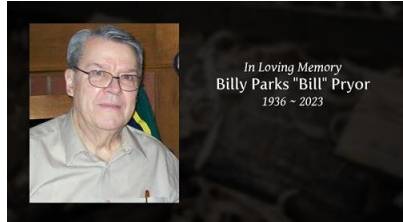
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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy Parks "Bill" Pryor



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 04, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Parks "Bill" Pryor.



October 06, 2023 at 12:03 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Parks "Bill" Pryor.



October 04, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Billy Parks "Bill" Pryor.*



October 03, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Bill Pryor: one of the greatest husbands, parents, friends, Christians we've ever known. We were welcomed into the Pryor home on a first visit to Searcy in 1983 and have been welcomed and loved by them ever since. Sad as we are, we are joining the family in celebrating Bill's life. We love you Pryor family. Sidney, Mary and Katie*



mary jackson - October 02, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ *Leah (Faith) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Billy Parks "Bill" Pryor*



Leah (Faith) Brooks - October 02, 2023 at 09:05 AM