



Billy Wayne Bishop

September 23, 1944 - December 28, 2025

Billy Wayne Bishop, 81, of Plumerville, AR, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2025, in Conway, AR. Bill was born on September 23, 1944, in Dallas, TX, to Herman Eldean and Mary Louise Gillispie Bishop. He graduated from Plumerville High School and was a faithful member of Portland Missionary Baptist Church.

Bill was a hardworking man who could always be found on a tractor, fixing things, or helping his many family and friends. He had a long career with Arkansas Kraft, working in the mill for many years.

Bill was a loving and devoted family man. For many years, he coached Little League Baseball in Morrilton. He met his soulmate, Barbara, in 1961, and they had a loving and fulfilling marriage for 63 years. Bill loved his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren very much. He loved to play golf and hunt. The highlight of his golf game was the hole-in-one he made one time at the Morrilton Country Club. He spent many years hunting with his son and grandchildren. He was an avid Razorbacks fan, and he particularly enjoyed watching the basketball teams play. He played cards daily for many years with his brother-in-law, Gary Smith, and dear friend, Jimmy Don Garrett. He cherished those relationships very much. Billy loved to travel to Branson and watch the shows.

Bill is survived by his wife, Barbara, daughter Tammy (Harry) Wiles, son Terry, his grandchildren Greg (Kellie) Bishop, Josh (Ainslee) Murph, Chris (Angela) Bishop, Phil (Rachel) Bishop, and Corey (Eliant) Readnour, his great-

grandchildren Ryker, Hunter, Declan, Cypress, Atticus, Emyrelia, Darcy, and baby Murph, his sister-in-law Linda Smith, his brother-in-law Tommy Hubbard, his brother-in-law Timmy (Connie) Hubbard, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Herman Eldean and Mary Louise Bishop; his brothers, Jim and Johnny Bishop; his sister, Barbara Davis; his daughter-in-law, Charlotte Bishop; his brother-in-law, Paul Hubbard; his brother-in-law, Gary Smith; and his sister-in-law, Mary Hubbard.

The funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 2, 2026, at Harris Chapel with visitation one hour prior. Burial will be at the Plumerville Cemetery with Bro. David Bishop and Bro. Lonnie Edwards officiating. Pallbearers will be Greg Bishop, Chris Bishop, Phillip Bishop, Josh Murph, Corey Readnour, and Ryker Bishop. Honorary Pallbearer will be Jimmy Don Garrett.

Cemetery Details

Plumerville Cemetery

736 Sardis Road
Plumerville, AR 72127

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Home Chapel
1325 Oak Street
Morrilton, AR 72110
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomes.net>

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Billy Wayne Bishop.



January 01 at 05:02 PM



“ Lane Smith & Elizabeth Flynn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Wayne Bishop.

Lane Smith & Elizabeth Flynn - January 01 at 05:02 PM



“ Barbara,
So sorry to hear of Billy passing. Though currently out of state, my thoughts and prayers are with y'all.

Michael Parette
Oppelo, AR

Michael Parette - January 01 at 03:51 PM



“ Prayers for you all!
Michele Underwood Burks

Michele Underwood Burks - December 30, 2025 at 10:39 PM

DT

“ *Diamond State Equipment/Arkansas Testing purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Billy Wayne Bishop.*



Diamond State Equipment/Arkansas Testing - December 30, 2025 at 11:14 AM

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Diamond State Equipment/Arkansas Testing - December 30, 2025 at 11:14 AM

MW

“ *Barbara - I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. You will be in my prayers.*

Mandy wood - December 29, 2025 at 10:09 PM

MR

“ *Barbara and Family: I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. My sincere condolences to you and your family. Bill was a wonderful man and he will be dearly missed. My prayers are with you all.*

Merlene Robinson-Wegner - December 29, 2025 at 05:44 PM

PH

Barbara and family, I do sorry to her about bill. My thoughts and prayers are are with all of you.

patsy and shelby harris - December 29, 2025 at 11:24 PM

PH

Barbra and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry, for your loss, patsy and Shelby Harris.

patsy and shelby harris - December 29, 2025 at 11:33 PM

LF

So sad for your loss but rejoicing for Bill, he's free from his earthly bonds, he was always so polite and friendly every time I saw him , I'll keep you Barbara and family in my prayers

Lucretia Flowers - December 30, 2025 at 10:50 AM

CS

Barbara, I am praying for God's comfort for you and your family.

Cindy Strauss - December 31, 2025 at 12:42 PM