



Billy Doyle Gregory

May 18, 1938 - September 14, 2023

Billy Doyle Gregory, of Perryville, went to be with the Lord at the age of 85 surrounded by his children on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Billy was born on May 18, 1938, in Humnoke, Arkansas, to Cullus and Ruby Gregory. He and Mary Jean Weatherly were wed on October 23, 1964, and enjoyed 22 years together before her passing.

Billy had a strong work ethic. Beginning as a teenager, he would walk 5 miles to work at a gas station. Throughout his life, he worked as a welder, farmer, butcher, and grocer. At one time, he peddled fruit from a '67 Chevy truck like his grandfather, Thomas Doyle. Billy retired in his late 50s only to discover planning and planting a garden was not enough to stay busy. He re-entered the workforce at the age of 60 as an employee at Kroger in Morrilton. Kroger was his career for the next 23 years until the age of 83. He planned on working until the age of 90 hoping to become the oldest employee to ever work at Kroger, however, the store closed in 2021 before he could achieve his goal.

Billy loved old cars and trucks, hamburgers and milkshakes with his family, and spending time with his granddaughters. Billy loved joking, laughing, and putting smiles on people's faces. He was known to pass out suckers to children while working at Kroger. He also was known to spoil his granddaughters from an early age by always bringing them M&M's and small gifts when he would visit.

Daddy instilled in his children many virtues including always keep getting up

and moving no matter what, to always making goals no matter how small they may seem, and using your abilities to the fullest extent to do an honest job because everyone has a responsibility to work.

Billy accepted Christ's gift of salvation remaining a believer throughout his life. You could hear him talking to Jesus in his prayers every night praying for forgiveness, healing, and for the souls of his family and friends.

Billy was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and brother, Lee. Left behind to cherish his memory are his daughter, Sheila; son, Michael; son, Eric (Trish); his granddaughters, Emma and Maggie; sister, Kathy; and sisters-in-law, Hazel, Sue, and Sharon.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 19, at the Harris Chapel with Bro. Ronnie Presnull officiating. Burial will be at Edgewood Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Memorial Park

4200 Division St
North Little Rock, AR 72118

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Funeral Service

SEP **19.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ I worked with Bill years ago at Friendly foods! He a very sweet person! He still knew who I was when he saw me! RIP!

karen belk - September 20, 2023 at 05:46 AM

LU

“ I'm so sorry for your loss he was a sweetheart Robert and Polly Klamm send there condolences 🌸

lillie upton - September 20, 2023 at 12:37 AM

RK


Robert and I loved Bro. Gregory!! He was so kind and upbeat. Always smiling and happy. His time at Kroger made him a hit. When he was at Friendly food he was a well liked employee. So sorry for your loss.

Robert and Polly Klamm - September 20, 2023 at 04:57 PM

RJ

“ I remember Mr.billy as a child working at friendly food in perryville. And at Kroger before they closed. Great man.

Randy jones - September 19, 2023 at 11:39 PM

 Brian Cooper

“ I always enjoyed talking to Billy when I went to Kroger. He always had a smile on his face and was a wonderful guy. God Bless you all. Rest in Peace my friend.

Brian Cooper - September 18, 2023 at 05:53 PM

DT

“ Dear family, Billy was always a sweetheart and friend. From the years he worked for Friendly's in Perryville to working at Kroger. He always stopped to talk to me and I remember the last time we spoke in town. I will miss that sweet man for sure. Rest in peace Billy!

Donna Tracy - September 18, 2023 at 03:31 PM

RA

“ I'm so saddened to hear this about Billy. we we're good friends. we worked at Kroger together bagging groceries for 9 years together till I left. Billy was funny he always kidded around with me. picked at me alot. i will truly miss him. i now work at harps when I left Kroger but we always ran into each other. Rest in peace my dear friend until we meet again. love you and miss you your friend always Rhonda Reedy Tanner



Rhonda TR anner - September 15, 2023 at 01:41 PM

MS

Billy was a special guy. He carried my groceries out many times at Kroger. He was always so polite and if it was raining, he would tell me to go ahead and get in the car and he would load my groceries. He was a true Southern gentleman. I have missed him. I am sending my sincere sympathy to his family.

Mona Kaye Scroggins - September 16, 2023 at 05:05 PM

CP

So sorry to hear this. Ib have known Billy for years. Always so friendly and kind and yes a true Southern gentleman. Sending my sincere sympathy to all the family and loved ones.

Carrie Porter - September 17, 2023 at 01:31 PM

TB

Billy you will and are missed around our community! I will always remember how kind towards others you were and how much you enjoyed making the small children feel special during their shopping trip! All of the lollipops purchased and given out made their memories of our small store part of their story! THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART ❤️ I will always cherish the stories you shared about your cherished grandchildren and you children!!!! Thank you! You have given the true meaning that it only takes one person to make another's life matter!

Tiffany Bellae - September 18, 2023 at 09:54 PM