



## Bill Lilly

July 7, 1932 - August 23, 2016

WILLIAM DUDLEY "BILL" LILLY, AGE 84

And a resident of Mt. Hermon died late Tuesday night August 23, 2016 at the Heritage Manor Nursing Home. Bill was a mechanic of the Washington Parish Court House for 32 years after receiving his degree from Sullivan Vocational School. He was a past president of the Washington Parish Federation of the Blind and represented his group at the state level in Baton Rouge. Despite that disability, Bill achieved many more things not considered possible. He was a longtime piano tuner and re-builder and was an honorary deputy of the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office. Bill was a professional musician that traveled throughout the area playing in church revival services as well as the services of his church, Mt. Hermon Pentecostal. Bill had the opportunity to travel and play music in Nashville, TN several times but passed to continue his Lord's work by helping to plant numerous churches and Christian schools. He believed in second chances for all people and he had a favorite saying "If there is a Will, there is a Way", as his life has proven.

Survived by:

Wife: Lavenia Lona Duncan Lilly of Mt. Hermon

Son and Daughter in law: Bobby Lynn and Sonya Lilly of Omaha, AR

3 Daughters and Sons in law: Venie Lee Lilly Spears and Billy Wayne Spears of Thomas,  
Marilyn and Wayne Taylor of Franklinton,  
Linda Darlene Garcia and Rev. Raymond Garcia of Mt. Hermon

14 Grandchildren and Spouses: Heath Spears,  
Heather Spear Looper and Earl Looper,  
Hope Spears,  
Hannah Spears Newman,  
Kenny and Jamie Lilly,  
Monica and Tyrel Ford,  
Shelly Renee' Taylor,  
Raymond, II and Priscilla Garcia,  
Russell and Kristy Garcia,  
Rodney and Edana Garcia,  
Randall J. Garcia and Tracie Jones,  
Keisha and Heath Jones,  
Kayla and Juan Mendoza,  
Kendra and Gasper Mendoza

31 Great-grandchildren

Sister and Brother in law: Martha Lilly Terrell and Toxie Terrell of Prentiss, MS

Also numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his son William Roy Lilly, his parents Dudley Thiboux Lilly and Ruby Albritton Lilly, 2 brothers J.C. Lilly and Robert Lilly and great-grandsons Micah and Mathan.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Thursday August 25th from 5 pm until 10 pm and after 10 am on Friday. A funeral service will be held at 1 pm Friday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Bobby Lynn Lilly, Rev. Raymond Garcia, Rev. Jerry Cox and Rev. Darren Terrell officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Hermon Pentecostal Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Heath Spears, Raymond Garcia, II, Keith Lilly, Robert Samuel Duncan, II, Darren Terrell, Gasper Mendoza

Honorary Pallbearers: Randy Seal, Bill Burris, Reggie Simmons, Mike Cupit

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I taught Bible studies at Good Samaritan, and loved having Mr. Bill in the service. He inspired and encouraged me. I am glad to know he is walking the streets of gold with his Savior, "seeing" it all.

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**Jay Simmons** - September 16, 2016 at 11:32 AM

DW

“ Venie Lee & Family,  
Our heartfelt condolences go out to you in this time of earthly loss.  
May God grant you comfort and strength.

*David & Anita Wood*

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**David Wood** - August 27, 2016 at 11:20 PM

TA

“ To the family: May you find comfort in knowing that God is close to the brokenhearted -Psalms 34:18

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**Tameka** - August 27, 2016 at 03:52 PM

BL

“ Mr. Bill will be missed by me and many others used to seeing his smiling face at the courthouse every day and in church on many occasions. May the Peace of Christ be with the family of this gentle and kind man.

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**Bob Lawrence** - August 27, 2016 at 03:33 PM

DJ

*Praying for comfort for all the family. So sorry I didn't hear of his passing until late Friday night--- i would have been there if I had known. I always loved Bro. Bill*

**Darlene Jenkins** - August 27, 2016 at 11:48 PM

HB

*“ I'm so sorry for your loss. mr.Bill was a good man. I remember buying candy in the Courthouse he was always good to us.*

**Hayes Bickham** - August 26, 2016 at 04:21 PM

CL

*“ A child of God has gone home.. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Prayers for strength and peace ... God love you all..*

*Charles & Rachel Lanford*

**Charles & Rachel Lanford** - August 25, 2016 at 06:40 PM

TW

*“ Our condolences and prayers are with you at this time...*

**Troy & Brenda Wilson** - August 25, 2016 at 06:22 PM