



Billy Gene Sylvest

September 15, 1928 - March 31, 2017

Billy Gene Sylvest, age 88, was received by His Lord and Savior on Friday, March 31, 2017. He was born on September 15, 1928 in Alva, FL and was a member of the Masonic Lodge #101 in Franklinton. Billy was a lifetime devoted member of Bethel Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. After time in the National Guard, he later retired from AT&T in 1986 after 31 years of service. He spent his retirement years as a volunteer with Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, Campers on Mission, the North American Mission Board, and the Red Cross—traveling the US and Canada rebuilding churches, helping people after disasters, and making friends across the nation.

He is survived by:

Wife of 63 years – Jeanette Fisher Sylvest

Daughter – Marian Sylvest Porter

Son and daughter-in-law – David and Sherry Sylvest

Grandchildren -- Philip (Lindsey) Porter, Lauren (Matt) Farrand, Mitchell Sylvest, and Austin Sylvest

Great grandchild -- Michael Farrand

Sister -- Freda Welch

Brother -- Lawrence (Nell) Sylvest

He is preceded in death by:

Parents – Cluster and Lucille Sylvest

Brothers –Sammie Jay Sylvest and Joe Floyd (Ann) Sylvest
Son-in-law -- Perry Alan Porter

The family will receive friends and family at Crain Funeral Home in Franklinton from 9 to 12 on Tuesday, April 4, with a service at noon and burial at Bethel Baptist Church cemetery. Reverend Joe Kelly and Reverend Paul Watts will officiate.

In Lieu of flowers—please consider a donation to Bethel Baptist Church or the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief.

A special thank you to St. Tammany Parish Hospice, Gladys Ard, and Ramona Creel for their excellent care and guidance.

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

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“ From; Mark Shaw & Flygt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy Gene Sylvest.



From; Mark Shaw & Flygt - April 03, 2017 at 01:44 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Billy Gene Sylvest.



April 03, 2017 at 10:49 AM

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“ Jeanette, I have been thinking of you and your family with a prayer in my heart and remembering with thanksgiving a life well lived.
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Finley Corkern - April 03, 2017 at 10:01 AM

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“ Theresa King lit a candle in memory of Billy Gene Sylvest



Theresa King - April 03, 2017 at 12:01 AM

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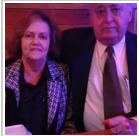
“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm out of town and can't attend the services. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Edna Kennedy - April 02, 2017 at 06:20 PM

RW

“ Mr. BILLY was a great man of God. He was my Sunday. school teacher and a mentor when I was young. What he taught me still lives in my everyday life and in my soul. Praying for Mrs. Jennette

Robert Dale Walters - April 02, 2017 at 08:56 AM



“ I remember Mr. Sylvest when he worked with my father at Southern Bell. He was a nice man. I think I was a junior in high school when he joined the firm. Dad was the plant manager at that time.

Robert Lawrence - April 01, 2017 at 08:20 PM

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“ Regina Hill Forbes lit a candle in memory of Billy Gene Sylvest



Regina Hill Forbes - April 01, 2017 at 08:00 PM