



Billy Raper

February 21, 2019

Billy Raper age 74 of Bear Creek, Al passed away Thursday, February 21, 2019 in the UAB Hospital in Birmingham, AL.

Billy was born in Hackleburg, AL and has lived in Bear Creek for over 50 years. He is a retired teacher and coach. He taught and coached for 31 years at Phillips High School in Bear Creek. During his tenure at Phillips he was a 2 time Alabama State Champion as Head Girls Basketball Coach in 1985 and 1986. He was also the Alabama 1A Coach of the Year in 1985 & 1986. After retiring from Alabama, Billy taught and coached in Tremont, MS for 14 years before retiring from the educational system. He truly loved his job and all the memories made with his students and athletes. He was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Billy is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judy Daniel (Hudson) Raper. son, Jonathan and wife Deedra, their 2 sons Ridge and Sage Raper. Son: Brannon Raper and his 2 daughters Rian and Jayleigh and their mom Candie Kelley. 2 brothers: Jimmy Raper and Wayman (Tootie) Raper (Gina) and 1 sister Maddie Bell Raper. A host of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Lonnie and Minnie Bell Raper, brothers: Curt Raper, Junior Ray Raper, and Gurvis Raper.

Services held Sunday 3:00 pm from the Phillips High School Gym in Bear Creek, AL with burial in the Union Hill Cemetery in Hackleburg, AL..

Visitation will be Sunday from 12 noon to 3:00 pm at the Phillips High School Gym.

Pallbearers will be Heath Lewis, Tommy Marshall, Chris Nix, Randy Pike, Dewayne Swinney and Scott Veal.

The family would like to say a special Thank You to all the doctors and nurses at Russellville Hospital and UAB Hospital.

Norwood Funeral Home of Guin, AL directing

Cemetery Details

Union Hill Cemetery

Hackleburg, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Phillips High School Gym
142 School Ave
Bear Creek, AL 35543

Service

FEB 24. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Judy & Family, I was so sorry to learn about Billy. I know you will always miss him. If I can do anything for you please let me know. You are in my heart and thoughts. Love you, Elaine Hudson

Elaine Hudson - February 24, 2019 at 05:42 PM

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“ Billy was a friend, loved basketball and dedicated to his profession. Will definitely be missed.

Oscar D. Mann - February 24, 2019 at 05:38 PM

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“ Billy Wayne was a special friend and we loved him always, and forever RIP sweet friend

Oscar & Willodean Mann - February 24, 2019 at 02:31 PM

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“ Oscar & Willodean Mann lit a candle in memory of Billy Raper



Oscar & Willodean Mann - February 24, 2019 at 02:28 PM

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“ Our prayers for comfort to Judy and family. Billy was always a good friend and his smile could light up any room. Our lives was made better just knowing and being around Billy and Judy. Love Warren and Donna Williford.

warren - February 23, 2019 at 03:39 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss,,



Sam Heath - February 22, 2019 at 09:39 PM

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“ Cecil And Sue Hutcheson lit a candle in
memory of Billy Raper



Cecil and Sue Hutcheson - February 22, 2019 at 05:28 PM