



**Mr. William E. "Gene"  
Billingsley**

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**M**r. William E. "Gene" Billingsley, age 85, of Madison passed away Saturday, May 2, 2015 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born April 1, 1930 in the St. Florian Community of Florence, AL to the late William McArthur and Vernon (Young) Billingsley. He is also preceded in death by his brothers, Milliard, James and Grady Billingsley.

Gene was a longtime member of City Road Chapel United Methodist Church and was a veteran of the Korean War while serving his country in the United States Army. Gene and Audrey owned Baker and Baker Employment Service for 37 ½ years. They worked side by side; Gene was the bookkeeper while Audrey managed the business. Gene also worked at The United Methodist Publishing House as Manager of the offset plate department. In his later years, he enjoyed spending time traveling, gardening and with family.

Gene is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Audrey Woodard Billingsley; children, Teresa Billingsley, Elaine Billingsley Forrester (Mark) and Brian Billingsley (Bridget); grandchildren, Shelley Howell (Zack), Emily Forrester, Dane Travelstead, Marshall Billingsley, Catherine Billingsley, Patrick Billingsley, Colin Billingsley, Elizabeth Billingsley, Sean Billingsley and Aidan Billingsley; great-grandchildren, Cayden Hoke and Layne Howell; brother, Thomas Billingsley (Margaret); sisters-in-law, Bertha Billingsley and Elvia Billingsley; many nieces and nephews and close family friend Ed Travelstead.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Spring Hill Funeral Home and Wednesday from 11 a.m. until funeral time at his church. A celebration of life funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at City Road Chapel United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in the Chapel Mausoleum of the Historic Spring Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to City Road Chapel United Methodist Church, 701 Gallatin Pike South, Madison TN 37115. Arrangements



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entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Pike, Nashville  
TN 37216, 615-865-1101, [www.springhillfh.com](http://www.springhillfh.com).






# Events

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## Visitation

-  **Tuesday**, May 5, 2015
-  4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216






## Visitation prior to Ceremony

-  **Wednesday**, May 6, 2015
-  11:00 AM - 1:00 PM CT
-  **City Road Chapel United Methodist Church**  
701 Gallatin Road South, Madison TN 37115




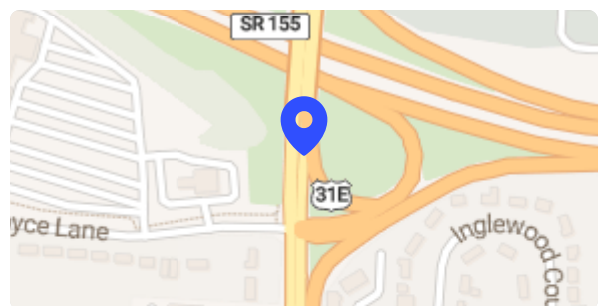
## Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

-  **Wednesday**, May 6, 2015
-  1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT
-  **City Road Chapel United Methodist Church**  
701 Gallatin Road South, Madison TN 37115



## Cemetery Details

-  **Historic Spring Hill Cemetery**  
5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville TN 37216





# Tribute Wall

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**Teresa Billingsley** lit a candle in honor of William.

Daddy, I miss you every day. Life is not the same without you. I pray you are at peace in Heaven and hope to see you again.

May 5 at 6:04 PM



**Teresa** lit a candle in honor of William.

Daddy, I miss you so very much. My heart is still hurting, I still feel sad everyday. It's been one year ago tomorrow. We went on with life but there's a missing person, you. I hear the birds sing and always know you are close too. I just miss you so much ❤️

May 1 at 11:37 AM



**Teresa Billingsley** lit a candle in honor of William.

May 26 at 5:18 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Billingsley family.

May 6 at 3:53 AM



**Thomas M. Billingsley** posted:

Now I know how "the last of the Mohegans" felt. We were truly "a band of brothers." When our two older brothers, Millard and Pete, left home for World War II, Gene inherited Millard's job as "Dad's Deputy" on the farm. He worked hard, took pride in his work and taught Grady and me the essentials of farming. We considered Gene to be the "fair haired boy" and now I realize that he earned that position. What does one say on learning that a loved one has been called Home? For people of Faith, we can say, "We will see you soon when we see the Lord face-to-face." For Believers, God superimposes joy on top of whatever else is going on in our lives. Thank you God for the gift of Gene's presence for these 85 years. We believe that his soul is sealed in Your safety until all spiritual opposition is vanquished. "Peace be with you, now and always." Tom, the youngest

May 5 at 7:05 AM



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**Amanda & Deborah Richardson** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Billingsley family.

May 4 at 9:56 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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