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Billy Blackburn, 77, Nashville, died Monday, December 21, 2009, at Skyline Medical Center. Billy Blackburn was born March 17, 1932 in Robertson County. He was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on July 2, 1988. He served as an elder and the congregation's secretary with the Rosebank Congregation in Nashville, TN. He is survived by three sons: Larry, Steve and David Blackburn; one sister, Marlene Blackburn and one brother, James Blackburn. The grandchildren include: Scott, Danielle, Heather, Josh, Tiffani, Bobby Blackburn and Ariel and Jeweleen Spiotta. 1 Great Granddaughter Lexi Stone. Billy assisted the Tennessee Regional Building Committee #2 (RBC) as Project Coordinator for many years. He took the lead in organizing many of the Kingdom Hall Construction projects in Tennessee as well as the major renovation of the Memphis Tennessee Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Memphis, TN. In 2006 he was appointed as one of five assistants to the RBC committee, working with the Project Development Department. For more than 5-years Billy served as a full time pioneer devoting more than 90-hours per month helping ones to learn the Bible. The funeral will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 24, 2009 at Spring Hill Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Lawrence Cue officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral today from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and tomorrow one hour prior to service. Burial will be Spring Hill Cemetery. Spring Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.(615)865-1101



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Anonymous posted:

I am a brother from Australia and although I did not know this brother personally it is wonderful the know this brother served Jehovah well. I am sure his family feels as Jesus did when he wept over Lazerus. Your bro. Vic Bro. Vic Warren

December 28 at 10:59 PM



Anonymous posted:

look forward to seeing you in the new world the Jude family

December 24 at 3:28 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are very sorry to hear about your loss. We loved Billy so much. He was a dear friend to our family. We remember how big of a role he played with the first Spanish congregation in TN. He was always very hospitable, a genuine friend, and there when you n Joshua & Martita Villagomez

December 24 at 2:07 PM



Anonymous posted:

Billy will be missed by us very much. It was a pleasure to work with him on the Assembly Hall project. Melvin & Linda Long

December 24 at 7:00 AM



Anonymous posted:

Billy did so much too to promote the Spanish work here in Middle Tennessee. He was the very brother that brought over the first Spanish Pioneer to start preaching in Nashville in 1992. The first Spanish congregation in Tennessee was formed on 11/01/1993 Sam Villagomez

December 24 at 5:22 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Billy was always a joy to work with. His wealth of knowledge will be missed in the future building projects. He truly had a love for Jehovah and for others and it showed in the way he gave of himself and of his time. Bobby and Lisa Whitley

December 24 at 5:01 AM



Anonymous posted:

James & Katherine Rambo

December 24 at 2:33 AM



Anonymous posted:

IT WAS A PLEASURE AND A PRIVILEGE TO KNOW AND WORK WITH BILLY THRU THE YEARS. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY US AND SO MANY OTHERS. OUR SYMPATHY TO ALL THE FAMILY.
WAYNE & DONNA FAULK

December 23 at 6:04 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was thinking about Billy today and the first time I met him. It was about 1991 at a wedding, I think. Anyway he brought one of his granddaughters with him. She was about 4 or 5 years old. I'll never forget how sweet a sight it was seeing Billy and that little Gina Wallace

December 23 at 5:36 PM



Anonymous posted:

We first met Billy when we came home from our Missionary Life. We spent a week end with him and a few other friends in Gatlinburg. Billy was a good friend. Jim spent 5 weeks with Billy in Fort Lauderdale in 1992 doing relief work, they bonded as friends. Jim and Sally Rodgers

December 23 at 11:40 AM



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Anonymous posted:

So sorry for your lose. I read about this from a Brotherhood site and i live in knoxville....please know God will be with you at this time as he as been there for me since my dear father passed away.
phyllis allen

December 23 at 11:02 AM



Anonymous posted:

I forgot to mention, I was baptized on the 21st of December. Yannick

December 23 at 9:56 AM



Anonymous posted:

I personally feel sad for news like this that's why I had to look for this song. Made me teary-eyed while replying here.Life, like a mist, appears for just a day, then disappears tomorrow. All that we are can quickly fade away, replaced with tears and Yannick

December 23 at 9:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

It was great privilege to know and work with Billy over the last 16 years. He truly poured out his soul as a slave for our God, Jehovah, and his tireless efforts were appreciated by thousands of brothers and sisters who knew him and benefited from his h Timothy D. McGee

December 23 at 7:59 AM



Anonymous posted:

Isa 26:19 is so real as well as the scriptures in John 11th chapter. We look forward to the time he will awake from this deep sleep!!! Don Friend

December 23 at 7:37 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I had the privilege to work with Billy at the Memphis TN Assembly Hall of Jehovah's witnesses remodel project. Billy was such a fun brother to be around. He spoke lovingly about his family. We will miss him, but for a short ti Lee Capps

December 23 at 7:33 AM



Anonymous posted:

Everyone will certainly miss our RBC "Grandpa". We enjoyed getting to know him in Memphis and working with him on projects since. We certainly anticipate getting to work with him again on many more construction projects in the new world. Thom and Stacey Barnes

December 23 at 7:29 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the Blackburn family: So sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Blackburn. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all. Debra West

December 23 at 5:59 AM



Anonymous posted:

It gives us great comfort to know that Billy is resting in Jehovah's memory until he hears the voice of Jesus and awakens to work with us again (John 5:28,29). May Jehovah, the God of all comforts, bring peace to your family in knowing this, too. Jerry and Stephanie Gieg

December 23 at 5:58 AM



Anonymous posted:

What a full life Billy Ray must have had to be used in all avenues of service to Jehovah. Maybe his pioneer years were his favorite, but being able to build up his congregation as an elder is certainly a privilege. Rita Rita Rebel

December 23 at 5:24 AM



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Anonymous posted:

WE ARE SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF OUR DEAR BROTHER BILLY. HE WAS AN AWESOME GUY. AND WE KNOW AS A FAMILY YOU WILL MISS HIM TOO. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN WE WILL SEE HIM AGAIN ON A CLEANSED EARTH. AND THIS IS WHAT HE ALSO LOOKED FORWARD TO. MAY JEHOV MIKE,KATHY&SKYLAR O'DONNELL

December 22 at 5:23 PM



Anonymous posted:

Billy was one of the finest gentleman I have ever known.I am proud to have the privilege of calling him my spiritual brother,and I look forward to the day that he will awake from this short sleep that he is now experiencing.We will miss him very much unti Gina Wallace

December 22 at 1:15 PM



Anonymous posted:

He will be missed, but the hope for the future is real. joel ramey and family

December 22 at 11:30 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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