



Billy Russell Herndon

June 22, 1946 - November 14, 2022

Billy Russell Herndon, born June 22, 1946, in Clarksville, TN. passed peacefully surrounded by his family in Traverse City, Michigan on Monday, November 14, 2022.

He attended Clarksville High School where his height and agility helped bring the Wildcats to the 1964 State Boys' Basketball Tournament, where they placed second. His passion for sports continued his entire life. Under the tutelage of Earl Walton, Bill became involved with sports broadcasting in the 1970s. As The Voice of the Gavs, Bill painted a mental picture of so many wonderful basketball games. He had a talent beyond words that could transport you to the front row. He served as the first Gavs Club President and was awarded the Ohio Valley Conference Media Lifetime Achievement Award.

His talent and love for sports were second only to the love and dedication he held for his family. Taking a line from a sports legend, Bill would quickly tell anyone, "I'm the luckiest man in the world."

He is preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Margaret Herndon. He is survived by his wife, Jan Manning Herndon, his daughters Amy Herndon Spence and Ann Herndon, his brother Maurice (Mary Lee), his grandchildren Sgt Clayton Spence (Kari), Willa Gerring, Oakley Gerring, and many beloved family members, friends, and golfin' buddies.

A celebration of his life will be held Sunday, November 20, 2022, at Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home in Clarksville, TN with visitation at 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. with a service to follow at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 20, 2022, at Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home in Clarksville, TN.

And finally, Bill would want you to have what he would refer to as “A Jimmy V day”, a quote by Coach Jim Valvano that inspired him until the very end. “To me there are three things everyone should do every day. Number one is laugh. Number two is think -- spend some time in thought. Number three, you should have your emotions move you to tears. If you laugh, think and cry, that's a heck of a day.”

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home
1510 Madison Street
Clarksville, TN 37040

Celebration of Life

NOV **20**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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1510 Madison Street
Clarksville, TN 37040

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Russell Herndon*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Billy Russell Herndon*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Billy Russell Herndon.*



November 18, 2022 at 05:17 PM