



# William Francis (Seymour)

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**W**illiam "Billy" Allen Francis, son of William Allen Francis, Sr. and Reba Camille Strickland Francis was born January 1, 1942 in Sacramento, California. He departed this life, Sunday, May 23, 2010 in Glenwood Healthcare in Seymour, Missouri at the age of sixty-eight years, four months, and seven days.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and had served during the Vietnam War.

Billy grew up in Mobile, Alabama and began playing music in his pre-teen years and played keyboard and sang with Dr. Hook and The Medicine Show, a rock band, during the 1960's and 70's. The band had been featured in the Rolling Stone Magazine. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing at Roaring Rivers and golfing.

He was preceded in death by both his parents.

Billy is survived by his daughter, Danielle Francis of Nashville, Tennessee; two sisters, LeJune Perkins and her husband, Larry, and Tonya Ahrens and her husband, Walt, all of Mountain Grove, Missouri; a number of nieces and nephews; and other relatives and many friends.

No local services are being held, but services will be in Leakville, Mississippi at a later date.

Local arrangements were under direction of Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Seymour, Missouri.



## Tribute Wall

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**Robert Winburn** posted:

Hi. I met Billy back in the 60's he was playing little clubs on Fri & Sat and more if they could. I worked for a construction co out of Mississippi putting in under ground telephone cable all along the coast & Billy came to work with us 2 or 3 days a week so he could make money for food. That was about the time Hurricane Camille hit Biloxi so Billy wasn't getting much play time at the bars so he worked with us a lot. So we were friends forever. The thing I will never forget about him is how funny he was. We was working in Mobil when we had a inspector stop by our work site we were on brake Billy said I got this and he walked over to see what was going on. The inspector asked billy just what do you call this well Billy grinned and scratched his head looked down and asked the man did you go to collage he was told yes I have a masters degree. Billy started laughing so loud slapping his knees and told that man your fired. If you have a Masters degree and you don't know what a hole in the ground looks like we don't need you around here. That man took his clip board and walked away saying nothing more. Billy & I remained friends the rest of his life. I will remain his friend forever. Billy I Love & Miss You Your friend Bob Winburn

September 19 at 4:22 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Brother Bill,I was just thinkin back on the old Dr.Hook days, and all the fun the we had!!....Rest in Peace my Brother!Keith##imported-begin##Keith Austin##imported-end##

December 2 at 2:31 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry about the loss of Bill, he was a good friend to me.##imported-begin##Bill Van Bebb##imported-end##

July 13 at 4:14 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Bill was a good friend of my Dad and me in Nashville. I was stationed at Ft. Campbell when Dad met Bill. I gave him my boony hat when I came back from Somalia in '85.I'll miss Bill. Guy was a prince.##imported-begin##Greg Witham##imported-end##

April 5 at 2:58 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember him singing the best version of Saint James Infirmary at the old Downtown Club in Mobile. We were friends back then. He always made me laugh.##imported-begin##Pam Folden##imported-end##

March 26 at 5:04 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My condolences to the Francis family. Sincerely Louis WooldridgeE##imported-begin##louis wooldridge##imported-end##

August 2 at 10:45 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Billy was a wonderful man and performer I met him at the last show he and Ray did in Des Moines IA. I know he and his music touched a lot of people and Billy will be Missed##imported-begin##Phil Morgan##imported-end##

May 30 at 10:55 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Thank you Billy for entertaining us all those years, God bless you. Simply a fan....##imported-begin##Dr. Hook Fan##imported-end##

May 30 at 10:47 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I've been a big fan for 40 years. RIP.##imported-begin##Leon Vaughn##imported-end##

May 30 at 9:50 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I met Bill and Ray Sawyer at Ft. Thompson SD. They played at the casino there. I was lucky enough to have a good visit with Bill and have some pictures with him. Went back and seen them a couple years later, not sure of date but was in the 2000's. You have many many friends out here yet and will always be remembered!!!##imported-begin##Mike Ames##imported-end##

May 30 at 3:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I meet Billy several times, while he played, sang and danced with Dr. Hook. He was such a kind man and always took the time for his fans... He will be greatly missed by many many people. My thoughts and Prayers are with the family. God Bless you all. Hes singing and dnacing with the angels now... R.I.P Billy, will miss you deeply..a##imported-begin##Pam Johnston##imported-end##

May 29 at 3:54 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Only knew Billy through the nursing home. Very pleasant and enjoyed visiting with him.Sorry for your loss.aa##imported-begin##Jack & Marilyn Mingus##imported-end##

May 25 at 11:20 AM



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