



Billy E. Light (Lebanon)

September 15, 1947 - October 17, 2020

Billy Eldon Light, son of Finis and Berthenia Wilson Light, was born September 15, 1947, in Okanogan, Washington. He departed this life Saturday, October 17, 2020, in his home, near Lebanon, Missouri, at the age of seventy-three years, one month, and two days.

On December 23, 1967, he was united in marriage to Esther Jeanette Light, and to this union two daughters and one son were born.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Esther, on December 22, 2019. Billy is survived by two daughters, Angela Fischbach, and her significant other, Brian Henson, of Lebanon, Missouri, and Glenna Reeves, and her husband, Chris, of Linn Creek, Missouri; a son, Shane Light, and his significant other, Terry Kimmel, of Lebanon, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Amanda, J.P., Athena, Kenya, Raine, Autumn, and Aspen; three great-grandchildren, Aubrey, Annalise, and Mason; three brothers, Kenny Light, Steve Light, and his wife, Beverly, and Mike Light, all of Lebanon, Missouri; two sisters, Pam Davis, and her husband, Dean, and Kathy Rogers, and her husband, Bobby, all of Lebanon, Missouri; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He was born in Washington, but lived most of his life in the Lebanon, Missouri area. He graduated from Lebanon High School in the Class of 1966. He entered the military as a young man, and served his country faithfully in the United States Army for four years. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he returned to his wife, Esther, and they made their home near Lebanon, and lovingly raised their family. Billy worked for Bird Moving and Storage for a few years, and then worked for Tracker Marine for over thirty years.

Billy attended Crossroads Freewill Baptist Church in his younger years.

He enjoyed being outdoors where hunting and fishing were his favorite activities. He also enjoyed bowling and was active for many years in weekly bowling leagues in the area. He also played softball and was very active in Commercial League Softball. He was called "Papa Smurf" by his fellow teammates! He was particularly well known for his pitching.

Billy also enjoyed going to area car shows with his family.

He was a big fan of the Kansas City Chiefs, St. Louis Cardinals and also liked going to the races. He loved his family very much and especially enjoyed time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who called him "Poo Paw".

Billy was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and was a caring friend. We celebrate his life and know that his family and friends will hold tight to the wonderful memories he made for them during his lifetime.

Funeral services will be Friday, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. at Holman-Howe Funeral Home in Lebanon. Visitation will be Thursday evening, Oct. 22, from 5 - 7 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Mount Rose Memorial Park.

A memorial has been established.

Cemetery

Mount Rose Memorial Park

100 Mountrose St.

Lebanon, MO,

Events

OCT **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

22

Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon

320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon, MO, US, 65536

OCT **Service** 02:00PM

23

Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon

320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon, MO, US, 65536

Comments



“ J&J Crew purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Billy Eldon Light (Lebanon).



J&J Crew - October 22, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ Dana Gumm & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy Eldon Light (Lebanon).



Dana Gumm & Family - October 22, 2020 at 05:47 AM



“ Rita Houser purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Billy Eldon Light (Lebanon).



Rita Houser - October 21, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ My go-to "Light-guy" was Kenneth; we're the same age. Billy was "the older guy" - and was my brother - Hermes' - go-to "Light-guy." Baseball has a way of transcending "age," and, Lord knows, Billy, Kenneth, Hermes and I; we LOVE Baseball. We played the game almost on a daily basis ... from sun-up until that point when it became downright dangerous to continue playing because, well, it's unnerving to hear the 'crack' of the bat ... and then 'listening' to the sound of a ball you did not see 'whizzing' an inch or two from your face! And so we'd stop playing. Until the following day - and we'd all have at it ... again and again (and again, and ...). And then there were the late hour escapades with Hermes sneaking out of our Michigan street home by climbing down the second floor gutter - and then making haste to meet up with Billy, who had, according to plan, done that very thing. The two would meet up with other chums and find some barely legal (or otherwise!) way of enjoying the nightlife (I never was invited to those. "Baseball" was one thing; hanging out with 'the older guys' on such after-hours adventures, well-I-I-I, I was suddenly "a kid" - and not welcomed to partake - in those! I never held those rejections against my older brother or Billy (I'd usually score a quarter from Hermes to keep my mouth 'zipped'); I would simply try to get my "revenge" the following day --- on the Ball Yard! Lord knows, "The Lights" and "Velezs" - we made many many wonderful memories as the sands of time spilled onward in our lives. We did well to maintain our level of "Brotherhood" for many years after our 'Glory Days' became as waters gone by. Our annual treks to our Old Hometown (Lebanon) from Chicago were always filled with excitement; it was ALWAYS "good" to add to our memory-making with "The Lights" - 'Ma, Pa, and the Boys and Kathy. Sadly (for my part), the memories became all that we had to hang on to. Sad, isn't it (?) - how, step-by-step-by-step ... communications, so vital to maintaining "old acquaintance" - lest it be 'forgot' - breaks down. And then comes - "this" kind of news!! The flashbacks come - fast and furious! I am reminded of a quote from that wonderful movie - 'The King & I:' "It is always surprising how small a part of life is taken up by meaningful moments. Most often they're over before they start even though they cast a light on the future and make the person who originated them unforgettable." WE WILL ALL REMEMBER BILLY LIGHT WELL! THE BOY/YOUNG MAN/MAN CAST A LIGHT UPON ALL OUR LIVES ... that will not be extinguished for so long as we shall live! Goodbye, Billy! THANKS ... FOR THE MEMORIES!

Orlando Velez - October 20, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ So Sorry for your loss, prayers for healing and comfort for the Family.

Kathlene Gsines - October 20, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Billy Eldon Light (Lebanon).



October 19, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ I was very sorry to here of Billy’s passing . I know you have had so much sorrow this year. May God give your family peace .

Rita Hufft - October 19, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.
Prayers for the FAMILIES



Wm&Ana Willoughby - October 19, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss, Mike and Brittany. We feel your pain. Know we are thinking of you and sending hugs and prayers of comfort your way.

Kirby and Kim Cox - October 19, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ Kenny, and all family members, Sorry to hear of Billy's passing. Prayers being sent your way.

Gloria Enstrom-Marlow - October 19, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss. I know he'll be missed.

Rita and Ron Deckard - October 19, 2020 at 07:54 AM



“ Sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Peggy Starnes - October 18, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ Sorry for your loss! Billy always had a smile! We will miss you at the bowling alley!
Thoughts and prayers!



Robin and Mitch Ballhagen - October 18, 2020 at 08:19 AM