



Reuben "Billy" Williams Jr.

October 28, 1946 - June 24, 2025

Reuben "Billy" Williams Jr., aged 78, of Leitchfield, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, June 24th, 2025, at Norton Hospital Downtown in Louisville, Kentucky.

Born on October 28th, 1946, to the late Reuben Williams Sr. and Mary Catherine McGowan Williams, Billy was a man of quiet strength and enduring devotion. He cherished the nickname "Billy," lovingly given to him by his grandmother during his childhood. For 13 years, he made his livelihood driving a tractor-trailer for Leitchfield Transfer, demonstrating unwavering dedication and resilience throughout his career.

Billy, a Vietnam veteran whose selfless service aboard the USS Oriskany stands as a shining beacon of dedication to his country. Through three tours as a Naval Aviation Fuel Handler and third-class petty officer, Billy not only endured the rigorous demands of military life but excelled in one of the most dangerous jobs aboard a Navy aircraft carrier—the flight deck. His commitment to his country stands as a powerful testament to the bravery and honor with which he lived his life

Billy found joy in the little things that brought meaning and connection to his days. An avid University of Kentucky fan, he reveled in the camaraderie of sports, delighted in collecting Hallmark ornaments, and found peace in

working on puzzles and reading. As technology evolved, Billy embraced his iPad with enthusiasm, coloring and playing Smurfs with a childlike joy that mirrored his vibrant spirit. These moments of quiet contentment captured the essence of a soul who sought connection and meaning in every day.

Yet, above all, it was his family that defined him. Billy shared an extraordinary bond with his beloved wife, Patty S. Williams, his soulmate and partner in life. Together, they raised three remarkable daughters, who were the central joy and purpose of his world. His love for them was unconditional, and his legacy endures in the lives they lead.

Billy leaves behind a family that adored him, his daughters; Sarah Robin, Shelia Kay and Sheena Denise Williams including his sisters Carol (Ronnie) Roberts and Betty Hull, as well as a host of extended relatives and friends who loved and cherished him. His presence was a source of comfort and joy, a gentle reminder of the love he so generously shared. His passing reunites him with his beloved wife, Patty; his parents, Reuben Sr. and Mary Catherine; his brothers, James and Thomas (Mary Sue); his brother-in-law, Harry Hull; and his nephew, Kenneth Hull, who preceded him in death.

Billy's presence lingers like a gentle breeze in the wind—unseen but deeply felt—his spirit is woven into the fabric of cherished memories, bringing solace and strength to those who had the privilege of knowing him. In every quiet moment and every remembered smile, Billy's love continues to resonate, serving as an enduring legacy of devotion and strength.

Funeral services to honor Billy's life will be held at 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 29th, 2025, at Owen Funeral Home, located at 5317 Dixie Highway, Louisville, KY 40216. Friends and family may gather at the same location from 11:00 AM until the time of the service. Cremation services will follow the next day.

May the memory of Reuben "Billy" Williams Jr., with his kindness, courage, and unwavering love, serve as a beacon of inspiration for all who carry him in their hearts.

Cemetery Details

Cremation to Follow

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 29. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“*Sheena, Sheila and Sarah I'm so sorry for the loss of your father may God be with you through this difficult time.*



Lisa Sue Dillon - June 27, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“*Sparkling Cider & Snacks Gift Box was purchased for the family of Reuben "Billy" Williams Jr..*



June 27, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“*A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Reuben "Billy" Williams Jr..*

June 27, 2025 at 10:12 AM

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“*Shelia, Sarah and Sheena, I was heartbroken to hear about the passing of your dad. Please accept my deepest condolences during this incredibly difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May his soul rest in peace, and may you each find strength in one another as you navigate the days ahead.*

Michael T.

Michael tobi - June 26, 2025 at 10:06 PM



“ *Kathy Ritchie lit a candle in memory of Reuben "Billy" Williams Jr.*



Kathy Ritchie - June 26, 2025 at 05:11 PM



May god bless!

Kathy Ritchie - June 26, 2025 at 05:12 PM

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“ *Sarah, Sheila and Sheena I am praying for you girls that God will comfort you and give you strength through difficult time. You all took such wonderful care of your dad he knows that you all loved him so much as he loved you all !*

You made so many beautiful memories with your dad and you will always have those to cherish❤️

I will always be here for you girls !

Love you, Aunt Carol and Uncle Ronnie ❤️🙏💙✝️

Carolyn Roberts - June 26, 2025 at 02:28 PM

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“ Billy I will always cherish the memories we had growing up. I know you used to tease me a lot as I was the baby in the family but we had a lot of good times. I'll always remember when you came and got me out of my high school and surprised me when you got home from the Navy as I hadn't seen you for a year that made me feel really special. I will miss all the times we talked about the Kentucky Wildcats you were an avid fan just like me. It was great sharing stories and thoughts about UK basketball. I'm surely gonna miss you, but I know you are in paradise and no longer in pain and suffering.

You will always be in my heart forever until we meet again love your baby sister, Carol ❤️🙏💙☐➕

Carolyn Roberts - June 26, 2025 at 02:18 PM