



Mr. George W. "Billy" Blackburn Jr.

December 22, 1929 - October 7, 2020

George William "Billy" Blackburn, Jr., 90, of Sylvania passed Wednesday evening October 7, 2020 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Billy was born to the late George William, Sr. and Agnes Evans Blackburn on December 22, 1929 on the family homeplace. As a youth he worked side jobs to purchase flight lessons and at the age of 16 obtained his pilots license. He graduated class of 1948 from the Screven County High School and afterwards graduated from the Draughons Business School, now South College. He entered the National Guard and served during the Korean War and retired with 17 years of service as a Warrant Officer Second Class. Following his service he was employed with DuPont, now Savannah River Site. There he had an illustrious and 42 year long employment where he worked his way from an entry position and retired as Project Manager. While employed with DuPont he had the opportunity for further education and attended Princeton University for an engineering course. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sylvania and served as a Sunday school teacher and Deacon. He was a member of Woodmen of the World and served as an officer, the Sylvania Masonic Lodge #301 with 66 years of service, the Screven County Shrine Club having served as past Potentate, former Postmaster of the American Legion Post #116, former board member of the Screven County Hospital. His love for aviation would result in owning numerous planes and serving 68 years with the Screven County Airport Authority. In his free time he enjoyed cutting grass, fishing, playing guitar and writing songs. He especially enjoyed time spent with his grands and great-grands and was the loving patriarch of his immediate and extended family, and will be missed by all. He was preceded in death by his a son-in-law, Lester Paul Norton; sister and brother-in-law, Nellwyn Blackburn and Steve Robbins; and a brother and sister-in-law, Bowie Evans "Doc" and Nancy Blackburn.

Survivors include wife of 71 years Bonnie Flatman Blackburn of Sylvania; children, Vicki Blackburn Allen of Beech Island, SC, Kim Blackburn Norton, William Ernest "Billy" and Marcie Thorne Blackburn, all of Sylvania, Suzanne Blackburn Oliver of Brooklet; grandchildren, Summer Johnson Black, Ryan Garrett and Katherine Norton, Kymberly

Norton and Michael Snow, Cody Cameron Norton, Evan Blackburn Hilscher, Bonnie Sarah Blackburn, Haley Alexandra Oliver, and Alexander Hayes Oliver; great-grandchildren, Colton Black, Claire Black, Ava Norton, James Norton, Aaron Snow, Presley Snow, Olyvia Hilscher, and Amelia Hilscher; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Lennis Blackburn of Sun City, SC and Ronnie and Karen Blackburn of Sylvania, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Saturday from noon to 2:00pm in the Screven Chapel of Joiner Anderson Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 2:15pm in the Screven Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Dr. Charlie Cooper officiating with full military honors.

Pallbearers will be Phil Oliver, Hayes Oliver, Ryan Norton, Cody Norton, George Robbins, Heyward Robbins, Colton Black, and Michael Snow.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the American Legion Post #116 and the Sylvania Masonic Lodge #301.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church building and grounds fund, P.O. Box 318 Sylvania, GA 30467.

Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com

Joiner Anderson Funeral Home Screven Chapel is in charge of all arrangements.

Cemetery

Screven County Memorial Park Cemetery

810 East Ogeechee Street
Sylvania, GA, 30467

Events

OCT 10 Visitation 12:00PM - 02:00PM

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home - Sylvania
202 Ennis Street, Sylvania, GA, US, 30467

OCT 10 Graveside Service 02:15PM

Screven County Memorial Park Cemetery
810 East Ogeechee Street, Sylvania, GA,
US, 30467

Comments



“ Just found out about Blackie's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. I worked for Blackie for many years and could not have asked for a better person to be my boss. He was kind, supportive, helpful, caring and so many other ways to describe the wonderful person that he was. He treated everyone he came in contact with with respect. I am so grateful for the time that I had working with Blackie. My prayers to all the family and know that he will be missed so much by you all.

Deborah Nelson
Graniteville, SC

Deborah Nelson - October 26, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ Mr. Back burn was a manager at SRS and often was in the facility I worked in, he always made time to stop and speak, asking how I was and if there were any problems he could help with. As an operator I always appreciated this interest and respected him tremendously. My prayers for his family.

Julia Copeland

Julia Copeland - October 11, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ Angie Donaldson Murphey, Springfield, GA lit a candle in memory of Mr. George W. "Billy" Blackburn Jr.



Angie Donaldson Murphey, Springfield, GA - October 11, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ My condolences to the family. Thinking of you Kim and Billy.

(Angie Donaldson Murphey, Springfield, GA)

Angie Donaldson Murphey - October 11, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ Wow, can't believe it. Almost my entire SRS career was spent under his tutelage. A fine man who did SRS, his family, and his God proud.

Rick Geddes

Rick Geddes - October 10, 2020 at 06:52 AM



“ I'm very sorry to hear of Mr. Blackburn's passing. I didn't know him, but I did work at the "plant" for 21-years. My father also started work there in 1953 and he was born in 1925. Wouldn't surprise me at all if they had run into one another since my father worked in every area of the plant. My father was also an avid pilot after serving in WWII as a flight specialist. He owned his own planes, but was a member at Barnwell airport. I hate to continue to see the loss of the generation that knew what it was to be a true American. Wishing Mr. Blackburn fair winds and following seas.

TERRI SKIDMORE - October 09, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ Billy, he was certainly touch by the SuperNatural annioting power of the Holy Spirit!!!

What a wonderful person Billy was!

Ken Young
Savannah

ken young - October 09, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ 56 files added to the album LifeTributes



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - October 09, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ So many great memories of Mr. Blackburn growing up as a kid with little Billy as my best friend. Love the Blackburn's and my prayers for comfort and peace go out to you all. Clark Bourne

Clark Bourne - October 09, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ Blackie was truly a special man. I would say that very few knew the Separations buildings as well as he did, yet he was always willing to share his knowledge with others. A man of many talents, he will surely be missed. I know he is flying in heaven right now!

Tony Long - October 09, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ Billy, so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I remember him well during my early years in H-Canyon. Very nice and well respected. Prayers of comfort for your mother, you and the rest of your family.

Deb Thomas



Deb Thomas - October 09, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. George W. "Billy" Blackburn Jr..



October 09, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ Blackie was one of the most knowledgeable people I worked with at the SRP/SRS. He treated the younger folks with respect, so unlike so many at the time, and I am forever grateful. May the memories of him be a blessing to his family and all who knew him.

Deborah Moore Shedrow

Deborah Shedrow - October 09, 2020 at 07:55 AM



“ My daddy respected Mr. Billy so much. He also loved to talk about flying with him. Mr. Billy gave me my first airplane ride.

Lori Jacobs - October 09, 2020 at 05:12 AM



“ Susan Bazemore lit a candle in memory of Mr. George W. "Billy" Blackburn Jr.



Susan Bazemore - October 08, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ Ethel Stafford lit a candle in memory of Mr. George W. "Billy" Blackburn Jr.



Ethel Stafford - October 08, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ Marcia Sasser lit a candle in memory of Mr. George W. "Billy" Blackburn Jr.



Marcia Sasser - October 08, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ Greatest uncle a guy could grow up with! My uncle Billy was a class act in all regards. I love him and will miss him until I see him again....very sorry for all of his family's loss

George Robbins - October 08, 2020 at 07:42 AM



“ I carpooled with "Blackie" as he was known by friends at Savannah River. He always spoke wisdom with that gentle voice that only belonged to him. I will always cherish our private conversations while traveling back and forth to work. He accomplished a great deal professionally and was an inspiration for me to always do my best and treat others fairly. Please accept our condolences. He will always hold a special place in my heart.

Robert Mock Sr. - October 08, 2020 at 12:58 AM



“ Mrs. Bonnie & Family, we were so sorry to hear of Mr. Billy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you in this time of sorrow. May your memories bring you peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. He was always a sweet and kind gentleman.



Donnie & Dorothy Bennett - October 07, 2020 at 09:49 PM