



Billy J Benefield

January 12, 1943 - April 6, 2025

Obituary for Billy J. Benefield

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Billy Benefield, a beloved brother, uncle, and friend, who left us at the age of 82, on April 6th, 2025. An American Patriot who served in the United States Air Force, he was known for his unrelenting love of Alabama football and the Sylvania Rams. Uncle Billy had a spirit and personality that could never be tamed. A lifelong bachelor, he never married, but his devotion to his family, particularly his nieces and nephews, was unwavering. To them, he was more than just an uncle—he was a constant presence, a protector, and a source of endless entertainment.

Billy had a passion for watching high school sports, often seen on the sidelines or in the stands, cheering for an-yone except Plainview or arguing with the referees. His opinions, as strong as they were, came with a genuine love for the game and for his community.

Though his belligerent and ornery nature often made for colorful conversations, those who knew him best un-derstood that beneath the gruff exterior was a heart full of love and generosity. His stubbornness, sharp wit, and big personality will be sorely missed, but the memories of his joy, laughter, and unmistakable presence will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Billy is survived by two brothers Doyle (Sandra) Benefield and Bobby (Delta) Benefield, nieces and nephews Dee Dee (Joey) Jones, Diana (Erik)

Stephens, Lisa (David) Sparks, John (Jennifer) Benefield, and great nieces and nephews, Emsley Jones, Caroline (Jacob) Tinsley, Asa Sparks, Eli Sparks, Harper Benefield, and Lucy Benefield. He was preceded in death by his parents Hollie and Mildred Benefield. A small celebration of his life will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 2PM in Rainsville Funeral Home Chapel and a graveside service will follow at Antioch Cemetery, where friends and family will gather to remember the man who made life just a little more colorful. As a token of farewell, give him one last yell of "Roll Tide!" and/or "Go Rams!"

The Benefield family will receive friends Wednesday, April 9th from 11AM-2PM.

Rest in peace, Billy. Your belligerence may have earned you a few eye rolls, but your love for us all will never be forgotten. Roll Tide and Go Rams, we love you forever.

Cemetery Details

Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery

Fyffe, AL 35971

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Rainsville Funeral Home
498 Mccurdy Ave N
Rainsville, AL 35986
(256) 638-2122
<https://www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ I am so very sorry to see that Billy passed away earlier this year. Billy B was a very dear friend to my father, Larry Don Dillman, who passed away in 2019. He and Dad worked together at Lockheed Aircraft in Marietta, GA in the 1960-70's.

Billy B and I also shared a birthday, January 12th. I can remember when I was a little girl, in the late 1960's, Billy would give me rides on his motorcycle. He spent quite a bit of time at our house and was like another uncle to me.

Every year, until 2025, he always sent me a Christmas card. It was always a hand-picked card, never from a box of cards. I really missed that card last year and it has taken me quite some time to find his obituary.

Please know that he will be missed just like my Dad and other uncles who have passed.

Sincerely,
Laura Beth Dillman Bennett
258 Ashley Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Laura Dillman Bennett - November 10, 2025 at 04:22 PM

BS

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to Bobby, Delta, and the entire Benefield family. We are thinking of you and praying that you find comfort.

Barbara Shankles Family

Barbara Shankles - April 12, 2025 at 04:53 PM

DW

“ *Billy was like a brother, a good friend, he will be missed by many.* ”

Dianne Willoughby - April 09, 2025 at 01:08 AM

JC

“ *Joe & Patricia Cook sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy J Benefield* ”



Joe & Patricia Cook - April 07, 2025 at 08:40 PM