



William 'Billy' Lockhart Sweet

September 4, 1953 - December 14, 2024

William Lockhart 'Billy' Sweet, known more fondly as Billy, was born September 4, 1953, to H. Webb Sweet and Mary Greene Sweet, in Memphis, TN. He lived in Forrest City all of his life and was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church of Forrest City, where his mother and maternal grandmother were also raised. He was a man of strong but quiet faith.

The youngest of four children, Billy was raised in a large and loving family and his parents instilled in him the importance of service to the community in which you live.

In 1976, he made what he considered his best decision in life and married Judy Gale Allen, of Widener, and they were married for 48 years. Together, with her as his inspiration, their faith and belief in the strong foundation of family raised four children whom he loved deeply in all the ways he knew. While Billy was a simple man with simple ambitions of his own, visiting with friends and talking about his childrens' accomplishments were among his favorite things to do.

Billy farmed in the Arkansas Delta for 40 years, served his church as grounds manager for many years following in his fathers footsteps, was a member of Kiwanis Club of Forrest City, a past Board President of St. Francis County Farm Bureau through the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, and he provided for his family with dedication.

Billy passed away on December 14, 2024, after a determined fight against cancer. In his final months, he showed strength, courage, and unwavering

faith in the Lord.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Walter Sweet, one sister, Martha Sweet Gandy, and a beloved sister-in-law, Joyce Buford Sweet. He is survived by his wife, Judy A. Sweet, of the home; four children, Chris Sweet of Forrest City, Dr. Will Sweet and wife Beth, of Collierville, TN, Shannon Heard and husband Joey of Forrest City, Caitlyn Sweet and Cory Deere of Forrest City; six grandchildren, Hannah Sweet and Chandler Mier, Tristen Sweet, Bailey Heard, Emory Sweet, Porter Heard, and Mark Sweet. He is also survived by his dear big sister, Margie Sweet Walker, of Birmingham, AL, whom he spoke to nearly every day, and many cherished nieces, nephews and friends.

He considered it his greatest accomplishment in life to be called “Dad” and “Pops”. He was a good friend with a kind heart, and considered by most who knew him to be a “sweet” man.

Memorial services will be held at the First United Methodist Church Sanctuary, Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Tribute Wall

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“ Billy was always loving and kind to me when I would visit. He opened his heart and his home to me and my family and friends often over the years. He will be greatly missed. Sending love and prayers all of his family and friends.

Brenda A. McNeese - December 18, 2024 at 11:26 AM

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“ Back in his teen years, Billy was always friendly and kind to younger kids at the horse shows. His pleasant ways will be missed at our Forrest City United Methodist Church.

Margy Cannon - December 17, 2024 at 07:34 PM

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“ Billy and I have been friends our entire lives. Our fathers farmed in the Widener area and when they visited Billy and I would visit too . We were in the same Cub Scout den and as teenagers were in the Delta Sigma fraternity. I was his “big brother “ in the fraternity and we spent a lot of time cruising Forrest City. We helped organize the Widener Saddle Club, which later became the Crowleys Ridge Saddle Club. He and I farmed in the Widener area many years and we visited almost daily. Billy was a great friend and he may be gone but won't be forgotten.

Darrow Linn - December 17, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William 'Billy' Lockhart Sweet.*



December 17, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ *Billy was always such a wonderful classmate. He was quiet, but you knew he was your friend. I never heard him say anything negative. My prayers and condolences to Judy and ghe family. Mary Lois Banks*

Mary Lois Banks - December 17, 2024 at 12:08 PM