



Billy Matthews

September 28, 1929 - June 16, 2020

Billy Darden Matthews, age 90, died at his home on June 16, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, John H. and Mary Jo Matthews and beloved wife of 67 years, Becky Matthews.

Billy was born September 28, 1929 on the family farm in Cedar Hill where Matthews Cemetery is located. He graduated from Springfield High School and was the last surviving member of the 1948 football team. He went on to play football with his brothers, Albert and Ray Matthews, at Tennessee Tech where he graduated in 1952. Billy was also the last surviving member of the Tennessee Tech team. He coached football, basketball and taught biology at Cumberland High in Nashville and Hartsville High School.

For 33 years, Billy worked for the City of Springfield as Superintendent of Water and Waste Water Departments. He was a member of the Springfield Baptist Church and taught Sunday school for many years. Billy loved hunting, fishing, wood carving, loading his ammunition, and bird watching. He was known to be a master storyteller and loving sharing stories with family and friends.

Billy is survived by 4 children; Lucy (Randy) Holt of Springfield, Sherrie (Neel) Smith of Cedar Hill, Mike (Sherry) Matthews of Hoover, Alabama, and Mark Matthews of Springfield; grandchildren, Lesley (Joey) Haun of Christiana,

Tennessee, Amy Holt of Springfield, Ashley (Aaron) Yoder of Hoover, Alabama, Blake (Amanda) Matthews of Helena, Alabama, and Brant (Katie) Smith of Nashville; great grandchildren, Evan Moncrief, Alex Mitchell, Britton Matthews, Taylor Smith and Garrett Smith; and lastly, his best buddy and devoted puppy dog, Angel.

A graveside service will be announced and held at a later date at Matthews Cemetery. If so desired, memorial contributions are requested to Matthews Cemetery or The Gideons International. Any donations may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

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