



## William "Bill" Wade Rickman

January 13, 1935 - March 22, 2014

William "Bill" Wade Rickman, age 79, of Springfield, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Gallatin Health Care in Gallatin. Funeral services will be held Monday, March 24, 2014 at 11am at the First United Methodist Church in Springfield with Dr. Fred Hembree and Reverend Don Hutchinson officiating. Burial will follow at 2pm on Monday March 24, 2014 in the Hartsville Memorial Garden in Hartsville TN. Keith Rickman, Owen Finley, Jeff Finley, Clark Finley, Louis Miller, Gene Beck, and Billy Grisard will serve as pallbearers. Lou Miller, Gary Doble and Bill Paul Carneal will serve as honorary pallbearers. Visitation with the family will be on Sunday March 23, 2014 from 4-7 pm at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield and on Monday 10am until the time of service at the church. Mr. Rickman was born on January 13, 1935 in Hartsville, TN to the late Noel Bressie and Lenora Bratton Rickman. He served in the United States Army and a Member of First United Methodist Church. In his early years Mr. Rickman was a tobacco farmer and a tobacco buyer. He was co-owner of the Cumberland Valley Tobacco Warehouse in Hartsville with his father and older brother Bob. He had a successful lifelong career in auto sales. In addition to his parents Mr. Rickman is preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Yates Rickman and brother Robert Noel "Bob Rickman". He is survived by his daughters Mary Lisa (Steve) Grumman of Augusta, GA and Ara Bratton Rickman of Louisville, TN; brother, Samuel Bratton Rickman of Gallatin and grandchildren, Merritt, Daley, and Rick Grumman. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the First United Methodist Church.

Donations may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell. Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements. AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME- 509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ To Mrs. Rickman & Family: I have been praying for you and your family and will continue to do so. May God Comfort You and Your family during this time. We Love You !!! Sincerely, Sheri D. Crawley

Sheri D. Crawley - March 24, 2014 at 07:56 PM

KC

“ May his memory be eternal!

Kim Christodoulou - March 24, 2014 at 12:57 PM

WL

“ So very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great man and a good friend. He will be missed. I was fortunate to be able to bond with him over the last few years by providing him with fresh homemade tomato juice, canned by my wife. He sure did love that stuff!

Walter Lee - March 24, 2014 at 12:51 PM

CO

“ Ara, You and Mary Lisa remain in my thoughts and prayers. I hope that happy memories of times spent with your father will be a comfort to you now. Love you, Chris Oehler

Chris Oehler - March 24, 2014 at 09:20 AM

SP

“ Mary Lisa So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Your and Ara are in my prayers.

sarah presley - March 24, 2014 at 08:29 AM

KP

“ So sorry for loss..praying for peace for you and your family

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**Kelly Page** - March 23, 2014 at 07:52 PM

LS

“ Just a note to let you know our deep sympathy that we feel for you during this period. Our thoughts and prayers come your way in the coming days as you deal with the loss of your dad.

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**Lynn skelton** - March 23, 2014 at 07:28 PM

DH

“ We have fond memories of Bill Wade & the automobiles we purchased from him in Hartsville, TN. Bill & the entire staff were always friendly, fair & entertaining, especially when our small son asked Bill why he was bald. As we remember, Bill's answer was that he had wondered the same thing. You will be in our thoughts & prayers.

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**Daniel & Charlotte Holleman** - March 23, 2014 at 03:12 PM

LM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May the peace and love of God give you all the strength and courage you need at this time. Love, Mac

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**Linda McNamara** - March 23, 2014 at 01:42 PM

TG

“ Blessings and condolences to you all.

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**Tommy Gibbons** - March 23, 2014 at 01:32 PM

CM

“*Mary Lisa, Ara, and family, I am so saddened to hear about Bill Wade. He was a great guy and I always enjoyed talking with him. So glad I got to see him again at the cabin and visit with you all.*”

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**Carol Stovall McCauley** - March 23, 2014 at 10:47 AM

BS

“*Great friend worked for bill selling car for two years we will miss him.*”

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**Bobby and Alice Satterfield** - March 23, 2014 at 09:24 AM

ED

“*I did not know him, but his I have worked with his daughter, Ara for 10 years. She is well loved and so I believe that Bill was and is well loved too. Sorry for your loss. I know you will treasure him in your memories.*”

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**Emily Dalton** - March 22, 2014 at 09:44 PM

DE

“*Mary Lisa and Ara--You know how we loved your father and he knew it too. We are so sorry to lose such a good and true friend. He is now with our dear Lord and his Miss Ruth. God bless you.*”

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**Dee Ann & Sven Ekman** - March 22, 2014 at 05:57 PM