



Billy Samuel Beaty

January 8, 1934 - January 21, 2025

Billy Samuel Beaty, age 91, of Ewing, VA, passed away at Holston Rehabilitation and Care Center on January 21, 2025.

Billy Sam was born January 8, 1934 to the late Samuel McDonald Beaty and Willie Frank Lawson Beaty. He was raised in Rose Hill with three sisters and one brother. He married Kathryn Sue Sergent Beaty on August 12, 1966. They settled in Rose Hill for a number of years before moving to Ewing, VA. Sue and Sam were members of the Morgan Memorial United Methodist Church in Rose Hill, VA. Sam attended Hardy's Creek Baptist Church as a child and as a young man.

Billy Sam graduated from Thomas Walker High School where he played baseball. He also played a couple of years semi-pro baseball at Leeman Field in Pennington Gap, VA. He enjoyed attending all sports events. Billy Sam also had a love for aviation. He obtained a pilot's license and purchased his own single-engine airplane and enjoyed flying with friends and family. Other hobbies was golfing, boating and fishing. He loved going out on the lake and just riding or simply quiet fishing. He also loved dogs and owned two great danes many years ago.

Billy Sam served in the U.S. Army for two years, from July 1956 to July 1958. He was deployed to Korea in the 50th Medical Detachment (helicopter unit).

After he returned from Korea, he began working with L&N Railroad who is now known as CSX Transportation. He had a life long career as an agent who worked at the Middlesboro, Ewing, Rose Hill and Pennington depots.

Billy Sam was a photography buff. Many will remember him as a local photographer who has taken photos of the local historic sites, train depots, weddings, white rocks, sand cave, and so many other sessions and events for family and friends.

During their marriage, Sue and Sam traveled extensively and have visited all 50 states in the union.

Billy Sam is preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn Sue Sergent Beaty, his parents, Samuel McDonald Beaty and Willie Frank Lawson Beaty, sisters Helen Lou Beaty Holt and Anna Marie Beaty Chance. Billy Sam is survived by one brother, Donald Lawson Beaty and one sister, Jan Rose Beaty Edds (the late Franklin Edds). He is also survived by special nieces and nephews, Rose Anna Edds Copeland (the late Ernest Copeland), Jeffrey Beaty Edds (JoAnna), Mary Helen Edds Richmond (John), John Franklin Edds Jr. (Carrie), Michael Jerry Edds (Jeniefer) and special cousins, Sharon Mazzeo and Shannon Mazzeo. Several other nieces, nephews, great nieces & nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will held on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 1:00pm for family and close friends at Lee Memorial Gardens Park West in Rose Hill, VA. Reverend Norman Clark will be officiating.

Pallbearers: Colby Edds, Ty Edds, John Richmond, John Edds, Michael Edds, Jeff Edds, Jeffrey Edds Jr. and Rick Ellis.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to PAWS of SWVA

Inc. on their website <https://www.pawsswva.org/donate> or to Morgan Memorial Methodist Church in Rose Hill, VA.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a “For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die...” All of life has a beginning and end. We can rest in the fact that God has created both.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting, www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com. Robinette Funeral Home of Rose Hill is serving the Beaty family.

Cemetery Details

Lee Memorial Gardens Park West

Rose Hill, VA

Previous Events

Graveside service

JAN 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lee Memorial Gardens Park West
Rose Hill, VA

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Debbie Garrett lit a candle in memory of Billy Samuel Beaty*



Debbie Garrett - February 03, 2025 at 02:20 PM

RO

“ *So sorry to hear of Billy Sam passing. I worked with him on the railroad and he was a funny guy to be around. Always pulling a joke on somebody or having something funny to say. Enjoyed working with him and he will be missed by many other railroaders.*

Ronnie Oplinger - January 25, 2025 at 05:57 PM

BC

“ *Sorry to hear of Billy Sam! A lot of memories growing up together!*

Bill Cheak - January 24, 2025 at 07:06 PM

RC

Jan, and Don can remember a lot of good times with you all. The best that we were borned and raised in your Grandma House in Hagan. Sorry for Billy Sam passing but we can rejoice knowing he he is with God. Love you all

Rebecca Cheak Coleman - January 26, 2025 at 03:18 PM

SL

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for the family



Shelby Long - January 24, 2025 at 04:04 PM

DP

“ Doris And Larry Presley lit a candle in memory of Billy Samuel Beaty



Doris and Larry Presley - January 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM

“ I am so saddened to hear of Sam’s passing. “ Sam” is what we knew him by. Both Sam and Sue were a big part of our lives for all the years when we were in Ewing. They both were dear friends.

There are a lot of wonderful and fun memories that were made during that One day Sam invited Joe and me to go flying with him so of course, off we went. We made him promise before we set foot on that plane that he wouldn’t do anything crazy like flying upside down. Well.....you guessed it, that’s exactly what he did, along with nose diving to the ground and other aerial acrobats and I thought we would die and throw up all at once! Lol. Needless to say, we NEVER got on a plane with him again! Also, we were visiting them and Joe and Sam were out on their front porch and saw something moving in the road. For some reason Sam was on crutches. Being the nosy guys that they were, Sam hobbled out to check it out and got into a fight with a huge black snake. He picked it up on the end of his crutch and threw it at Joe who was standing on the porch. The snake didn’t make it to the porch but hit the ground and went back after Sam with lightening speed! Sam was trying to hobble back to Joe as fast as he could to get away from it, got on the porch, pushed Joe out of the way for the snake to get him and flew through the door. Joe was mortified because he hated snakes. Sam comes back out and beats the snake to death with the crutch. The whole thing was hilarious and we laughed about it for years.

That’s the kind of person Sam was. He was always telling us jokes, (some could be a little off color) and he would laugh and laugh. He was smart and talented in so many ways and one of the most kind hearted people I ever knew and he loved Sue with all his heart.

Because I know Sam is with Jesus now I can only imagine the happy reunion he is having with Sue and all his family and friends that have gone on before him.

My most sincere condolences to all who will grieve his passing.
Brenda Weis

Brenda Weis - January 23, 2025 at 09:32 PM