



Billy Bryan Chancellor

September 10, 1937 - January 25, 2025

Funeral for Billy Bryan Chancellor, Sr., age 87, of Decatur, will be Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Shelton Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Cheshier officiating. Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, 1/29/2025 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Interment will be at Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Chancellor, who died Saturday morning, January 25, 2025, at Riverside Senior Living, was born on September 10, 1937, in Bastrop, LA to Mamie Louise Tisdale and Bethel Jackson Chancellor. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Bonnie Marie Chancellor, his parents, and his brother, Harry Chancellor.

Billy began his career as a papermaker in Bastrop, LA working in the yard crew at International Paper Company in 1956. Throughout the years and many moves to multiple southern states, he was promoted to crew leader, foreman, and finally assistant maintenance superintendent at Champion International Corporation in Courtland, AL, where he retired in 1999. He was known by his co-workers at Champion as “BC” where practically everyone had a nickname. Billy also loved music with a passion and began tickling the ivories at a very young age. He had such a profound God-given talent and played piano and other instruments by ear. He played and sang with many groups throughout his musical career, including The Four Chaps, The Bachelors IV, Sandana, The Sophisticated Swingers, and Replay, just to name

a few. Billy also enjoyed woodworking in his spare time after retirement. He loved his family dearly and was always there for them. He was loved by all who knew him and was always upbeat with a smile on his face. He was a member of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in Decatur. Billy “fought the good fight” against chronic kidney disease, which ultimately took his life.

Billy is survived by his wife, Sheryll Kerniece Reynolds, children, Cindy Chancellor, Dana (Tom) Williams, Sandy (Darren) Jones, Billy (Judy) Chancellor, Jr.; bonus children, Jeff (Mala) Reynolds, Lisa (Tucker) Smith, and Chip (Julie), 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Jackie Chancellor of Clearwater, FL.

Pallbearers will include Grant Miller, Stuart Clark, Robert Williams, John Hester, Christopher Story, Chris Chancellor, and Jeff Reynolds.

The family would like to recognize and give special thanks to Hospice of the Valley and Riverside Senior Living for their outstanding care of Mr. Chancellor during his extended illness.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

Memorial Drive
Decatur, AL 35601

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home Inc
2105 Beltline Rd SW
Decatur, AL 35601-5596
(256) 353-1620

Funeral

JAN 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home Chapel
2105 Beltline Road SW
Decatur, AL 35601

Burial

JAN 30 (CT)

Roselawn Cemetery
Memorial Drive
Decatur, AL 35601

Tribute Wall

FB

“ Fred and Janie Brasfield purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy Bryan Chancellor.



Fred and Janie Brasfield - January 29, 2025 at 11:34 AM

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“ Fred and Janie Brasfield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Bryan Chancellor.

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JS

“Comments from members of *The Sophisticated Swingers Orchestra*, with whom Billy shared his immense talents for so many years. We will forever miss him.... Rest well Billy, you're now in *Heaven's Band!*

"His kindness and talents were many. His personality lifted us all. Life was better with him in it."

"Enjoyed our conversations and playing music with him. Condolences and prayers for his family."

"I'm so sad to hear about Billy. He was such a fun, brilliant and personable entertainer. So glad I got to spend at least a little time with this gentle man. I will miss his smile."

"Sad times. Billy was a real gentleman and a great musician. No one could do Willie [Nelson] like Billy!"

"We've lost a fine man, musician, and friend. I'm grateful for the times I got to enjoy playing with Billy."

Jon Sedlak - January 28, 2025 at 07:42 PM



“Simply Elegant *Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Billy Bryan Chancellor.



January 28, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ 85 files added to the album Life Tributes



Shelton Funeral Home - January 28, 2025 at 05:05 PM

RJ

“ Regina Liaw & Garry Johnson purchased the Fair est of All for the family of Billy Bryan Chancellor.



Regina Liaw & Garry Johnson - January 28, 2025 at 10:46 AM

JJ

“ I had the privilege of hearing Mr. Billy play and sing at the Priceville Palace. What a talented person! He left a great legacy with his musically talented children. Praying for peace during this difficult time.

Jeannie J - January 27, 2025 at 01:30 PM

SF

“ Shirley Williams Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Bryan Chancellor.

Shirley Williams Family - January 27, 2025 at 11:36 AM

PH

“ *Deepest condolences during this time. Your family has always held a special place in our hearts.*

The McNeely Family



Paula and Mike Hughes - January 26, 2025 at 11:34 PM