



## John William "Bill" Busby

July 13, 1946 - February 11, 2020

Mr. Busby passed away on February 11, 2020 in his home at the age of 73.

A native of Laurel, MS, he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. Upon his return, he attended William Carey University, graduating in 1974 with a four-year degree in Christian Studies. He continued his studies at New Orleans Theological Seminary, graduating in 1976 as an Ordained Minister. He continued to serve the community as a member of the Salvation Army and decades of active service with Kingston United Methodist Church. He also attended Franklin United Methodist. Bill was a very giving man who loved the Lord and demonstrated that love with the joy he spread to everyone he met. Bill was a man who never met a stranger always finding the good in everyone, and almost never turned down a fishing trip.

Mr. Busby was preceded in death by his parents Mary Josephine Haun Busby and RV Busby, as well as his sisters Patricia Ann Busby Morrow and Judy Busby.

He is survived by his nephew Robert Morrow, and his wife Keryl, with their children Justin, Ryan, and Hayley of Chesapeake, VA and his niece Stacia Smith and her husband Eric with their son Tyler of Ponchatoula, LA.

Visitation and a celebration of his life will be at Memory Chapel in Laurel on Tuesday, February 18 at 1 p.m. with the service to follow at 3 p.m. officiated by Terry Joe Busby of Brandon, MS.

Pallbearers will be Justin Morrow, Ryan Morrow, John Norris Busby, Paul Ratliff, Joe Prior, and Walter "Wally" Huddleston.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Tyler Smith and Rex Jones.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay  
Springs Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**FEB 18.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

## Service

**FEB 18.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Walter Huddleston - January 09, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Bill visits Portland OR



Barbara Rulison - February 23, 2020 at 12:46 PM



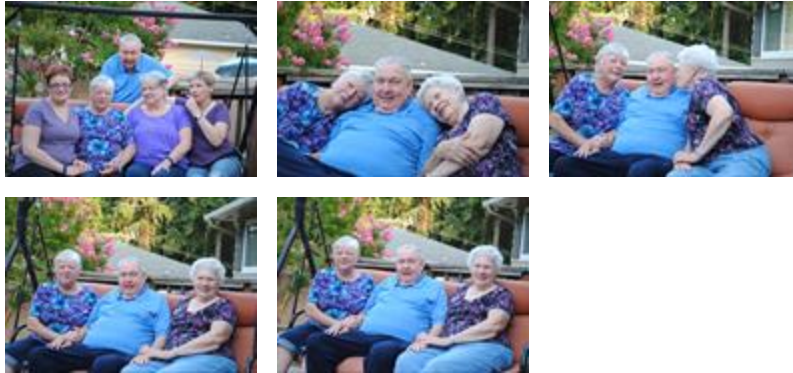
“ Barbara Rulison lit a candle in memory of John William "Bill" Busby



Barbara Rulison - February 23, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ 13 files added to the album Portland Oregon 2017



Barbara Rulison - February 23, 2020 at 12:42 PM

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*Thanks for sharing these pictures!*

stacia smith - February 24, 2020 at 08:08 PM

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*Remembering "cuzin" Bill with great love and affection. Missing our phone conversations.*

Barbara Rulison - February 10, 2025 at 12:29 PM

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“ *Our sympathy to the dear family of Mr. Bill Busby .. He lifted our spirits at Franklin United Methodist Church when he would come to our night services. He will definitely be missed at Franklin. Our Love, Hugs and Prayers to his family, Eddie and Charlene Kissinger*

Ed Kissinger - February 18, 2020 at 02:17 PM

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*Thank you!*

stacia smith - February 24, 2020 at 08:06 PM

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“ *Mr. Bill was a sweet and caring man who always saw the good in everyone. Every time you saw him he was the same with that big smile on his face. He will be GREATLY missed.*

Nell Wilkinson - February 18, 2020 at 02:14 PM

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*Thank you!*

stacia smith - February 24, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ *Barbara Rulison lit a candle in memory of John William "Bill" Busby*



Barbara Rulison - February 14, 2020 at 11:07 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John William "Bill" Busby.*



February 14, 2020 at 01:00 PM