



Billie Blackburn

October 22, 1933 - March 31, 2016

William “Billie” H. Blackburn, age 82, of Versailles, passed away Thursday, March 31, 2016, at his home. He was born October 22, 1933, in Versailles, a son of the late William and Ardelia May (Moore) Blackburn.

On June 21, 1952, in Versailles, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Evelyn (Tomblinson) Blackburn.

Billie was known for his mechanic work and his salvage yard. He enjoyed building hot rod cars, entering cars in the local demolition derbies and racing circle dirt track and B Modified race cars. He was an avid NASCAR fan and was a collector of die casts. In Billie’s spare time, he enjoyed going to swap meets, hunting and fishing.

He was a member of the Central Missouri Racing Association.

Billie was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his wife, Evelyn, he is survived by his sons, Roy Gene Blackburn, William Henry Blackburn III and Gary Ray Blackburn all of Versailles; daughters, Brenda Thompson of Henryetta, Oklahoma and Rita Hunsaker of Versailles; grandchildren, Ray Whittle, Melissa Blackburn, Heather Plewa, Billie Joe Corkerin, Dakota Blackburn, Lilly Blackburn, Lydia

Blackburn, Chelsey Hunsaker, Leanna Hunsaker, Austin Hunsaker, Josh Thompson, Chelsey Farr and Cody Jefferies; several great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Kenny Joe Blackburn, one brother and a sister.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon, Monday, April 4th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Reverend Gerald Hamlett officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery near Versailles. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Monday, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove Cemetery

Seals Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

APR 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BA

“ *Brenda Arment-Guerin lit a candle in memory of Billie Blackburn*



Brenda Arment-Guerin - April 04, 2016 at 10:27 PM



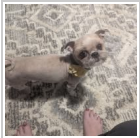
“ *(Have you tried Bill Blackburn, Hes probably got what you need?) How many times have you heard that? I could,nt of kept my old cars and trucks going if not for Bill ...He helped me out many times with affordable parts and free advice....Thanks Bill ...You will be missed.*

Darrell Vansell - April 03, 2016 at 11:22 PM

SW

“ *I bought my first two cars from Bill. Me and my Dad always enjoyed visiting with him. My condolences to the family.*

Stan Williams - April 03, 2016 at 09:43 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed as a kid growing up and watching the local derbies watching Mr. Blackburn and my father Kenny Wood battle it out.. lots of good memories. May God bless your family during this difficult time.*

Jody Shaw - April 03, 2016 at 07:29 PM

SW

“ *Susan White lit a candle in memory of Billie Blackburn*



Susan White - April 03, 2016 at 02:11 AM

SW

As a trucker my Dad was always running down to see "Bill" for this part or that, but I think a lot of the time it was just to visit. He enjoyed sharing stories and the vast knowledge Bill had about vehicles. Paul and I knew Bill through racing. He was an interesting guy. Our sympathy and prayers to his Evelyn and the Blackburn family. May you be comforted in knowing he is with the Lord. Paul and Susan White

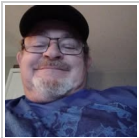
Susan White - April 03, 2016 at 02:18 AM

DB

“ I used to be scared of Bill when I was a teen...close to Kenny and Brenda's ages and saw how strict he seemed to be then. Now I am sure he knew exactly what he was doing and how to do it and why sense he had so many teens at one time! What a good family and life he has led! By viture of his age God has blessed him for his service and love in this life! I shed tears each time 'one of ours goes home' as these family and friends like Bill hold the true key to Heaven...they knew all their lives what we are still learning...that love, family, friends and a man's wealth of honor matter more than any riches we might pursue in this life! Their life did not revolve around money...it revolved around the LOVE and goodness they could fill their lives with! Bill will not only be so very missed by his family and friends...but will also be missed by a community that is losing those in it like Bill who can teach us all a lesson in how to live our lives with more love and happiness. May we all remember the lessons and may God Bless his family at this time of sorrow..



Debby Dunn Burris - April 02, 2016 at 11:37 PM



“ RIP Bill Blackburn.

Darren Hilgar - April 02, 2016 at 12:16 PM



“ I remember when I was very young. Me and my Dad would drive down to the spring a few miles down the road from Bill and Evelyn's house to get water. Every Saturday, or Sunday. We would always stop and talk. But if racing was on. It was hard to get his attention. lol I remember drooling over the old cars he had out there. I would point one out. And he would tell me a complete history of that car. And where it came from. And on the hot summer days, when me and Dad would show up. Bill and Evelyn would give us a cold drinks, and some cookies, and or pie.... And I remember hoping that BJ was there, So we could go play outside, And Bill saying.... "Don't get around those cars, there could be a hornets nest in 'em" All those wonderful memories. Will never be erased from my mind..... God Bless him. My prayers go out to all the Blackburn family... Love you all.

Robert Wilson - April 02, 2016 at 10:38 AM

BC

Wonderful memories that we share with you. Thank you for sharing

Billie Corkerin - April 02, 2016 at 04:00 PM

SR

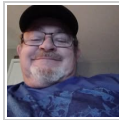
“ I always liked visiting with Bill and talking cars and demo cars. He was always ready and willing to help me out with my old trucks and cars. I will miss the knowledge and friendship that we shared throughout the years. My heart goes out to all the family. God bless you all.

Stan Roberts - April 02, 2016 at 10:16 AM

DS

“ I know my Dad and Billie are sharing a few stories and having a few laughs, they were always the "best" of friends. Billie was always my Dad's brother from another mother. Thinking of all of you and the memories we all share, just want you to know. you all are in my thoughts and prayers...,Love you guys, Debby

Debby Stone - April 01, 2016 at 08:26 PM



RIP demo derby King.

Darren Hilgar - April 02, 2016 at 12:09 PM

DT

prayers for the family

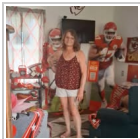
debra troutman - April 02, 2016 at 02:33 PM

GT

“ Memories to last a life time. I think back to all the good times we all had as a family, from cross country trips to, Saturday nights watching wrestling, and Sunday races. Love love love this man. Mom always remember "forever in our hearts".



Glenda Tietjen - April 01, 2016 at 08:17 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, the whole family are in our prayers



Brad N Connie Hilkemeyer - April 01, 2016 at 07:10 PM



“ *When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now. May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days. Sending prayers for all the family.*

Kim Johnson-Martin - April 01, 2016 at 06:57 PM

BC

“ *SENDING PRAYERS FROM MY FAMILY TO YOURS.*

Brenda coontz - April 01, 2016 at 06:43 PM

DM

“ *Melissa you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers.*



David and debbie mccollom - April 01, 2016 at 06:36 PM



“ *A truly wonderful man. He will be missed by all!*



Tina Hilgar - April 01, 2016 at 06:27 PM

RM

“ Regina Farr Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of Billie Blackburn



Regina Farr Myers - April 01, 2016 at 06:12 PM

WS

“ Willa Stafford lit a candle in memory of Billie Blackburn



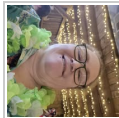
Willa Stafford - April 01, 2016 at 06:11 PM



“ Cassandra Longstreet lit a candle in memory of Billie Blackburn



Cassandra Longstreet - April 01, 2016 at 06:07 PM



My God be with the family

Cassandra Longstreet - April 01, 2016 at 06:07 PM

JF

“ Jay And Lisa Foley lit a candle in memory of Billie Blackburn



Jay and Lisa Foley - April 01, 2016 at 05:56 PM

KH

“ Bill was a very good hearted hard working man..I enjoyed all the many times we would sit outside under the shade tree with his wife and just visit..HE will be missed....I give my heartfelt condolences to the family... Hugs and Love to all... Especially Evelyn.....Lord I ask you to hold this family within your arms and walk with them during their sadness of the loss of their husband, daddy, and grandpa....just lift their hearts Lord...In Jesus name I Pray...AMEN.....❤️

Kathy Hintt - April 01, 2016 at 05:48 PM



“ Tami Hill Cannon lit a candle in memory of Billie Blackburn



Tami Hill Cannon - April 01, 2016 at 05:37 PM

MM

“ Bill was a wonderful friend and a good man. My prayers to Evelyn and the family.

Michele.

Michele Miller - April 01, 2016 at 04:28 PM

MM

“ *Michele Miller lit a candle in memory of Billie Blackburn*



Michele Miller - April 01, 2016 at 04:25 PM