



William O. "Billy" Healy

July 11, 1953 - December 17, 2020

Gloucester native and lifelong resident, William O. (Billy) Healy, Jr., 67, passed away peacefully on December 17, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Billy was born on July 11, 1953 to Helen Moody Healy and the late William Otis Healy, Sr. He is survived by his soulmate and wife of 35 years, Kathleen Claybrook Healy; daughter Sarah Healy Harris (Jonathan); daughter Rachel Healy Schey (Eric); granddaughter Lucy V. Harris; sisters Stephanie Wylie (Bill) and Mary Edmonds (Scott); brothers Steve Healy (Pam) and Randy Healy; and a host of family and friends. Billy was a member of the Gloucester High School class of 1971. He attended Ferrum College, Virginia Tech, and Christopher Newport University. Billy had a passion for making all things outside more beautiful in his landscaping business for over 45 years. He was the President of Second Nature Landscaping, Inc. where he considered his clients his friends, not just customers. There are countless people who will remember him whenever they see the beauty of his handiwork on their property. The garden is where he communed with God and fellow Christians in this amazing world that we are a part of. His lasting legacy is that he left this world more beautiful than he found it. Billy loved the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, trapping, fishing, and golfing. He was a lifelong member of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church on Main Street, where he served as an elder and usher for many years. He also spent time making the church grounds beautiful. It was not uncommon for people to attend church just to see what dapper outfit Billy would be wearing on Sunday. Billy went effortlessly from khaki work pants and hats to bright, colorful sport coats and bow ties. He loved a good party, live music, and entertaining everyone on the dance floor. His only grandchild Lucy, who he lovingly called "Boogums," was the apple of his eye. She single-handedly replaced all the other women in his life the moment he witnessed her birth. They enjoyed planting flowers, riding on the golf cart, collecting the chicken eggs, and eating sweets together. Although we are saddened that Billy will not be here for the arrival of his namesake and second grandchild, Otis Ray Harris, we know he will share in our joy. The family would like to thank Dr. Ron Haggerty, his staff, and his wife Kacki for their special care and compassion; the physicians and staff who attended to him at Riverside Walter Reed Hospital; Riverside Cancer Center; and Riverside Hospice. Services will be private. In memory of our loved one, memorial donations may be made to Grace Covenant

Presbyterian Church, Building Fund (P.O. Box 581 Gloucester, VA 23061). Services under the direction of Hogg Funeral Home.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Hogg Funeral Home - January 09 at 03:54 PM



“ Gloucester lost a good one way to early.RIP OLE BUDDY.

Arthur - January 09 at 09:04 PM



“ Wonderful tribute to a wonderful person and great friend!

Sallie Miller - January 09 at 09:38 PM



“ Very nice tribute to a Good Ol' Boy!

Toby Calloway - January 09 at 09:46 PM



“ What a precious person!

Kent and Lou Taylor - January 09 at 11:42 PM



“ Beautiful tribute to an amazing long time friend! He will be missed by many and was loved by more! RIP dear friend!

Debbie Foster - January 10 at 08:43 AM



“ Beautiful Family! Wonderful tribute! I always admired Billy and his love for his family! Hold tightly to all life's wonderful memories Rest in the Lord my friend!

Jerry Foster - January 10 at 10:09 AM



“ Well done Billy! You took care of your family 100% and lived a resourceful, pleasant, and beneficial life!

Paul S White - January 10 at 10:59 AM



“ beautiful tribute to a good friend and good man

jimmy huff - January 10 at 11:17 AM



“ Well done, wonderful tribute to a good family man.

david hogge - January 10 at 02:26 PM



“ I will cherish the memories of Billy for the rest days on this earth, so till I see you again whether your calling up an old Tom or casting for a speck RIP my friend I'll be seeing you.

Johnny foster (sidney) to Billy - January 10 at 05:33 PM



“ He was a special man loved by all. I'll cherish our friendship and memories forever.

Donnie Foster - January 10 at 07:29 PM



“ Beautiful! Smiling through the tears and holding close the sweet memories. So blessed to call him friend.

Michele Smith - January 11 at 12:16 AM



“ A beautiful life lead. Billy was a gentle and kind man all of his life.

Leslie & Anna Wilson - January 11 at 07:07 AM



“ Billy was a good friend and he will be truly missed by all who had the good fortune to have known him!

Sabina - January 11 at 02:15 PM



“ What a beautiful video tribute to a terrific man! Billy was a great guy from a wonderful family. I know he is in Heaven looking "dapper" as usual and dancing up a storm. Love to all the Healys from the the Clements/ Towell Crew.

JIM AND EVA (CIEMENTS) Towell,
ALMEDA S. CLEMENTS
AND FAMILIES

JAMES TOWELL JR - January 16 at 01:13 PM



“ 108 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hogg Funeral Home - July 08 at 11:02 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William O. "Billy" Healy.



January 09 at 07:34 PM



“ 127 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hogg Funeral Home - January 08 at 05:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William O. "Billy" Healy.



January 04 at 08:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William O. "Billy" Healy.



December 20, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers.



Susan Smith - December 20, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ Kathy and family we are very sorry to hear of your great loss. Billy was not only a very talented landscaper, but a truly kind and polite human being that will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you through this difficult time.

Wayne and Linda Walthall

Linda Walthall - December 20, 2020 at 05:40 AM



“ "Slow down on the gravel." These were some of the first words that Billy Healy ever spoke to me. I was young(er), full of energy and excitement, and wanted to get to where I was going. The road to the Healy house used to be gravel before it was paved and I was slinging gravel all over the place. Although I was taller than Billy by a good few inches, I felt that he towered over me while he said it; and yet, he managed to deliver his command with abundant gentleness. Admiral William Halsey once said, "There are no extraordinary men...just extraordinary circumstances that ordinary men are forced to deal with." I must respectfully disagree with the good Admiral as I have known an extraordinary man: A man who confronted both ordinary and extraordinary circumstances. This man, Billy Healy, is whom I wish to honor with a few words.

As early as the Garden of Eden, God commanded man to "work and keep" the garden (Genesis 2:15). This verse is particularly applicable to Billy- it was truly "second nature" to work and keep God's garden. The hebrew word translated as "work" is avad. As a verb, it is often translated as "serve," "labor," "cultivate," or "perform acts of worship." Billy labored for my development even when I was not his son. Telling me to slow down on the gravel was intended to cultivate that which he had worked for. His love and care for others were acts of worship in and of themselves and demonstrated God's faithfulness toward us. The hebrew word for "keep" is shamar and is often translated, "watch," "guard," "protect," "or take under custody." Although Billy wanted to preserve the road for which he had labored, he also knew that driving fast on the gravel was dangerous. Thus his message to me both cultivated and guarded me.

Billy worked and he kept. Even now, he works and keeps. We who are left to grapple with this loss, can confidently declare that Billy "fought the good fight...finished the race...kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). Our Lord and Savior has welcomed Billy home with these words- "Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the joy of your master!" (Matthew 25:21). We honor Billy by carrying on his great labor. We must work and keep each other. We must cultivate, guard, and protect. Living in this world is a lot like driving on gravel- It is often slippery, bumpy, and difficult to navigate. It can be dangerous if we are going too fast and it can cause harm to others when it is flung.

Some words will never be enough to quell the pain of loss. All that I can say is what Billy taught me- Slow down on the gravel. May God grant peace to the Healy family and all those who knew Billy.

Anonymous - December 19, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ Billy was a good friend and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Ronnie and Sarah Thomas

Ronnie and Sarah Thomas - December 19, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ Billy was a great friend. He was always ready to help anyone in need. I enjoyed the years of friendship with he and Kathy. I will miss his smile. He had a true love of the earth and landscaping it to be beautiful. My prayers are with the whole family.

Sandy Pace

Sandy Pace - December 19, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ Billy was a great guy . He will really be missed. He and brother Paul were good friends. Billy came from a special family and we wish Kathy the best as she deals with her loss.

Buddy rilee - December 19, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Billy's passing. Billy was a very kind person and willing to share with everyone. He left a great impression on this earth with the beautiful landscaping projects he installed all over this area. I don't think he ever met a stranger, always willing to talk and be helpful. We are all blessed to have known him and he will be sadly missed. May God bless all his family and comfort during this difficult time. Rest In Peace my friend.

Mike Hudgins

Mike Hudgins - December 19, 2020 at 01:01 PM