



## Billy Irvin Shores

October 5, 1934 - January 24, 2023

Billy Irvin Shores, 88, passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2023, in Joplin, Missouri. Billy was born October 5, 1934, to Owen and Berniece M. (Hosney) Shores in Coffeyville, Kansas. He was a longtime resident of Carthage, Missouri. Billy was a Christian and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Carthage. Billy was part of the Class of 1956 at The University of Kansas (KU), where he earned his bachelor's degree in Music. After KU, Billy taught high school music and was the musical director at First Baptist Church Carthage along with other various Baptist Churches within Missouri. He also owned two drive-in restaurants and worked for the Horace Mann Insurance Company. He retired from Silver Dollar City after 14 years running Bill's Nutty Shack. He was active in his church and served on a variety of boards including Southwest Missouri Life Underwriters and Lake Country Village Property Owners Association.

Billy was united in marriage to Judith Bartlett September 2, 1990, in Las Vegas, Nevada; she survives.

Billy is survived by his wife, Judith; three sons, Billy Irvin Shores, II (Beth) of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Chris Shores (Belinda) of Carthage, Missouri, and Michael Shores of St. Louis, Missouri; four daughters, Sarah Shores Barton (Michael) of St. Louis, Missouri, Terri Shores Jones (Ralph) of Coffeyville, Kansas, JaJean Gray of Carthage, Missouri, and Curena Dixon of Carthage, Missouri;

and nineteen grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Billy is preceded in death by his parents, Owen and Berniece Shores; first wife, Betty Shores; and daughter Kathy Sue Shores.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 28, 2023, at Fellowship Baptist Church in Carthage, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Fellowship Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fellowship Baptist Church  
1411 Buena Vista Ave  
Carthage, MO 64836

# Tribute Wall

TH

“ I remember how Bill Shores was the heart of the music ministry at FBC Carthage. He was a top brass choral leader and excelled at leading the youth choir. He knew music and how to get the best out of volunteers. My favorite hamburgers (by a country block) were Bill's hamburgers over on Central (then highway 66). Bill encouraged me as an accompanist and pianist at an early age. Wishing the best to the grieving family. Tom (Tommy) Hilton

Tom W Hilton - February 06, 2023 at 03:32 PM

BI

Thank you so much for your kind words about Bill Sr. Bill II said he remembers you! He said, "I always wanted to play like Tommy!!" He is missed by our family.

Beth Shores (wife of Bill II) - February 13, 2023 at 08:25 PM

TH

Thank you. That is a HUGE compliment from The MAN!!

Tom W Hilton - March 06, 2023 at 08:20 PM

JM

“ Mr. Shores, as I always called him, was one of the kindest & sweetest father's I've met. He was always happy, always had time to talk and wanted to know how you were doing. The picture above is exactly how I remember him, always smiling, never grumbling. His personality was certainly passed on to his kids. The world has lost a kind man of peace & love and heaven just got a bit sweeter! My condolences to all of the family. I am so sorry for your loss.

John Mayes - January 28, 2023 at 04:42 PM

BI

*Thank you for posting this! He was a wonderful man and I had the honor to call him my father-in-law!*

**Beth Shores (wife of Bill II)** - February 13, 2023 at 08:27 PM

TN

“ *Tammy Navarro lit a candle in memory of Billy Shores*



**Tammy McConnell Navarro** - January 28, 2023 at 02:17 PM

TN

“ *Bill Sr. was always funny and kind to me and our family. Prayers to Bill, Chris, Michael and Sarah and his grandchildren and wife Judy.*

**Tammy McConnell Navarro** - January 28, 2023 at 02:17 PM

DA

“ *I have great memories of the Shores family growing up in Carthage by Columbian elementary. Wonderful family.*



*Holding all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*



*Deb (Debbie Welton) Allison*

**Debbie Allison** - January 28, 2023 at 11:48 AM

CH

“ I was sorry to hear of Bills passing. Bill and I were born in the same house and only 3 months age difference. We attended high school together. To his family please accept my heart felt condolences.

*R. Carl Hosenev*

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**carl hosenev** - January 28, 2023 at 08:43 AM

TT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.  
My thoughts and prayers are with the family,  
Tammy Taylor

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**Tammy Taylor** - January 27, 2023 at 08:13 PM

TT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.  
The family are in my thoughts and prayers,  
Tammy Taylor



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**Tammy Taylor** - January 27, 2023 at 07:54 PM

ET

“ As a teenager in the early 60's i knew Mr. Bill from both Drive-ins in Carthage. He knew most of us teens by name, and was always kind and friendly. It was a great time in life, and Mr. Bill was a big part of it. I had the utmost respect fro him. Elmo Turner

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**Elmo Turner** - January 27, 2023 at 10:41 AM

BW

*Bill Shores II says “Thank you so much! It’s amazing how many people my Dad’s life affected! He was a wonderful man & will be missed!”*

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**Beth Shores, Bill Shores II wife** - January 29, 2023 at 11:25 AM

TB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Judy, our prayers are with you.*



Tracy Boyd - January 26, 2023 at 04:00 PM

TB

“ *Tracy Boyd lit a candle in memory of Billy Shores*



Tracy Boyd - January 26, 2023 at 03:55 PM

PL

“ *Rest in peace, Bill. Give Grandma Berniece a big hug for me.*

*Love, Pammy*

Pamara M Lunn - January 26, 2023 at 01:46 PM

LG

“ *LISA L GRIFFITH lit a candle in memory of Billy Irvin Shores*



LISA L GRIFFITH - January 26, 2023 at 10:46 AM

BS

“ *Brenda Seckman lit a candle in memory of  
Billy Shores* ”



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**Brenda Seckman** - January 25, 2023 at 06:48 PM