



Billy B. Booth

June 2, 1946 - December 26, 2020

Billy Byron Booth of Covington went home to be with the Lord on December 26, 2020 at the age of 74 after a fierce fight with COVID-19 pneumonia. He is preceded in death by his parents Maidie Pearl Combs Booth and Thurman “Dutch” Walter Booth, Sr.; his brothers Henry Few Booth and Thurman Walter Booth, Jr; and his step-daughter Shannon Marvin Maisano. He is survived by his beloved wife Theresa Miller Booth of Covington, LA; his brother John David Booth, Sr. (Susan) of Hannibal, MO; his sisters-in-law Opal Bode (George) of Kenner, LA and Janis Bonura (Justin) of Metairie LA; his brother-in-law Sam Miller (Debbi) of LaPlace, LA; children Paul Byron Booth of Houston, TX and Dr. Angela Booth Wingfield (Bill) of Pass Christian, MS; his stepson Wayne Barrett Marvin, Jr (Cole) of Kent, IL; his step son-in-law Billy Maisano of Covington, LA; grandchildren Spencer and Claire Wingfield; John Paul and Miles Booth; Lauren, Nicole, Katherine, and Will Maisano; Amanda, Emma, and Grant Marvin; Haleigh, Alaina and Ben Gardner; as well as a host of loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. Billy was a faithful servant of the Lord and lived a life of service to others. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him as he always tried to make everyone laugh and would help in any way he could. He was a full-time hero always “saving the day” in big ways and small for everyone in his life.

Born on June 2, 1946 in Terry, Mississippi Billy Byron Booth was named by his older brother Thurman (yes, his parents literally named him Billy at the suggestion of their young child which was a source of confusion his entire life. It did, however, make it easy to spot junk mail and telemarketers looking for “William”). Billy grew up as the pastor’s son in several Southern Baptist churches in the mid-south where he developed his love for the Lord and a talent for singing that he enjoyed his entire life. He loved music from many genres and was quick to break out into song without notice. Billy loved to put on a show. If he was not singing, he was telling a comical story or a corny joke. He loved to make other people happy.

Billy graduated from Bogalusa High School and went on to Louisiana College where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in Religion and Speech. Following in his father’s footsteps he sought a master’s degree in Divinity at the New Orleans Baptist Theological

Seminary, but after a year he decided it was not for him. His part time job as a campus police officer peaked his interest in law enforcement which became his career. In 1969 Billy joined the New Orleans Police Department where he was a patrolman in the Third District, worked in the Communications Division, was an emergency medical technician, and a Bomb Squad Technician. During that time he earned a bachelor's degree in criminology from Loyola University in New Orleans. He moved on to the Louisiana State Police as a patrolman in Troop B and was selected into their Executive Protection Unit where he had the privilege of protecting Lieutenant Governor James Fitzmorris, Jr. who became his life-long friend. In 1980 he was hired as Chief of Security for McMoran Oil and Gas where he worked for 20 years; it merged into Freeport-McMoran, and he directed security at their copper mine in Iran Jaya, Indonesia for 7 years. Billy tried to retire once, and it lasted 6 months which was how long it took him to catch up on projects around the house. He loved to work and to be busy. Billy joined the Transportation Security Administration when it was formed in 2001 as a Supervisory Transportation Officer. He also served as a Trainer and an Analyst. He was promoted to Lead Transportation Security Specialist – Explosives which he was proudly still doing full-time when he became ill.

Billy was a faithful Christian and a proud member of the Gideons International. He was a deacon at St Rose Community Church and First Baptist Church of Kenner. He participated with joy in numerous church choirs and Bible study groups. When called to help in his community, he served as well. Billy was a member of the St. Rose Planning and Zoning Commission for 12 years. He was an amazing and supportive father – providing answers to a million questions, saving the day whenever he could, and quietly and calmly guiding his children to success. Billy was a people-pleaser and truly went out of his way to try to make everyone in his life happy. He did many things behind the scenes to prevent complications or conflicts and to make everything flow smoothly.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend a celebration of Billy's life on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at First Baptist Church Covington, 16333 LA-1085, Covington, LA 70433 with Visitation from 10am-Noon followed by the service at Noon. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make a donation in Billy's honor to St Rose Community Church (627 St. Rose Ave., St Rose, LA 70087), First Baptist Church Covington Building Fund, or Gideons International (P.O Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251 or gideons.org/donate).

For those unable to attend in person, the service will be streamed live at <https://boxcast.tv/view/booth-celebration-of-life-735099> beginning at 11:30 AM.

Cemetery

Pinecrest Memorial Gardens & Crematory

2280 W 21st Ave
Covington, LA, 70433

Events

DEC 31	Visitation	10:00AM - 12:00PM
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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 30, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ Words are always inadequate at these times. I met Brother Billy when he joined the NOPD in 1969 the year that I founded the Police Assn. of New Orleans(PANO).

Billy was intelligent,had a great sense of humor and was a good police officer. He also was a member of PANO and had the respect of his fellow officers.

low that Billy is with our Lord,Jesus Christ. Rest in Peace Brother Billy.

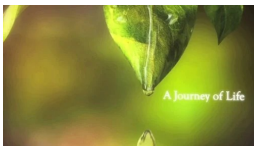
Ret. Sgt. Irvin L. Magri,Jr.

PANO Founder and Past President

Irvin L Magri - December 31, 2020 at 01:25 AM



“ A tribute video has been added.



E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 30, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ Although I did not know Billy well, just in passing at work, I remember Billy as a quiet soul at the office. I did however, meet a man in a coffee shop one day who knew Billy well and through conversation, found Billy to be a child of God. It is good when people speak well of you. Rest in Peace with Christ Jesus, brother Billy. M- at TSA.

M. - January 04 at 09:03 AM



“ Sad to hear of Billy's passing, but so happy to hear that he is with our Lord and Savior. I always enjoyed my time with Billy when ever our paths crossed during training across the country for TSA. I will miss seeing him at these training sessions, but look forward to seeing him again.

Duane Samiano, TSS-E Lihue, HI - December 30, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Billy's passing, but know he is with the Lord. Enjoyed being in Sunday School at First Baptist of Kenner with Billy and Teresa. He was always interested in our ministry at Global Maritime Ministries. Praying for Theresa and the family.

Norman and Priscilla Mangum

Priscilla - December 30, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy B. Booth.



December 30, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ Well written obituary. I'm glad it mentioned Billy was a faithful Christian. I knew him to love the Lord and humbly serve His church in many ways including deacon, project committee leader, go-fer, and bass choir member. We miss him for now but will see him before long in heaven!

Neil McKeever

Neil McKeever - December 30, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ A life well lived and taken too soon. A giant of faith and a rock of strength. A gentle soul and an oak of righteousness. Billy Booth was all these descriptions and so much more! I once told him he should write a book. He had 1 of the most interesting life stories with his days in security and living abroad. A jack of many trades as there was seemingly nothing he could not do. He was a gentle giant who loved well. A true ambassador for Christ. A voice of wisdom with a heart of gold. I will never forget his kind expressions and deep bounding voice belting out hymns at a moments notice. A servant leader who quietly worked behind the scenes never expecting recognition. A true patriarch to his family providing support in every way. Billy lived out these verses as an elder in his family and church...”Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.” 1 Peter 5:2-4

Billy Booth shepherded well all that was entrusted to him and invested well in the things that don’t perish but last for Eternity. He left a legacy of faith for us to follow in his footsteps.

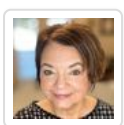
Dana Walters - December 30, 2020 at 04:39 AM



“ Theresa and family,
So sorry to hear of Billy's passing. I had the honor of working with him at the State Police. Billy was a good friend and all around great guy. Although I hadn't seen him in a number of years, I did run into him some years ago at an airport and spent a while catching up on old times. I will keep him and all of you in my thoughts and prayer.
Rest in Peace my brother.

Al Willumitis
Retired Sergeant
Troop B

Al Willumitis - December 29, 2020 at 11:52 PM



“ We at St Rose Community Church will miss Billy tremendously ... his willingness to pitch in, guide, and serve wherever he was needed. He even preached when asked and who could forget his bold praise in song. Theresa we are praying the Lord will uphold you as you cling to Him. Praying for the entire family. Love Gail and Jim Smith

Gail Smith - December 29, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ Even though I only worked with Billy for a short time he was a great guy with great jokes. I will miss the weather report emails. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

bonnie wodarski - December 29, 2020 at 11:11 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Billy's passing. I will never forget hearing him sing in church and tell stories. He was a true gentleman. Praying for Mrs. Theresa and the entire family. -Julie McKeever

Julie McKeever - December 29, 2020 at 10:13 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Billy was a great guy to work with. He was gentle and most important, a gentleman. That is the word I would use to best describe him. I pray for your strength and that your sad heart will be lifted by fond memories of Billy and his love for you.

Bertha Echols - December 29, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy B. Booth.



December 29, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ Martha Stewart, MD purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Billy B. Booth.



Martha Stewart, MD - December 29, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Billy's passing. I have great memories of my friend, Billy, from college and seminary days. We kept in touch over many years. I always appreciated, enjoyed and respected him. Praying God's blessings and comfort for each of his family members.

David Womack - December 29, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ I had the honor of knowing Billy for a short six years. During this time frame, Billy was never too busy to help, aide and assist us with all Surface security activities throughout the state of Louisiana. On a personal level, Billy would always cross the hall and give me his latest Jokes of all jokes!! Words cannot even explain what is felt after hearing this report. You are truly missed my friend and I thank you for your service to this great country, humanity and your public service family.

Rest easy Brother. Thank you for your dedication to serving your country

Ed Smith

Eddie Smith - December 29, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ I had the privilege of meeting Billy at his daughter home in Pass Christian. He was a great storyteller and a joy to talk to. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Angela and his whole family. Amy and Jeff Steiner

Amy Steiner - December 29, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ God Bless the Booth family at this time, rest in peace Billy. - Explosive Specialists at Maui County, Hawaii Airport

Steve Phillips - December 29, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ Billy and I worked together at TSA for 18 years. He was a truly great friend, mentor and I will miss him greatly. Billy always had a good joke to make you smile and he always was there for all. Goodbye my ole friend and I'll see you again in glory.

Frontis Ergle - December 29, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ Nick Molligan-RIP buddy. Roll call room was never dull while you were present. Prayers and Condolences to family . Know you will truly be missed.

nick molligan - December 29, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ I worked with Billy for the last 18 years and it was pleasure to do so. Billy and I were part of a team that would remain behind and shelter at MSY during hurricane evacuations. Billy had an endless supply of corny jokes which I will surely miss. God speed my friend and my condolences to the family. Robb Klipp

Robert Klipp - December 29, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ Headquarters Explosives Operations Branch purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy B. Booth.



Headquarters Explosives Operations Branch - December 29, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ We have so many great memories of Billy from our time in Irian Jaya. He loved to sing, and I enjoyed accompanying him. He had a great sense of humor and a wealth of good stories. Ron and I both had great respect for his judgment and expertise, and our lives were richer for having known him.

Pam Hoskin and Ron Black

Pam Hoskin - December 29, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Billy B. Booth.



December 29, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ Billy always had a smile and a joke for you - the jokes were always funny because of him! He was such a wonderful person and kind and patient teacher. He never shied away from a question or an explanation and always made sure that you understood his explanation, no matter how many times he had to repeat it. He was one of my most favorite people and we are so going to miss him! God has gotten a wonderful Angel!

Lynda Shouse

Lynda Shouse - December 29, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ Rest In Peace Billy! I am fortunate we had opportunities to cross paths. My condolences to his family. Fair Winds and following Seas my friend!

Mike Manning - December 29, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ So honored to have known Billy over the years. Our paths crossed at many different locations and times. Rest In Peace Brother. You will be missed.

Jim Adams - December 29, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ Family of Billy,
Met Billy on the NOPD in the 60's.
Later in the 80's , I was contacted by Billy
and had the opportunity to go to work for him at Freeport McMoRan in Security.
This was one of the best opportunities I had I
in my life.
I retired from FMI and stayed in touch with him
through out the years.
Always Billy was there if needed.
When the New Airport opened in New Orleans ,(MSY) he called to come and see the
facility.

I was so thankful and happy that I had the opportunity to meet and know Billy in my
lifetime.

RIP my Brother. You have earned your way!

Willie Patin NOPD Retired
Freeport-McMoRan Retired

Willie Patin - December 29, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ RIP Billy Booth. May you Rest In Peace with our Lord and Savior. God Bless



Harold C Patin - December 29, 2020 at 09:19 AM