



William Billy Mutter

February 3, 2025

William “Billy” Miller Mutter, 66, of Portsmouth, Virginia, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2025, after a brief illness, with his loving wife and high school sweetheart Gwen, and his family by his side, reuniting him in heaven with his youngest daughter, Stephanie. Billy was a lifelong resident of Portsmouth and was a 1976 graduate of Cradock High School. Billy was known for his love of life, kindness, and ever-present smile that touched the hearts of all who knew him.

Billy began his career at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Shop 57 before transitioning to Code 106, where he spent most of his professional life. He retired in 2019 as the Safety Manager from the Naval Crane Center in Portsmouth, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and excellence in civil service. In addition to his civilian career, Billy served for many years as an auxiliary police officer with the Portsmouth Police Department and was a proud member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He served as President of the Police Association of Virginia and was currently on the Board of Directors.

Billy was a life member and Past Master of Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178, where he served on the Board of Trustees and was currently serving as Treasurer. He was a member of the Grand Lodge of Virginia Committee on Lodge Services where he aided and assisted many Lodges throughout the Commonwealth. He was also active in the Royal Arch, serving as High Priest

of Cradock RAC No. 72 and District Deputy Grand High Priest for District 21. He was a member of Portsmouth Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar and a member and Past Sovereign Master of Portsmouth-Chesapeake Council No. 155, Allied Masonic Degrees reflecting his devotion to service and brotherhood.

In addition, Billy spent many of his days sharing the importance of organ donation to various audiences including neighboring lodges, galas, events, and even medical school lectures.

Billy was predeceased by his beloved daughter, Stephanie Mutter Green; his parents, Shelton E. and Gloria Lou Mutter Sr.; his brother, Shelton E. Mutter Jr.; and his father-in-law, Glen E. Blackman.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 47 years, Gwen Blackman Mutter; his daughter Amber Mutter Strickland and her husband Kyle; son-in-law James T. Green and his wife Heather; three cherished granddaughters, Emily, Camdyn, and Willow; his mother-in-law Iris K. Blackman; his sister Terri Mutter Johnson (TJ); his sister-in-law Wendy Brown (Bobby); nieces Amanda Walton, Ashley Shephard and Brittany Brown, along with a host of other family and dear friends who will miss him greatly.

Billy's warmth and kindness will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his memory bring comfort to those who loved him.

A Celebration of Billy's life with Masonic Rites will be held Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 11:00AM at Deep Creep Baptist Church, Chesapeake, VA. A Visitation with the family will begin at 10:00AM prior to the service. A reception in Billy's honor will be held immediately following the service at Lake Drummond Masonic Lodge, 509 George Washington Hwy, Chesapeake, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Billy's memory can be made to the Masonic Home of Virginia or Donate Life America.

Previous Events

A Visitation Celebrating His Life

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Deep Creek Baptist Church
250 Mill Creek Pkwy
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-2182

Service

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Tribute Wall

AY

“ Our prayers goes out to Billy family. I met Billy at Lawrence Pharmacy and I must say he had a wonderful spirit and a nice smile. When my I heard of Billy passing I must say it really bother me but Billy has earn his wings. To the if there anything we can do please let us know. Our prayers goes out to you all. Tim and Ayanna from Lawrence Pharmacy



Ayanna - February 08, 2025 at 07:34 AM

AH

“ I knew Billy in high school, we graduated together! He was the nicest person! We bumped into each other over the years through our daughter's dance recitals! My prayers for his family! Angel Enoch Harrington

Angel Harrington - February 06, 2025 at 11:03 PM

SJ

“ Billy was such a kind person, with a great personality, always generous, friendly and kind to everyone. Always approaching with that friendly, beauty smile. Rest in peace and pain free comfort my brother. Gwen, May the arms of The Blue Angels wrap around you, Amber and family providing comfort and healing.
Love,
Steve & Joni Jackson

Steve Jackson - February 06, 2025 at 05:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Billy Mutter.

February 06, 2025 at 05:21 PM

TS

“ Thomas "West" Snipes purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Billy Mutter.



Thomas "West" Snipes - February 06, 2025 at 05:12 PM

TS

“ Thomas "West" Snipes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Billy Mutter.

Thomas "West" Snipes - February 06, 2025 at 05:12 PM

GF

“ Gary White and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Billy Mutter.



Gary White and Family - February 06, 2025 at 04:56 PM

GF

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Gary White and Family - February 06, 2025 at 04:56 PM

NB

“ *Billy and Gwen have been neighbors for over 30 years. Could not have asked for better, living just across the street from them. It will be hard not seeing them coming and going. A wonderful couple, memories I'll always have of them. Gwen my thoughts and prayers are with you. If you need anything, I am there for you. Nellie, Gordon and Wendy*

NELLIE R BRICE - February 06, 2025 at 04:19 PM

WD

“ *To the family,
So sorry for your loss. Billy and I worked together in Shop 57. Great guy and true friend always had that big smile on his face. Rest in heaven my brother you have earned your wings.*

Willie Duke Ducre

Willie Ducre - February 06, 2025 at 02:56 PM

PF

“ *Pat & Lane McComas, & Buddy & Vickie Foster purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Billy Mutter.*



Pat & Lane McComas, & Buddy & Vickie Foster - February 06, 2025 at 02:11 PM

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Pat & Lane McComas, & Buddy & Vickie Foster - February 06, 2025 at 02:11 PM

MH

“ I first met Billy when he came to the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Safety Office, where I was a manager. He was pretty young at the time, and I confess now that my first impression was "what a kid." The ensuing years proved how wrong nearsighted first impressions can be. As the years and decades passed, he proved himself over and over again to be quite an amazing person. Hard-working, smart, dedicated, right-minded, a true and loyal friend, an optimist even when faced with very difficult circumstances, a highly valued member (or leader) of any team lucky enough to have him as a member, and ultimately an accomplished and highly respected expert in his field. More important than any of that is that he was always, always, a true and loyal supporter of his friends and his family. Sleep well, Billy. You left us all far too early, but not without having made a difference in many, many lives. You will be sorely missed.

Mike Host - February 06, 2025 at 01:26 PM

SS

“ such a lost of a dear friend and fellow brother. know he is in good hands

Steve Smith Sr - February 06, 2025 at 08:36 AM

DB

“ One of the kindest men I've ever met! Always smiling and happy to greet everyone! He will be extremely missed! Prayers for the family.
Diane and Tracy Branch

Diane Branch - February 06, 2025 at 07:52 AM

JE

“ Billy will be truly missed by many. My heartfelt prayers go out to Gwen, Amber and his entire family. May your many memories give you strength and courage in the days ahead. He was a great man and loved by all. May you find comfort in knowing your Guardian Angel will be with you always as he smiles upon you each and every day. My deepest sympathy to each of you. May God Bless and Keep you strong. Jo Ann Emmons

Jo Ann Emmons - February 06, 2025 at 07:25 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William Billy Mutter.



February 06, 2025 at 05:49 AM

RK

“ Rhonda and Earl Killmon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Billy Mutter.



Rhonda and Earl Killmon - February 05, 2025 at 10:17 PM

RK

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Rhonda and Earl Killmon - February 05, 2025 at 10:17 PM

LH

“ *Linda Hill lit a candle in memory of William Billy Mutter*



linda hill - February 05, 2025 at 09:19 PM

PL

“ *Patty Lawrence purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William Billy Mutter.*



Patty Lawrence - February 05, 2025 at 07:50 PM

MT

“ *To the Mutter Family: my prayers and thoughts are with you. I know this is a big loss for your family and his friends. This is a heart felt loss for me. For over 30 years Billy, Ronnie and Butterbeans has a been a part of my family too. I will always cherish the visits to Sparta, NC for the purchase of the Christmas trees. Billy will have a special place in my heart. The memories that we have shared will always be a part of my life.*

Mike Tompkins - February 05, 2025 at 06:33 PM

KY

“ *His smile was infectious, as well as the way he loved and cherished his beautiful family. So thankful to have met this man and have seen the way he loved others. My heart is broken for all of you, and is only consoled by him getting to love on Stephanie again.*

Kat Young - February 05, 2025 at 05:34 PM

CA

“ Great brother gone too soon. Billy was one of my favorite brothers from the Masonic Lodge and he will be missed dearly by all who knew him. We will also miss that great smile and attitude he has towards everything and everyone in this life. I wish God to bless his family and friends with peace during their time of grief. My heart, thoughts and prayers go out to them all as well.

Christopher A Allsbrook - February 05, 2025 at 04:04 PM

BR

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you at this most difficult time

Bill Rucker - February 05, 2025 at 03:19 PM

JB

Forever in my heart. Billy was a true friend and all who knew him will feel his lose. We served together on the Portsmouth Police Dept., and shared many laughs together. Rest well my Brother and God Bless you.
Jerry Barnes

Jerry Barnes - February 06, 2025 at 09:41 AM

DR

Many years ago when I was with the Portsmouth Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, I prosecuted several cases where Billy was involved as a witness thanks to his service as an Auxiliary Police Officer. He was never anything but completely professional, cooperative, prepared, you name it, and it was always a pleasure when I opened up a new file and spotted his name on the witness list. My sincerest condolences to the family on your loss.

Dianne Ringer - February 06, 2025 at 02:32 PM

AH

*Dear Family of Billy Mutter,
We are deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Billy. Please accept our heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. Billy was a remarkable person who touched the lives of many with his kindness and generosity. His memory will forever remain in our hearts.*

To Kenny and Ronnie, I know how close you were to Billy. I know your friendship meant the world to him, and I hope you find comfort in the cherished memories you shared together.

*With deepest sympathy,
Angie & Lynne*

Angie Hutchins - February 06, 2025 at 03:28 PM

MS

Gwen and Amber, I am so sorry to hear about Billy. The nicest human ever! He recently told me a story about he and my dad playing pool when they were younger. He had me laughing. I always remember him telling stories and would have you laughing, he was a great story teller. You all have been in my prayers, love Michelle

Michelle Smith - February 07, 2025 at 08:50 AM

MS

Terri, I am so sorry of Billy's passing. You two had a tight brother/sister bond and you will always have wonderful memories of that bond. You and your family have been in my prayers, love Michelle

Michelle Smith - February 07, 2025 at 09:02 AM

SB

My heart felt condolences to Billy's family. We grew up together and were buddies from 1st grade to 8th until my navy Dad got transferred to the Panama Canal Zone... Rest in Peace my old friend..

Steve Barker - May 05, 2025 at 02:31 PM