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It is with great sadness that we announce that “Billy” William Hooks Lane, Jr., 80, went to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday morning while surrounded by his family. Although we grieve our loss here, we rejoice in that Billy has gone home to his family in heaven.

Billy was born in Wayne County, North Carolina to the late William Hooks Lane, Sr. and the late Helon Taylor Lane. He graduated from Charles B. Aycock High School and proudly served in the US Army. After serving he returned home to North Carolina to start his family and work on the family farm. He later proudly worked as a truck driver hauling loads all over Eastern North Carolina. He was a beloved Father and Grandfather. He was a passionate and dedicated disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, serving, worshipping and fellowshiping at Yelverton Methodist Church all his life. He was well-known for his kindness to his community and neighbors. He had a wonderful joy and enthusiasm that he spread to all. He was often seen on the go traveling about the community on one project or another. He will be missed by all that knew him.

All are invited to a memorial “potluck” dinner with the family at Mount Carmel Church, 610 Mt Carmel Church Rd, Pikeville, NC 27863 on Friday March 14th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Bring your favorite dish as we remember and rejoice in Billy’s homecoming and offer comfort to the family and one another. Billy will

lay in repose at Mount Carmel Church in the sanctuary during the memorial potluck. The following day a service to celebrate Billy's life will be held Saturday March 15, 2025, at Yelverton Methodist Church, 1194 Faro Road, Fremont, NC 27830 at 1:00 pm with burial following in Wayne Memorial Park, 2925 US 117, Dudley, NC 28333.

He is survived by his sons, Ryan Lane and wife, Becky-Jo of Pikeville, Jonathan Lane and wife, Jennifer of Goldsboro, his Grandchildren, Victoria Lane Regulski and husband Drew of Cary, Michael Lane and Bridgette Lane of Pikeville, Annabelle Lane and Willow Lane of Goldsboro, sisters, Betsy Lane Hales of Prattville, AL, and Faye Lane Thigpen of Goldsboro, as well as his beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, Billy was preceded in death by a son, William "Hooks" Lane, III, and a brother, Walter Mark Lane.

The family would like to thank the multitude of family and friends and their support through this difficult time. A special thank you to 3HC Home Hospice of Goldsboro for their help. In lieu of flowers we ask that Donations be made in memory of "Billy" Lane, to Yelverton Methodist Church checks may be mailed in c/o Pam Smith, 3927 US Hwy 13 N., Goldsboro, NC 27534.

Previous Events

Memorial Potluck Dinner / Viewing

MAR 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mt Carmel Church
610 Mt. Carmel Church Road
Pikeville, NC 27863

Funeral Service

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Yelverton Church
1194 Faro Road
Fremont, NC 27830

Tribute Wall

“ Billy, as we always called him, was one of our Lane cousins, our favorite cousins when we were kids visiting our relatives in North Carolina. Both of our parents were born near Snow Hill, NC, and we would visit there several times a year, and often for about two weeks in the summer — our vacation destination of choice for many years.

Our family had 4 children, as did the Lane family. Spaced somewhat close in age, we always had companions to play with when we got together. We were the city kids and our farm-savvy Lane cousins entertained us with all the charms of the barns and animals, while our sister moms — and Grandmother Bessie — laid on many a feast with the fresh fruits and vegetables grown on the Lane farm. After a long hot afternoon of playing around the barnyard and fields, Billy’s father, our Uncle Bill, would bring out a cold watermelon or two which he set on the tin cover of the old well and cut into generous slices for us all to enjoy — to this day the most delicious watermelon I ever remember eating.

But what I remember most of all when we visited our Lane cousins was the giggling. We found so much to laugh about, as did our mothers and grandmother, and Billy was maybe the best giggler of all. He was fun and funny and light-hearted and I don’t ever remember seeing him upset or angry. He greeted the world with a smile and a twinkle and made light of his own worries and hardships, and it was always a tremendous treat to spend time with him and his siblings. It was as though there was a soft blanket of good humor which enveloped us all while we were together.

We haven’t seen much of Billy in recent years because we live in far-away places now, but the last time we visited him a year or two ago he was still smiling and laughing, making light of his burdens, and enjoying his life. The Carraway cousins will never forget Billy and his family, and the many memories of visits with our Lane cousins in that long-ago time. It makes me giggle just to think of it.

With love from the Carraway cousins:

John Carraway

Puffy Carraway Meikle

Becky Carraway Newberry

Anne Carraway (1943-1974)

Elizabeth Meikle - March 28, 2025 at 08:14 AM

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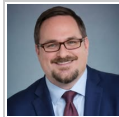
“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Billy's passing. He was a great man and you can see that in the phenomenal family he has. I'm so grateful that I had the chance to meet him and know of his legacy through his family. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you navigate this difficult time. Jonathan and Ryan, Brent, the kids, and I are sending you hugs! With deepest sympathy, Brent, Brandy, Belle, Dennis, and Leah Daingerfield*

Brandy Daingerfield - March 13, 2025 at 08:10 AM

JO

Thank You

Jonathan - March 14, 2025 at 02:49 PM



Thank you - the flowers were beautiful.

Ryan Lane - March 15, 2025 at 01:37 AM

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“ Our heart felt prayers goes to Billy's family. Billy was a wonderful person, and good friend to all he met. He loved his Lord, his family, his neighbors, and his church. He held a lot of jobs for the church over the years. He was very dedicated to his church! He was always ready and willing to help with any task that needed doing. He wanted to be involved anytime the church had any activity going on. Special thanks to Billy for all he did for our small church. He even served as our pastor for a short time. He will truly be miss!
On behalf of Yelverton Methodist Church by Pam Smith

Pam Smith - March 12, 2025 at 11:40 AM

JO

Thank You

Jonathan - March 14, 2025 at 02:49 PM



Thank you so much!

Ryan Lane - March 15, 2025 at 10:10 AM

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“ It saddened me to hear of Billy's passing. He and I were classmates for twelve years, and I remember him and all the family fondly. He was always kind and had a sweet smile, with maybe a hint of mischief in it, and I know he will be missed by all the family and friends, especially those grandchildren. My sympathy to all his family.

Carole Bass Groce - March 10, 2025 at 07:01 PM



Thank you

Ryan Lane - March 12, 2025 at 01:17 PM



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Evergreen Funeral Home, Cemetery & Cremation - March 10, 2025 at 09:11 AM



That is such a beautiful tribute to a wonderful life.

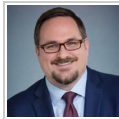
Aylin Regulski - March 16, 2025 at 10:13 PM



“ Sandra McKeel Ulrey lit a candle in memory of William Lane,



Sandra McKeel Ulrey - March 09, 2025 at 09:10 PM



Thank you

Ryan Lane - March 12, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ Forte Family of Eureka NC

Retha Forte Hooper - March 08, 2025 at 01:48 PM

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“ *Retha Forte Hooper lit a candle in memory of William Lane* ”



Retha Forte Hooper - March 08, 2025 at 01:47 PM



Thank you

Ryan Lane - March 12, 2025 at 01:17 PM