



Billy Lee Wellman

September 23, 1950 - March 25, 2026

Billy (Bill) Wellman the author of "Wellman's Paraphrase" and over user of the theological term "bologna" went home to be with the Lord on March 25, 2026. Born on September 23, 1950, Bill grew up in Greenup, KY surrounded by the Ohio and Little Sandy Rivers. He had a fascination with all things motorized, working or not, and history. In the 1970s he found his true passion in serving the Lord and helping others. Bill answered the call to the ministry and over the course of his life, he pastored four churches, served as an associational missionary, and achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel as a Chaplin in the Air Force Reserves. If anyone ever needed help, Bill would be there, day or night. He never knew a stranger and would often spend hours in a store, restaurant, or at the Apple Festival listening to people share their troubles and offering to pray with them. His kindness was real. His laid-back style was compelling. His black cowboy hat was unmistakable.

Bill has been reunited with his father (Eddie), mother (Irene), brother (Eddie J), and daughter (Christy). He continues to watch over his wife (Emily), daughters (Vicky and Allison), grandchildren (Jay, Tiffany, Andrew, Matthew, Adrie, and Nolan) and great-grandchildren (Stella and Elizabeth).

Funeral services will be held at 1pm on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Stanley officiating and burial in the Fairmount Cemetery to follow. The family will receive friends 2 hours

prior to the service from 11-1pm at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairmount Cemetery

12 Fairmont St
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-2090

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home
135 Broadway Street
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-4161

Funeral Service

MAR 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To the Wellman family - I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Pastor Wellman and his favorite phrase "bologna". He prayed for my daughter and her addiction to drugs (she is in recovery now!) and other family members. Pastor Wellman was a warm, gentle, kind man who served the Lord. I will never forget him.



Carol Blamer - March 31 at 11:23 AM

MJ

“ Michelle Wilson and Alex Johnson purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Billy Lee Wellman.



Michelle Wilson and Alex Johnson - March 31 at 12:32 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Billy Lee Wellman.



March 29 at 08:45 PM

DP

“ David and Lee Payne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Lee Wellman.

David and Lee Payne - March 28 at 10:04 AM

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“ *David and Lee Payne purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Billy Lee Wellman.*



David and Lee Payne - March 28 at 10:04 AM



“ *During the 1980s when I was active in Scioto Valley Baptist Association, I often called on Bill to discuss church issues. His love for God and for people was so evident. Even though I left Waverly in 1992, I never forgot his love and friendship. Blessings to the family. Norma Jean Cline Johnson*

Norma Johnson - March 28 at 07:31 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Billy Lee Wellman, give you peace, comfort and strength...

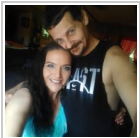
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Air Force Reserve Veteran, Billy Lee Wellman, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 28 at 06:08 AM



“ *Billy was my shadow . He was with me and my husband, we are nurses aides and I told him that he was my shadow when we were there. Only so he wouldn't leave me behind and take off walking to go talk to others. He was always worried about others. Even when it was him that was sick. But numbers of times he would say this young lady is very depressed or needs help. He cared about people. We loved him. We ended up leaving that home but I've never forgot him. The Lord needed him .*

Cynthia Baker - March 27 at 10:54 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Billy Lee Wellman.*



March 27 at 04:32 PM



“ *Your ODOT family purchased the Sacred Duty S pray for the family of Billy Lee Wellman.*



Your ODOT family - March 26 at 06:55 PM



“ *Oh how Dan and I loved Bill! Wonderful man of God who will be greatly missed. Heaven is full of good stories and laughter today!*

Sharlene Bailey - March 26 at 02:49 PM



“ *I remember Bill jumping to help us with our family. Also the times we shoveled the driveway so it would be clear when him and Emily would come home.*

Kelly Post - March 26 at 01:35 PM