



Mr. Billy Gene Ambrose

October 21, 1935 - January 20, 2023

Billy Gene Ambrose, 87, of Peoria, passed away on Friday, January 20, 2023. A loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Billy was born on October 21, 1935 in Lake Charles, LA to Murphy and Enola Guidry Ambrose.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Deon Shay Ambrose. He is survived by two sons, Patrick Derwin (Terri) Ambrose of Ontario, CA and Burth Anthony Ambrose of Richmond Hill, GA; one brother: Carl Ambrose of Lake Charles, LA; five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Billy was raised in Lake Charles, LA, a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Peter Claver. He attended Kindergarten through High School at Sacred Heart. After High School he enlisted in the Army where he served in the Medical Corps and was honorably discharged in 1960. After being discharged from the Army he then attended Xavier University of New Orleans, LA where he majored in Elementary Education.

Teaching was his passion, he taught mathematics and science in elementary and junior high school for over ten years. He also had a passion for bowling, sports, and dominoes. He met no strangers, a humanitarian from his heart, known for his infectious smile and kind compassionate spirit.

Billy moved to Peoria in 1971 to pursue an Assistant Director for HUD. He became Director shortly after. In 1987, he started his career with the City of Peoria in different divisions/positions in the Community Development Department. He retired in 2009.

Billy was a former member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Billy Homegoing Mass will be Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church (3720 North Sterling Ave Peoria, IL 61615) Father Gregory Jozefiak will officiate.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family
3720 N Sterling Ave
Peoria, IL 61615

Tribute Wall

BP

“ *Brenda Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Gene Ambrose*



Brenda Payton - March 14, 2023 at 12:46 PM

JB

“ *So Sorry For Your Loss. Billy Was Such A Joy To Have Known. RIH GBNF ❤️ My Thoughts And Prayers Are With You All Family 🙏🙏🙏*
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Joanie Brown - February 28, 2023 at 12:54 AM

CR

“ *Carolyn Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Gene Ambrose*



Carolyn Reynolds - February 27, 2023 at 05:25 PM

CC

“ *Billy was a special friend. Loved him. Always had a smile and if not, you'd soon find out why but never in a mean way. Sent and got a Christmas card from him every year. I will miss him. May God bless and take care of him family.*

Connie Colvin - February 27, 2023 at 10:28 AM

DB

“ I worked with Billy what a great human being! Respected by all who knew him! Thank you Billy for your caring spirit!

Deborah Busing - February 26, 2023 at 08:42 PM

HM

“ I have known him since he came to Peoria. What a great man. Prayers to his family

Heidi McCabe - February 26, 2023 at 06:40 PM

CG

“ My condolences to his family. I seen him a few weeks ago, hadn't seen him in years. Very pleasant, nice gentleman. Rest In Peace.
🙏

Cheryll Gordon - February 23, 2023 at 10:50 PM

NM

“ My deepest and heartfelt condolences to all of the Ambrose family. The kindness he extended to my family during our residency in the Pierson Hills many years ago will forever be remembered and appreciated. May fond memories of him forever console your hearts.

Norma Muwallif and family

Norma Muwallif - February 15, 2023 at 09:36 PM





“ *My condolences for Billy and his Family that God would carry all there hurt sorrow and pain keep them safe in Jesus name Amen*



Rhonda 🍷 **Brown** 🍷 - February 14, 2023 at 08:19 PM



“ *We offer our sincere condolences to the family. Billy had a contagious smile and his conversation was always inspiring. He was a great friend, and he loved to bowl. We will miss the fun filled times we had together.*

*Love,
George and Pat Lewis*

George & Pat Lewis - February 10, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Billy Ambrose. I met him many years ago through my Uncle JC Harris who worked for him on many occasions. I knew him to be a man of conviction, always a soft-spoken man who tried to help anyone he could. To the family I say I hurt with you but be encourage God have called him to a better place to be with him. God will give you the strength, comfort you in those hours when you grieve and give you the peace that passes all understanding when you call on the name that is above all names and that's JESUS the Christ. God's blessing always.*

Deacon Willie Newman - February 05, 2023 at 08:15 PM

PC

“ To the family of Mr. Billy Ambrose:

The pastor and members of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ would like to extend to you and your entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Although our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord will comfort your hearts and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure. He is with you even in this time of sorrow too deep for words.

God be with you,

*Pastor Henry J. Bolden II
Lady Marcia J. Bolden
and the PCJC Church Family*

Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ - February 05, 2023 at 07:34 PM

RJ

“ Rose Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Gene Ambrose



Rose Jackson - February 05, 2023 at 11:34 AM

VP

“ Val Petty-Haynes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Gene Ambrose



Val Petty-Haynes - February 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM

TW

“ My condolences to the family sorry for your loss Mr Ambrose was a great man we were one of the families that lived out in the Pierson in the 70's yes I was a little girl he and Mr Gathers treated our family The Woods as family not tenants so like I said he was a 2nd father I will miss you and can say you and my mom are at peace Love Always Tonetta as you always called me❤️

Tanya Woods - January 31, 2023 at 07:39 AM

CW

“ Billy, our entire Walton family will always love you and be grateful for being our father's closest, and most trusted friend. No matter the circumstances you were always there for him all the way to his passing in 2019. From our family to yours, you will always be missed, and forever loved and cherished.

Corey Walton - January 27, 2023 at 07:13 AM

GP

“ Ginger Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Gene Ambrose



Ginger Patterson - January 27, 2023 at 07:07 AM

VC

“ Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to the family, Mr. Ambrose was a good person, been knowing him sents 1975 from Pierson Hills.

Venus Cobb/Gaines - January 25, 2023 at 12:24 PM

CW

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Corey Walton - January 25, 2023 at 07:57 PM

RR

“ *Robin L Redding lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Gene Ambrose*



Robin L Redding - January 25, 2023 at 10:47 AM

MH

“ *Billie Ambrose was a wonderful person I'm meet and know him loved to hear him - he was a kind person love you Billy- rest in peace*

Marcia Hinton - January 24, 2023 at 10:41 PM

MH

“ *Marcia Hinton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Gene Ambrose*



Marcia Hinton - January 24, 2023 at 10:37 PM

ED

“ JORDAN YOUR GRANDPA WILL BE GREATLY MISSED HE LOVED YOU AND ALWAYS GAVE ME THE UPDATES ON YOUR GROWING FAMILY AND ALWAYS HAD THE BEST STORIES HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND PATIENT EDIE FROM DR. HARRY WATTS OFFICE (DR.G RODGER MOON)

EDIE - January 24, 2023 at 03:40 PM

NC

“ NISH COLEMAN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Gene Ambrose



NISH COLEMAN - January 24, 2023 at 11:02 AM

JB

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Joanie Brown - January 24, 2023 at 12:48 AM