



## William Sidney Bledsoe

December 22, 1925 - November 22, 2024

Mr. William "Billy" Sidney Bledsoe, 98, of Wynne, Arkansas, died at home on Friday, November 22, 2024.

Billy was born in Vanndale, Cross County, Arkansas, to Neal and Effie Crawford Bledsoe, on December 22, 1925. He farmed B and B Bledsoe Brothers Farms. The brothers were quite famous for their farm raised catfish. Billy proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II, Company A 240th Engineer Construction Battalion. He enjoyed working crossword puzzles, watching westerns, going for drives, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his daughters, Julie Elizabeth Mullins of Judsonia and Tatia King of Little Rock, son, Cortney Lance Bledsoe of Reston, Virginia, daughter-in-law, Anna Bledsoe of Wynne, and sister, Mary Bob Brawner and husband Larry. He is also survived by grandchildren, Mark Wright, Jr., Cory Wright, Kasey O'Connor, Airon Marter, Jessica Carter, Alex Gregg, Brandon Gregg, Ellie Bledsoe and D. J. Crowell and 17 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma Jean Maupin Bledsoe in 2006, son, Michael Bledsoe in 2022, his parents, Neal and Effie Bledsoe, and siblings Wayne Bledsoe, Norman Bledsoe, Lonnie Bledsoe, Marion Bledsoe, Bobby Bledsoe, Louise Callison, Joann Martin, Peggy Spencer and Beverly Walker.

A very special thank you to our hospice nurse Danielle Scott, who went above and beyond her duties and to Lisa, Bliss, Amanda, Jenny, Gail, Crystal, Shea, Shelly, and everyone who loved and cared for Billy in his final days. They are wonderful examples of angels on earth and blessings to our family throughout this journey.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at Kernodle Funeral Home from 1 to 2 pm with services following at 2 pm. Burial will be in Cogbill Cemetery.

Mr. Bledsoe faithfully donated to any organization that provided Christmas for children. His family would like, in lieu of flowers, for his friends to make donations to that sort of charity. Locally, you may donate to the Chamber Toy drive or the Angle Trees around town. He was also a big supporter of FFA. You may make donations to the Arkansas FFA Chapter.

Kernodle Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may sign an online guestbook at [www.kernodlefh.com](http://www.kernodlefh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cogbill Cemetery

Wynne, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home  
315-325 E. Union Avenue  
Wynne, AR 72396  
(870) 238-2323  
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com  
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## Funeral service

NOV **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

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NOV 30 (CT)

Cogbill Cemetery  
Wynne, AR

# Tribute Wall

GS

“ I think I knew Mr Billy as far back as my memory goes. He was a farm neighbor and when my daddy was clearing land, I'd go over and see what the Bledsoe brothers were doing. He always had some funny tales to tell and some piece of equipment I'd never seen before and they would get it running and show me what it did. Our family thought highly of all the Bledsoes and I knew Mr Billy better than the other family members and wanted to share our condolences with all of his family. Grace and peace to you all as you mourn his passing.

*The Spences  
Greg & Alisa and sons  
Sharon Spence Langley and Katie*

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**Greg Spence** - November 30, 2024 at 07:24 PM

AG

“ Sorry for the loss of Uncle Billy. I have some great memories of the Thanksgivings that we used to spend in Wynne, the fish shack, seining for fish in the ponds. Alan Gensler(Robbie Bledsoe's husband)

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**Alan Gensler** - November 27, 2024 at 10:39 PM

LB

“ All of the Bledsoe family has been very good to us Bumgarner boys. Billy used to tell the funniest stories. He would tell me he would only buy the best selling books because it made him look smart to the gal at the check out register. Another time he said he got pulled over because he was in hot pursuit, he had to make a Dr appointment. This was around 1999 and he had the black Ford truck with all of the fish tanks in the back. He said the police pulled him over because he was driving 30mph. He was very kind and will be missed a lot. He took care of me for a spell and I will never forget it. I miss you Bledsoes Mike, Julie, Courtney and Billy! Tatia I only met you a few times but miss you also.



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**Linuel Bumgarner** - November 27, 2024 at 01:16 PM

KA

“ Kenny Armstrong lit a candle in memory of William Bledsoe



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**Kenny Armstrong** - November 24, 2024 at 02:51 PM

DJ

“ When my husband David and I were young, we used to go down to the fish shack, and help them seine their pond for catfish. One time, the water was quite low, and it was difficult to pull the net. I got into a very soft spot in the bank, and sank up past my knees in the mud. Try as I might, I couldn't get out!!! They had to grab me by my arms and drag me out, but my boots stayed stuck, so to this day, there is a pair of tall black boots stuck in Billy and Bobby's pond! Good memories!!!

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**Diana Jones** - November 24, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. Prayers for peace and comfort go out to his family and friends!* 🙏



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**Marice Boardman** - November 24, 2024 at 10:12 AM