



## Billy T. Stidham

September 6, 1935 - March 22, 2022

Billy T. Stidham was born on September 6, 1935. He was called home to be with Jesus on March 22, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents Douglas and Letha Stidham; brothers Harlon Stidham, L. G. Stidham, Ed Stidham, Mack Stidham and granddaughter Bethany Danielle Stidham. He is survived by his wife, Peggy L. Stidham and children Danny (Patti) Stidham, Kenny Stidham, Barry Stidham and Vicki Stidham. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Mandy (Caley) Farris, Tyler (Montana) Kitterman, Austin Kitterman and Houston Kitterman; great grandchildren Addyson Farris, Samuel Farris and Ezra Kitterman and one sister Nina Emerson. He had many beloved nieces and nephews. First and foremost, Billy was a follower of Jesus Christ and served as a deacon at Siloam Missionary Baptist Church for many years. He deeply loved and cherished his wife of 68 years, as well as, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

He grew up on a farm in rural Marion County, Alabama, working in the fields, picking cotton, plowing with horses alongside his father and brothers. Having had his oldest brother serve in both World War II and the Korean War, he was fiercely patriotic. He loved his country.

As a boy, he developed a love for hunting dogs that turned into a lifelong love of coon hunting. He made many friends through this pastime which is what

later changed the course of his life. While attending a field trial event, he saw a man selling handmade dog collars, and a thought came to his mind. When growing up on the farm and the leather gear for the horses broke, you had to fix it yourself. So with that skill and a small check from a fender bender, he bought his first hide of leather, some hardware and made his first batch of dog collars. He approached the men at the next field trial event about selling collars himself. He was told he could, and a few years later, he had to quit his job as a tool and die machinist to keep up with the demand. As they say, the rest is history. That idea grew into what is now the business that has served Northwest Alabama, Northeast Mississippi, and South Central Tennessee for close to 50 years.

He had a remarkable work ethic, was seldom rivaled, and was a stickler for precision work—perfectionist detail to the highest standard, quite an accomplishment for a man with an 8th grade education. His business is largely successful because of how he treated people. Every customer was treated with the same respect. This in turn was a big reason people were drawn to him. Everyone that met him, loved and respected him. He felt the same towards them. People loved to get the chance to listen to him, as he told stories, of which he had many. He was a great storyteller.

He was known far and wide, having started another business related again to dog suppliers, selling blank I.D. nameplates to customers all over our country.

Trying to say everything about such a man is impossible. He left a legacy, not only for his family, but to all those he helped during his lifetime. He often told us to be honest and always tell the truth. These were principles he held dear and made sure he told his children and grandchildren.

What good fortune and a blessing from a loving God to have been a member of his family. That's something we are all forever grateful for.

The pallbearers are Elbert Fisher, Mack Singleton, Jeff Stidham, Kenneth Clement, Joel Hand, Ralph Bratcher.

The family would like to thank everyone for their love and prayers during this time.

# Cemetery Details

## Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery

1920 County Road 41  
Hamilton, AL 35575

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **26.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home - Russellville  
27305 Hwy 24 East  
P.O. Box 502  
Russellville, AL 35653  
(256) 332-7772  
info@pinkardfh.com  
<https://www.pinkardfh.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR **27.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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[http://www.pinkard fh.com](http://www.pinkardfh.com)

## Interment

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MAR **27** (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ Billy was a wonderful man and most of all a devout Christian man !!  
I didn't see that often except for garden supplies, etc.  
We would hardly never fail to express our faith in our Lord and  
Savior Jesus Christ , and never failed to embrace each other upon  
meeting, and always told each other that we loved each other !  
The family and community has lost a very great Christian man , but  
Heaven gained an Angel !!  
My sympathy and prayers to the family !!

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**Dale Moore** - March 30, 2022 at 12:52 PM

JT

“ Billy Stidham was a great friend to my dad Delton (Peanut) Lawler.  
My dad passed in 2014 but I know him and Billy are rejoicing in  
heaven and telling those tells. I am so sorry to hear of his passing  
and will pray for all your families for God to comfort you!  
Jennie Lawler Thacker

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**Jennie Lawler Thacker** - March 27, 2022 at 09:58 AM

RO

“ Billy will greatly be missed. I will always remember talking to him at  
the feed store and that he was always helpful. He would take time  
with you and you might get to hear a little story or a helpful hint.  
Praying for family.

*Randy Oliver*

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**Randy Oliver** - March 26, 2022 at 05:25 PM

RW

“ It was always such a pleasure to visit with Mr. Billy as I stopped by the store. He was truly a good man and will definitely be missed. Barry and family we are sorry for you loss and have all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Randy & Rhonda Waldrep** - March 26, 2022 at 01:02 AM

RR

“ Billy was a very good friend for many many many years prayers for all the family he was a good one

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**Robert Hill 2194 Highway 80 Russellville** - March 24, 2022 at 10:52 AM