



## Leonard "Bill" Bevis, Jr.

January 19, 1938 - April 18, 2026

Leonard "Bill" E. Bevis Jr., of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away on April 18 at the age of 88.

Bill was born on January 19, 1938, in Florence, Alabama, to Leonard E. Bevis Sr. and Delve

Bevis. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Helen Bevis and Mary Lee

Wann.

He was a graduate of Coffee High School and Florence State College, now known as the

University of North Alabama.

Bill married the love of his life, Carolyn Williams, on December 8, 1962.

Together they

shared 64 years of marriage. Early in his career, Bill and Carolyn lived in Dunn, North

Carolina, before eventually settling in Haleyville, Alabama, where they made their home. He

spent the early part of his career in the mountains of North Carolina chasing illegal

moonshine production. He was one of the most successful undercover agents in the region.

He dedicated his professional life to the United States Justice Department, serving as a

Special Agent in the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Division (ATF). Bill is survived by his wife, Carolyn Bevis; his children, Carol Lynne Bevis (Chris Magyar) of Birmingham, Alabama, and Beau Bevis (Ellen) of Birmingham, Alabama; and his beloved grandchildren, Clayton Ramey and Virginia Bevis. Known as a true “man of many talents,” Bill had a deep love for the outdoors. He spent countless hours fishing and bird hunting, maintaining lifelong friendships, some spanning over 80 years with those who shared his passions. It was not uncommon for him to arrive late to holiday gatherings, having squeezed in one more fishing trip that simply ran a little too long. He passed down his love of fishing, hunting, and animals to his children and later to his grandson, Clayton. Even in his final days, his passion never faded—he was still talking about going fishing. Bill also spent much of his life in his backyard workshop, a place that became far more than just a workspace. It was a gathering spot, a place for repairs, projects, conversation, and often an impromptu guitar session. Friends, family, and even strangers, who quickly became friends, were always welcome. The workshop became a true hub of the community. He was known for his generosity, always willing to help anyone with any project, big or small. He had a tremendous sense of humor and was well known for his

pranks—sometimes going a little too far, especially for Carolyn—but always delivered with

a spirit everyone came to expect and appreciate.

Bill was a natural host. He made sure everyone had a seat and something in hand. In his

later years, he honored his father's postal legacy by leaving a drink and a pack of crackers in

the mailbox each day for the mail carrier, a small but meaningful gesture of appreciation.

His kindness extended to everyone he met. At his final doctor's visit, he was still getting up

to offer his seat to the nurses—thinking of others, as he always had.

Bill will be remembered for his humor, generosity, craftsmanship, and the way he brought

people together. He leaves behind a legacy of love, friendship, and a life fully lived.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the First Baptist Church Choir, the Food

Pantry, or Free State Four Paws Humane Society.

<https://www.fbchaleyville.org/online-giving/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Carolyn,  
YOU, Carol, Beau & Family are in  
My thoughts & prayers for the loss of  
Your beloved “Bill”.  
Love In CHRIST, Beverly Miller 🙏

Beverly Miller - May 01 at 12:52 PM

BR

“ The Stricklin Family sends our sincerest condolences. We all have  
dear memories with the Bevis family. Bill was a wonderful friend to  
my dad, Gary. I am so very sorry. Many of my childhood memories  
were at their home playing with Beau after school and in the  
Summer. God Bless you all and may he rest in peace.

Brandy Rivers - April 27 at 11:48 AM

EE

“ A great man and an even greater friend! Shaped my life in a very  
positive way! E.J. Eiteljorge

E.J. Eiteljorge - April 23 at 10:58 PM

SD

“ mr.bill was  
nice friend.go rest high on that mountain



shirley duvall - April 20 at 02:47 PM

PH

“ *Peggy S Harlan sent a virtual gift in memory of Leonard "Bill" Bevis, Jr.*



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**Peggy S Harlan** - April 19 at 10:45 PM



“ *I just want to send my condolences to Bills family. I only known him and his family for a short time, but it was such a pleasure to meet them and care for Bill in his last days. He and his family will always hold a special place in my heart.*

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**Paige N Matthew Pylant** - April 19 at 11:13 AM

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“ *Mr.bill was a sweet man so sorry for your loss*



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**Shelia d thomas** - April 19 at 09:26 AM