



William Stewart

May 4, 1979 - September 8, 2008

William "Billy" Stewart, age 29 of Hayden, passed away Monday, September 8, 2008 at his home surrounded by his loving family and friends after a courageous, hard fought battle with cancer. He was a member of Hilldale Baptist Church. Billy worked as a charge nurse in the ER at UAB and enjoyed his time as a flight nurse with LifeSaver. He was a longtime member of West Blount Fire Department as a firefighter and paramedic and also served as chairman of the board. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Warren Reese Stewart, Jr. and grandmother, Ellen Sapp Grigg. Billy is survived by his loving wife, Jennifer Lynne Hayes Stewart; son, James Reese Stewart; mother, Susan Grigg Stewart; father, Warren Reese Stewart, III; sister, Rachael Stewart Lewis; brother-in-law, Ronald Andrew Lewis; nephews, Dylan Andrew Lewis and Daniel Tyler Lewis; grandfather, William Henry Grigg; grandmother, Bertha Lee Stewart; and numerous, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Funeral services will be held on Thursday September 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Hilldale Baptist Church with Rev. Ron Pate and Rev. Donny Holley officiating. He will lie in state at the church on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. Burial will follow at Oakwood Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Gardendale Funeral Home. Donations in Billy's name may be made to the West Blount Fire Department-P.O. Box 229, Hayden, AL 35079.

Tribute Wall

SG

“ *Heaven has a new angel. God Bless your family. Billy was such an amazing person, he will be missed. You are in my prayers.* ”

Stephanie Suddeth Gamble - September 12, 2008 at 10:14 PM

SS

“ *We will miss Billy so very much, he wasn't only a great nephew but a true friend. As was mentioned in his eulogy one of his favorite verses was the reference to "greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends." Billy proved he was willing to do that if necessary - and in a way, he did so - to show us all courage in adversity, the brevity of life, and the necessity of being right with God because we never know when our time will come.* ”

Susan & Roddie Stewat - September 12, 2008 at 08:58 PM

MR

“ *BeeBoy, Susie & family Just wanted you'all to know my thoughts and Prayers have been with all of you. I didn't know Billy but he sounded like a very special person. I know you will miss him very much. May God bless all of you during this time of loss. Your Uncle Prentiss has been thinking about you too. He would like to have come but you know he is not able to. God Bless all of you, Mattie* ”

Mattie Rhodes - September 11, 2008 at 07:55 PM

AF

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Billy's death but I am certain he is in a better place. Myself, and other friends, have been praying for Rachel (Billy's sister) and the family. God bless you all and we'll continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

Allyson Fookes - September 11, 2008 at 12:22 PM

BH

“ Jennifer, Reese, Jimmy, and Donna please know that I love you all very much. Billy was a true warrior in his journey with cancer. We take life so lightly when we are walking on this earth. He was a great example of courage during his battle. I am here praying for you all as you go through your grief. Know that God never makes a mistake and He holds each of you in the palm of His hand. I love you all!!

Brenda Howell - September 11, 2008 at 10:34 AM

MS

“ I knew Billy briefly when I worked with him at UAB and was informed of his untimely passing through Jim Dorn. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May the Lord grant you peace in your time of mourning.

Matt Stevenson - September 10, 2008 at 06:56 PM

BJ

“ My husband Jamie worked with Billy at LifeSaver for a little while. Jamie thought alot of Billy. He always said what a great guy he was and how much he loved his family and his job. I hope in this time of grief and sadness you can draw love from the good times that you had together. Know we are thinking of you.

Becki Jackson - September 10, 2008 at 06:15 PM

LR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I met Rae on IK and just wanted to send you my prayers.

Lori Ritzel - September 10, 2008 at 05:30 PM

RH

“ You have our deep sympathy , we remember Billy as a little boy, and I'm sure he was a fine young man. Warren knew Ron from Florence, then we met at Hilldale. Your family is in our prayers.

Ron & Dianne Haas - September 10, 2008 at 04:21 PM

JC

“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.

Jessica Clement - September 10, 2008 at 04:12 PM

RS

“ Jennifer, Annette and I want you to know that you and Reese continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if we can do anything. Billy will truly be missed and it was a blessing to know him. Rick & Annette Scarborough

Rick Scarborough - September 10, 2008 at 04:12 PM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I did not know Billy except through my brother, Scott Harbison, who held in high regard.

Sharron Harbison - September 10, 2008 at 03:11 PM

TW

“ Billy will be missed by all that had the opportunity to get to know him. My prayers go out to his entire family. May God Bless each and every one of you and this is sent with the deepest of Sympathy. God Bless, Tim and Julie Watson

Tim and Julie Watson - September 10, 2008 at 02:46 PM

TH

“ Jenn, We are here if you need anything. Please call us anytime. You & your family are in our thoughts & prayers. We love all of you, Jaime, Shannon, Hunter and Elle

The Higdon's - September 10, 2008 at 10:24 AM

AM

“ We love you and wish you peace and understanding. Billy's big smile, his love for his family and the joy he found in life leave fond memories for us all. Hearts are breaking now but he is safe, he is free of pain and watching over you.

Aunt Louise & MaryMargaret - September 10, 2008 at 09:19 AM

TG

“ Jennifer, I am so sorry to hear about Billy. We are here if you need anything. Keeping you & your family in our thoughts & prayers! P.J., Missy, Abby & Emma Gurley (your neighbors)

The Gurley's - September 10, 2008 at 08:39 AM

SL

“ Jenn, I have been keeping up with you and Billy through the Higdon's. I was so sorry to hear about Billy's passing. Please know that you and your baby boy are in my thoughts and prayers. I know that God will carry you through this. If you need anything, I am right up the road.

Shannon (Ray) Layton - September 10, 2008 at 08:22 AM

JC

“ *Billy was an honest to god great person who always thought of others before himself. We believe the lord has called on him for a special need and he truely won't be disappointed in Billy. We'd like to express our deepest condolences to Billys wife and family and may the lord walk with you hand and hand through these difficult times.*

Jim and CIndy - September 09, 2008 at 10:29 PM