



Billy Ray Freeze

October 28, 1940 - July 16, 2011

Mr. Billy Ray Freeze, 70, of Salisbury, NC passed away Saturday, July 16, 2011 in Florida.

Born October 28, 1940 in Rowan County, NC to the late Bertha Naomi Albright and Fred Burrage Freeze, he was a graduate of Boyden High School. Mr. Freeze served in the U.S. Army. He worked for Holding Brothers Oil Company and later retired from the NC DOT in 2005.

Mr. Freeze was a member of Franklin Presbyterian Church, the Franklin Ellis Lions Club, and a past member of the Ellis Fire Dept.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Freeze is preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Freeze.

Surviving is his wife Nyoka Penley Freeze whom he married in January of 1970; son, Jeffery Freeze of Kissimmee, FL, brothers, James Freeze of Salisbury, NC and Daniel Freeze and wife Nancy of Washington State; sisters, Peggy Gordon and husband Gene of China Grove, NC, Sylvia Atwell and husband Earl of China Grove, NC and brother-in-law, Carol W. Penley. Also surviving are special friends Buddy and Sassy.

A Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday (July 23) at Franklin

Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. Larry E. Summey. Burial will follow at Franklin Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Following the service the family will speak to friends.

Memorials may be made to Franklin Presbyterian Church, 280 Franklin Church Drive, Salisbury, NC 28147.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Freeze family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Billy you will be greatly missed! It was a joy to work with you at the DOT and the kind way you welcomed everyone was a blessing to us all that had the privilege of ever being in Rowan County. I know today, you will be welcoming new saints into heaven and have already caught up on all the news and what's happening up there.

For the family, my thoughts and prayers will be with you thru the upcoming days and weeks ahead. I pray the Spirit of God will comfort you til we're reunited with Billy in heaven and I hope the promises of God's Word will bring you peace. Billy Bob is a fine father, husband, and friend and those memories we can cling to will hopefully change our sorrow to joy as life continues.##imported-begin##David Spainhour##imported-end##

July 25, 2011 at 04:27 PM



“ Billy was a dear friend and co-worker at NCDOT. Of the many great qualities about Billy, three stick out in my mind: his kindness, his helpfulness and his smile. I often wondered if he smiled in his sleep because it lit up his face every time I saw him. He was one of my buds. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Steve Lawson##imported-end##

July 24, 2011 at 01:21 PM



“ I know that Bill received these words when he met the Lord... Well done, good & faithful servant! His hugs & laughter will be greatly missed. And Nyoka & Jeff, I'm here & just phonecall away. Hugs to you both. ~ Michelle (AKA Mimi)##imported-begin##Michelle Bennett##imported-end##

July 22, 2011 at 09:20 AM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jimmy & Judy Lee##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 05:48 PM



“ Dear Freeze Family,

I extend my deepest condolences to you in Billy's passing. I haven't seen or heard much of the Freeze family in recent years but do have many fond memories of Billy and his brothers and sisters from our days living at Five Forks. I was called Mickey in those days.##imported-begin##Earl W. McDaniel##imported-end##

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“ Nyoka and Jeffery,

My thoughts and prayers with you on the lose of dear Billy. Know I am thinking of you.

Margie K. Sides##imported-begin##Margie Kirk Sides##imported-end##

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“ *Somewhere in heaven there's a new angel with his own jingle jingle. I just know that Billy has coins tucked away in that robe. I'm going to miss his phone calls letting me know what needs to be picked up throughout the county.*

Nyoka, we at the DOT feel your loss and our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

We love you Billy.##imported-begin##Helen Medlin##imported-end##

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