



## Ralph William "Bill" Preston

February 26, 1937 - June 5, 2017

Ralph William "Bill" Preston, age 80, of Smith Mills, KY, passed away at 2:51 PM, Monday, June 5, 2017, at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville, IN.

Bill was a 1955 graduate of Enfield High School in Illinois. He currently worked as a salesman at Bradford Supply Company. He retired from LTV formerly Continental Emsco Company in 1996. Bill was a member of Belleview United Methodist Church, The American Legion Worsham Post #40, Moose Lodge, Smith Mills Lions Club, Smith Mills Fire Department, Corydon Masonic Lodge #799, and the Amvets. He spent a lot of time on his boat at Lake Barkley fishing. He owned a pontoon that he enjoyed with his family. Whether he was riding his golf cart with his wife, his cat Blackie, and grandchildren, playing poker, tossing washers, or mowing the yard, Bill loved his home in Smith Mills. He was always eager to serve and help others. He served in the United States Marine Reserves for 7 years. Most of all, Bill loved his family.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Gertrude Preston, 2 brothers, Jack and Bob Preston, grandchildren, Anthony William Preston and Preston Grace Vandiver.

Survivors include:

Wife of 55 years: Audrey "Jo" Preston of Smith Mills, KY

1 Son: Scott Preston and companion Pam of Geneva, KY

2 Daughters: Diane Moore and husband Bruce of Dixon, KY

Deanna Vandiver and husband Brian of Cairo, KY

2 Brothers: Charlie Preston of Carmi, IL

Donnie Preston of Benton, IL

8 Grandchildren: Bryan Moore and wife Crystal, Shane Moore and wife Amber, Jacob Moore and wife Katie, Matthew Preston and wife Lauren, Haley Preston, Abby Vandiver, Alyssa Vandiver and Parker Vandiver

8 Great Grandchildren and 1 Great Grandchild due in September  
Nieces and Nephews

Relatives and friends are invited to Bill's Life Celebration from 4:00-8:00 PM Thursday and again on Friday starting at 9:00 AM at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 9, 2017 at the funeral home with Reverend Steve Hale officiating. Burial will follow at Smith Mills Cemetery in Smith Mills, KY. Masonic Service will be held at 6:00PM Thursday by Corydon Masonic Lodge #799.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to: Smith Mills Lions Club Cemetery Fund, Belleview United Methodist Church, Smith Mills Fire Department, or Preston's Playground Fund.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at [www.bentonglunt.com](http://www.bentonglunt.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Smith Mills**

## Previous Events

### Life Celebration

JUN 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt Funeral Home  
629 S. Green Street  
Henderson, KY 42420

### Life Celebration

JUN 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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(270) 827-3535  
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### 2:00 P.M. Tuesday May 8, 2018 Funeral Service

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Henderson, KY 42420  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph William "Bill" Preston*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *Tammy Abbott lit a candle in memory of Ralph William "Bill" Preston*



**Tammy Abbott** - June 09, 2017 at 10:09 AM



“ *Bernice lit a candle in memory of Ralph William "Bill" Preston*



**Bernice** - June 09, 2017 at 06:14 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. J. always thought a lot of Bill.*

**Teresia Husk** - June 08, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - June 08, 2017 at 09:34 AM

Gale  
Hays  
Hetrick

“ A man who gave of himself wherever he found a need. The Smith Mills Lions Club will miss you and your service to our community.

Gale Hays Hetrick - June 07, 2017 at 01:38 PM

Lei  
Anne  
Westfall

“ Uncle Bill was a wonderful man. Worked hard and played hard. Enjoyed family to the highest. Always remembered in our younger days when our families would get together in Illinois. They always had to leave early to get over bridge before dark. Love you and you will be missed. Rest in peace.

Lei Anne Westfall - June 07, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ My memories are many, a few are the way he would compete at games, slamming a card down or even playing twister. His laughter, the ability to alternate drinks ( pbr "blue"-coffee-blue-coffee- blue). He could be everyone's "UNCLE BILL". Peace to all.

Terry Turner - June 07, 2017 at 08:41 AM

SF

“ *The members of the Smith Mills Fire Dept. Will miss you dearly! We wouldn't be where we are today without your hard work and dedication!*



SMITH MILLS FD - June 06, 2017 at 09:16 PM

LT

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family. My memory of Bill will always be of him playing washers at our family reunions, the laughter and stories shared will never be forgotten!*

Linda Preston Thacker - June 06, 2017 at 08:27 PM

DH

“ *Every time I saw You at any reunion, The first thing You would say to me is, "smack that kid"...Always, Always..LOVED being around You!!!!So much fun!!!! HUGS!!!!*

Diane Harmon - June 06, 2017 at 08:18 PM

  
Amanda  
Preston

“ *I will always remebered Uncle Bill taking me for a ride on his golf cart at Lake Barkley when I was there meeting my family for the 1st time. A memory I will forever cherish. Wish I had more time to get to know you....fly with the angels Uncle Bill....I love you!*



Amanda Preston - June 06, 2017 at 07:57 PM

BW

“ *Deanna, Brian and Family*

*So sorry to hear about your dad! Our prayers are with you and all of your family.*

*Dale and Brenda Whitmore*

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**Brenda Whitmore** - June 06, 2017 at 04:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph William "Bill" Preston.*



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June 06, 2017 at 04:58 PM

 Patty  
Preston  
Desper

“ *Patty Preston Desper lit a candle in memory of Ralph William "Bill" Preston*



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**Patty Preston Desper** - June 06, 2017 at 03:33 PM

 Patty  
Preston  
Desper

*Uncle Bill was a very special man. We will all miss you so very much but we shall meet again. Love you all.*

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**Patty Preston Desper** - June 06, 2017 at 03:35 PM

KH

“ *He shopped at EZ Shop daily.He was such a sweet man..He will be missed dearly...*

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**kimberly hankins** - June 06, 2017 at 03:09 PM