



William Bratcher, III

January 22, 1935 - October 9, 2013

Conway...William H. "Billy" Bratcher, III, 78, of Bratcher Road, died Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at Conway Medical Center.

Mr. Bratcher was born in Conway, a son of the late William H. Bratcher, II and Blanche Cox Bratcher. He was a member and Communications Director of Pine Grove Baptist Church. Mr. Bratcher was an Honorary Member of Conway Lions Club. He was owner and operator of Billy Bratcher Chair Caning. Mr. Bratcher was Vice President of the National Federation of the Blind and participated in the Dickens Christmas Show. The family would like to thank the Dr.'s and Staff of Conway Manor & Mercy Care for their loving care of Mr. Bratcher. He was preceded in death by three brothers, John H. Bratcher, Bobby Bratcher and Buster Bratcher; and two sisters, Mary Ann Bratcher and June Bland.

Surviving are: his wife, Kay Frye Bratcher; two sons, John M. "Johnny" Bratcher (Annette) and William J. "Jimmy" Bratcher (Gail) all of Conway; one daughter, Elizabeth (Beth) Annette Hood (Bo) of Conway; four grandchildren, Michael Bratcher, Nicki Bratcher, Allison Bratcher and Colby Hood; two sisters, Frances Bratcher of Conway and Emily Jean Bratcher of Davenport, Alaska.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday at Pine Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Glenn Stanley, Rev. Mack Hutson and Rev. Tony Bratcher officiating. Burial will follow in Graham Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to the National Federation for the Blind, 720
Pepperhill Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Graham Cemetery

2701 Wigley Road
Loris, SC 29569

Previous Events

Service

OCT **12**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pine Grove Baptist Church
4686 Old Reaves Ferry Road
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as the comfort found in God's word the bible. Romans 5:12 says, "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

A. Bell - October 18, 2013 at 02:28 PM

PR

“ Uncle Bill, You will be missed by so many. To know my Uncle Bill was to love him. I cannot remember him not laughing and smiling. No matter what the situation Uncle Bill always had a positive attitude.
My comfort is knowing Uncle Bill can see and hear perfectly.
Pat Bland Ratcliffe

Pat Bland Ratcliffe - October 11, 2013 at 08:35 PM

CD

“ *Even though Uncle Bill wasn't my blood relative, I considered myself part of the Bratcher family (my dad's sister Thelma was married to John Bratcher). He overcame a lot of obstacles in his life, and he and Kay were a happy couple. My sympathies go out to Aunt Kay, Jimmy, Johnny and Beth, along with the grandkids. He will definitely be missed here on this earthly plane but pain-free in the arms of God.*



*Carol Dukes
Blythewood, SC*

Carol Dukes - October 11, 2013 at 01:09 PM

DS

“ From the first time I met Billy through a TV interview I did with him, I loved his wit, spirit, determination and talent. He would often call me when business was slow and ask me to have him back on TV as he needed more business. I always obliged.

Just last year in his work shop I had a chance to interview him for fifth time.

His head cheerleader, Kay was there giggling and and egging him on from the wings.

Billy said he'd be nothing if it weren't for her. They were an adorable team.

He once told me on TV that they were the perfect pair because he could not see her and she could not hear him!!! It was obvious how much they loved each other.

And no one ever put such skill into canning chairs than Billy.

If God's throne needs fixing- Billy will be doing it!

May all of you find comfort in the love of family and friends, and especially in the love of God. Billy will be missed by all of us who knew him.

*Diane DeVaughn Stokes
Myrtle Beach*

Diane DeVaughn Stokes - October 11, 2013 at 09:20 AM

MB

“ I had the pleasure of working with "Billy" (as he told me to call him) in therapy. It did not take long for me to love they wonderful sense of humor of his and to look forward to seeing that infectious smile of his. His stories of his life adventures were a blessing to hear. He spent most of his life in darkness, but his personality ALWAYS shined brightly! I I have not known him very long, but he will live on in my memory for many years to come! I will miss him.
May God comfort his family during this difficult time.

Michelle Boudreau - October 11, 2013 at 06:48 AM

PR

“ Patsy Larrimore Roberts lit a candle in memory of William Bratcher, III



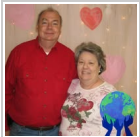
Patsy Larrimore Roberts - October 11, 2013 at 06:12 AM

PR

Mr. Billy always had a way of making us laugh. He was witty and full of laughter even thou he was trapped in the darkness he found a way to share a smile. We the Conway Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of SC will miss him. Our prayers go out to Mrs. Kay, Beth, Johnny, and Jimmy and the rest of his family. He was a very talented man and touched many lives through his walk in life. Earths loss is Heavens Gain, He once was blind but now he can see. It was an honor to have known Mr. Billy.

The Conway Chapter of the NFB of SC
President Levern Wilson

Patsy Larrimore Roberts - October 11, 2013 at 06:19 AM



“ Wanda Jordan sent a virtual gift in memory of William Bratcher, III



Wanda Jordan - October 10, 2013 at 08:26 PM

FH

“ MR BILLY WAS ALWAYS SPECIAL TO US .HE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE. HE BRIGHTENED MANY A PERSON IN CONWAY LIVES. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY. FREDA AND JERRY

FREDA HARDEE - October 10, 2013 at 03:38 PM

GA

“ I met Mr. Bratcher when I was sitting with Mr. Wyatt Cannon. I went by to see him last Friday but he was in the hospital. I imagine him and Mr. Wyatt are having a good time today in Heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Kay! Love Gail and Robert Anderson

Gail Anderson - October 10, 2013 at 03:09 PM

SE

“ Saying goodbye
was the hardest thing to do
I never thought I would
Especially not to you.
You always listened
And knew what to say
Knew when to give a hug & laugh each other.
No one will ever take your place.
I can always promise you this
It's hard to find someone like you,
So know you'll always be missed. I love you
Because you are always like a daddy to my heart !



Sarah Elliott-Wright - October 10, 2013 at 02:20 PM

KF

“ I can still see his face light up when I would go up to him and ask if he knew me. He would always say "Marvidean" first and then say "Karen" I knew that was you!! Love you Uncle Bill!

Aunt Kaye, Jimmy, Johnny & Beth....Uncle Bill was a wonderful man and will truly be missed.

Karen Frye - October 10, 2013 at 01:59 PM