



Billy Ray Fitzsimmons Jr.

August 15, 1961 - December 22, 2016

BILLY RAY FITZSIMMONS, JR. GREENVILLE, SC

SFC (Ret) Billy Ray Fitzsimmons, Jr., 55, husband of Debbie Hughes Fitzsimmons, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 22, 2016 at McCall Hospice House. His firm belief in God and faith in Jesus supported him in his courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Houston, TX, he was the son of Billy Ray Fitzsimmons, Sr. of Conroe, TX and the late Katharyn Potter Fitzsimmons. Billy served our country honorably in the U.S. Army retiring after 20+ years of service. During his service, Billy was awarded two Army Commendation Medals, six Army Achievement Medals, five Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two Bronze Stars and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. After his military service, Billy went to work with The United States Post Office, working at the Anderson and Liberty Post Office and was currently working at Travelers Rest Main Post Office where he was the Customer Service Supervisor. Billy was a member of Marietta First Baptist Church in Marietta SC.

Surviving along with his father and wife is his daughter: Emily Fitzsimmons and fiancé Stephen Harwick of Anderson; sister: Kathy Williams and husband Mike of Spring, TX and a brother: Kenneth Fitzsimmons and wife Chrissy of

Montgomery, TX; step-mother: Pat Fitzsimmons of Conroe, TX; step-son: Matt Clark; dear friend: Pam Frey of Greenville, SC; comforter and companion: Barnabas (the cat).

Visitation will be on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 from 6 – 6:50 p.m. at Marietta First Baptist Church. 2936 Geer Hwy; Marietta, SC 29661. Memorial service will follow the visitation in the sanctuary at 7 p.m.

A second memorial service will be held for family and friends in the Houston, TX area. The service will be on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 2:30 pm at Northridge Baptist Church, 10681 FM 1484 Rd, Conroe, TX 77303. Come join the family in this informal celebration of Billy's life.

Burial will be private.

Billy's legacy will be one of giving. Giving a smile when one was needed, a helping hand when someone struggled. He helped so many people anonymously. He lifted spirits by giving hugs, cracking jokes, and singing to the Post Office customers when they had to wait in line. In honor and in memory of Billy, help carry on his legacy by giving to someone every day; if you can't give financially, give a smile, a hug, a helping hand.

Memorials may be made to Marietta First Baptist Church, Missions Fund, P.O. Box 337, Marietta, SC 29661.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com

The family would like to thank Billy's coworkers and many friends for support, love and visits during his illness. Thanks also to Ben and Robin from Homestead Hospice and McCall Hospice House for their kind words of comfort, support and care during Billy's courageous battle. Your kindness is

much appreciated.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest will oversee the arrangements. (864)
834-8051.

Cemetery Details

Private Burial

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM (ET)

Marietta First Baptist Church
Highway 276 Geer Highway/P.O. Box 337
Marietta, SC

Church Service

DEC 28. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Marietta First Baptist Church
Highway 276 Geer Highway/P.O. Box 337
Marietta, SC

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Those we love don't go away there right beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal*”



With Sympathy,

Lisa Buffington USPS

Lisa Buffington - December 29, 2016 at 12:44 PM



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The Howze Mortuary - December 29, 2016 at 07:17 AM

CT

“ *Conni Togel lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Fitzsimmons Jr.*”



Conni Togel - December 28, 2016 at 04:00 PM

CT

My heart goes out to Emily and her family in a very tough time. My condolences to the family.

Conni Togel - December 28, 2016 at 04:03 PM

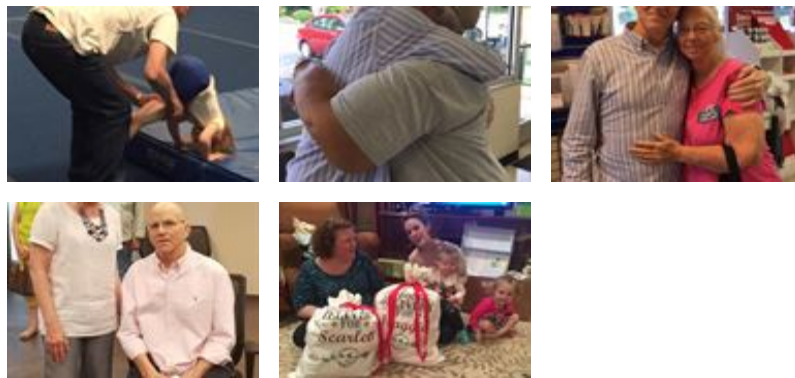
SV

“ I had the privledge to work with billy in liberty some.super nice guy always willing to help and always with a smile.we are surely gonna miss him. sincerely,stacy vaughn

stacy vaughn - December 28, 2016 at 04:00 PM



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The Howze Mortuary - December 28, 2016 at 08:12 AM

DD

“ I am sadden to hear of the passing of Bill.



Darlene Dickson - December 27, 2016 at 08:50 PM



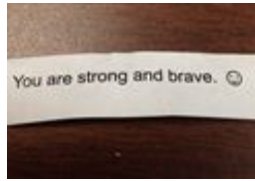
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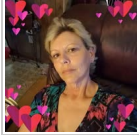
The Howze Mortuary - December 27, 2016 at 09:48 AM



“ Tammy Allison Bass lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Fitzsimmons Jr.



Tammy Allison Bass - December 26, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ *The loss of this honorable friend is a great sadness. His giving spirit will be remembered by many. Condolences to family and friends Will always be in our hearts*

Donna Burrell - December 25, 2016 at 10:18 AM

JD

“ *This is so sad to loose Billy. I enjoyed working with him at the Liberty Post Office. He was liked so very much by the customers there. My sympathy to all of the family.*
Joe Dunlap

Joe Dunlap - December 24, 2016 at 02:33 PM