



Rev. Bill Ledbetter

April 2, 1932 - August 16, 2020

Rev. Bill Ledbetter

No matter how rough may be the way;
No matter how oft I stop to pray;
I'm bound for that city, on that ever-green shore.

No longer "singing" about being "Bound for that City," Rev. Bill Ledbetter completed his journey and arrived on August 16th, while surrounded by his family. Bill was born on April 2nd, 1932 in Overton County, Tennessee to Tillmon and Julia Ledbetter. At eighteen, he married his young wife Dorothy and the two later moved to Anderson, Indiana in 1955, where they raised their six children and began their life-long calling.

Bill's many years in the Freewill Baptist ministry were filled with visiting and supporting others-answering the call of those sick, hospitalized and in need of prayer and encouragement. In the eyes of his family, his ministry was exemplary of a servant's heart, as he often was called from family holidays and functions to answer the call of someone in need. The most memorable sermons were his actions delivered in a language of service, and understood best by those who knew him and loved him. He was a simple man, with a simple message- "salvation."

It has been said, "The measure of a life is not just in its duration but more importantly in its donation." We were blessed to have Dad for many years, and when we, as a family, think of Dad's donation... what he "contributed"... what he "invested" while here in this life... we have much for which we, as a family, are thankful.

We are thankful for the investments of love and devotion that he made in his marriage to his loving wife, our mother, Dorothy;

We are thankful for the investment of Godliness that he made, subsequently affecting the lives of his six children, eighteen grandchildren, and twenty-eight great-grandchildren;

We are thankful for his investment in the Word of God, affecting the lives of so many

people... not only members of the church, but all of those in which he poured his life, love and support.

Although we will miss him, we have peace in knowing both the memory and the influence of his life will long remain.

Rev. Bill Ledbetter was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers; four sisters, and beloved son Rick (Rickie D.) Ledbetter.

The Ledbetter family, who continue to journey here, include his loving wife of sixty-nine years, Dorothy, daughter Linda (husband John) of Greenfield, IN; daughter-in-law Cindi (husband Rick) of Kearney, NE; son Ron (wife Sherrie) of Indianapolis, IN; daughter Karen (husband Mark) of Parrish, FL; daughter Becky (husband John) of Indianapolis, IN; son Rex (wife Lynn) of Indianapolis, IN; eighteen grandchildren; and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

May we all continue to hear in our hearts the voice of Rev. Bill Ledbetter. May we focus daily on love, compassion and forgiveness, while steadfastly remaining "Bound for that City" until we meet "on that evergreen shore."

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 20th, from 4-6 p.m. at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, Anderson, Indiana. A special celebration of life, love, family and friends will then begin at 6:00 p.m. with Grandson, Rev. Eric Crisp, Grandson Rev. Dustin Bilbrey and Son-in-Law Rev. John Crisp officiating.

A final memorial will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, with visitation from 12-2 p.m., and service following at Hall Funeral Home, Livingston, Tennessee, with final resting at Falling Springs Cemetery, Livingston, Tennessee.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
200 W 53rd St
Anderson, IN 46013
(765) 649-5255
info@loosecares.com

Service

AUG **20**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.



August 20, 2020 at 09:38 AM

MK

“ *Mandy Kilgore purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.



Mandy Kilgore - August 20, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath* was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.



August 20, 2020 at 07:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.



August 20, 2020 at 06:35 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.



August 20, 2020 at 12:27 AM

LE

“ Thank you Bill for being the kind of person that cared enough to share your ministry as you embarked on a journey to lead everyone to Heaven for a rejoicing fellowship. RIP 🙏



Lisa Everitt - August 19, 2020 at 11:26 PM

LE

“ Rev Bill Ledbetter was a true Man of Faith and cared about everyone that he came in contact with. The Ledbetter Family has been amazing to me for a lot of years and you are all in my heart. Bill has began an amazing journey that we will all join him on someday. I thank God for the Love and caring that Bill showed my family throughout the years and have the utmost respect for him. Until we meet again, RIP. My prayers and thoughts are with the family. Love Lisa Bennett Everitt

Lisa Everitt - August 19, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.



August 19, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.



August 19, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.



August 19, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.*



August 19, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.*



August 19, 2020 at 08:31 AM

RL

“ *Our family loves reading these memories of Dad. He was a special man to a lot of people. There was nothing more important to him than the church and getting people to heaven. Now he's with all of them! Praise the Lord!*

Rex Ledbetter - August 19, 2020 at 07:48 AM

RB

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Rebecca Bartle - August 18, 2020 at 11:22 PM

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Rebecca Bartle - August 18, 2020 at 11:12 PM

DH

“ Dorothy and family ,Bill will be in our hearts forever, they are all rejoicing in heaven and cantwait to see them all again, Denise(Stittums) Huntley.

Denise Stittums Huntley - August 18, 2020 at 11:10 PM

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Rebecca Bartle - August 18, 2020 at 10:59 PM

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John, Becky, John, Linda, Sherrie, Ron, Dad, Mom, Karen, Mark, Rick, Cindi, Lynn and Rex

Rebecca Bartle - August 18, 2020 at 11:18 PM

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Rebecca Bartle - August 18, 2020 at 10:57 PM

BG

“ Like my parents Bill & Dorothy have always been there. Like family. At church, dinners together , picking and singing. Bible study, youth groups prayer meeting. Sunday school teachers. Prayer partners. When you saw one you saw both. Always available when you need that someone to listen. A lot of us could write a chapter on Bill and Dorothy and how they touched are lives. Bill will be missed. But he worked for his retirement and now he his enjoying the reward of it. So happy for you Bill. We all will see you soon! Love and thank you!



Brenda Gentry - August 18, 2020 at 10:37 PM

RO

“ RogerMcCormick lit a candle in memory of Rev. Bill Ledbetter



RogerMcCormick - August 18, 2020 at 10:25 PM

GK

“ Glen And Carolyn Keller lit a candle in memory of Rev. Bill Ledbetter



Glen and Carolyn Keller - August 18, 2020 at 10:01 PM

RO

Brother bill was my friend but most importantly he was my brother in jesus christ our lord he a light to me for over 44 years

RogerMcCormick - August 18, 2020 at 10:34 PM

GK

“ Bill has gone home to be with his Savior,the one that he preached about all of those years!! He now is in that place with him who he led many people to Jesus!! He is at home in The Arms of Jesus!! He will be missed,but we will see him again,"That Glad Reunion Day!!" I am praying for you all!!!❤️🌹❤️🌹❤️🌹

Glen and Carolyn Keller - August 18, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.*



August 18, 2020 at 07:49 PM

BM

“ *Fond memories of an amazing man. You all are in our thoughts and prayers!!
Love, Dooley Hollars and family*

Brenda McBride - August 18, 2020 at 07:15 PM

CS

“ *Always loved it when Bro Bill and Sis. Dorothy came to Bethel Independent Baptist in Glasgow. Loved his preaching and his stories of his life. He sure did bless me many times, read some notes in my Bible just this past weekend. Heaven I know welcomed him as he was a true man of God. Prayers for Sis. Dorothy and his family. His memory will always make me smile.*

*Clara Stilts
Bethel Baptist Independent Baptist Church*

Clara Stilts - August 18, 2020 at 07:09 PM

VH

“ *While my Sister Anna Davis was dying at St John's hospital she wanted to renew her wedding vows. Bill came to the hospital no questions ask and preformed the vow renewal. It was such a loving thing for him to do for someone he didn't even know only knew us and my sister-in-law. We all went to Valley Grove at that time. He was a true man of God. Thanks Bill for everything you did for us that day. All your family will be in our prayers. Virginia Bray Harvey.*

Virginia Harvey - August 18, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.*



August 18, 2020 at 06:35 PM

LK

“ Love always, Barb King purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.



Love always, Barb King - August 18, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.



August 18, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rev. Bill Ledbetter.



August 18, 2020 at 03:21 PM

JP

“ The best memory of Bill was he helped baptized me. We went to singings with Rev. Bill and Dorthey. We also did a lot of gardening/canning together. Doug and I would tell them the huckstubble truck was here with vegetables. Show will miss my buddy!

Doug/Joyce Phillips

Joyce Phillips - August 18, 2020 at 02:08 PM



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TS

“ *I will never forget Mr. Ledbetter, it was during a revival in Glasgow at Brotherhood Baptist, church.,,that I found Jesus! I was 17 at the time I am 61 now,,but I never ever forgot that night and the man who led me to Jesus! So Mr. Ledbetter I'll see you on the other side! To his family,,you did indeed have a great Fsther! My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to you!*

Teresa Scott - August 18, 2020 at 12:14 PM

BT

“ *Praying for your family during this difficult time. We cherish all our Ledbetter memories. Love, Mary Vaughn and Brenda Thomas Cookeville, TN*

Brenda Thomas - August 18, 2020 at 11:31 AM

RB

“ *Much prayers for your families!!! Gina Crisp Bunch (George and Peggy's oldest)*

regina bunch - August 18, 2020 at 10:59 AM