



Billy E. Francis

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Billy Edwin Francis, age 48, was called to his Heavenly home on March 31, 2024. He passed away peacefully at home after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born November 25, 1975 to Charles and Linda Francis in Newark, Ohio and graduated from Licking Valley High School. Billy loved sharing stories with everyone about his fondest childhood memories of visiting his grandfather (Billy Scoles) who taught him all he knew about running a farm and being self-sufficient. He took great pride in learning about farming, raising animals, fishing, hunting and all the other skills he possessed. As an adult, he kept a deep admiration for being raised a "country boy" and loved anything associated with being outdoors. He spent many of his evenings just sitting outside listening to country music, riding his motorcycle or showing off his cooking skills on the grill.

Billy was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Newark Moose Lodge and was also an employee of Armstrong Industries (Tectum) since 2003. He boasted about his perfect attendance record and was upset when it was ruined by Covid in 2021. In his eyes, not even a potentially deadly virus was an acceptable excuse to call off work. He was a man that looked forward every day to waking at the crack of dawn to put in a hard day at work and "bring home the bacon" (his words) at the end of the day.

In addition to his wife, Lynnette (Byrd) Francis, Billy is survived by his father and mother, sisters, Mary Cooper and Charlotte Francis; a son, Billy Francis Jr. (Michaela) and their daughter, Anastasia; a daughter Halee Boyer; stepdaughter, Briana Byrd and her son Zayvian and stepdaughter Kendra Gatlin; numerous nieces and nephews and cherished friends, Richard Alberry, John Luckeydoo, Mark Wagner and Kirk Wolfe.

Visitation will be held 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2024 at Vensil & Chute



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Funeral Home, 1850 W. Main St. Newark, Ohio 43055.

Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Dr. Michael Noble officiating.

Interment will be at Wilson Cemetery at a later date.



Tribute Wall

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GZ

Greg And Jodi Zigan posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Billy's passing. Sending Prayers to all his loved ones thru this difficult time.

April 4 at 8:00 PM

DS

Dave Selby posted:

I am so sorry for your loss.

April 4 at 9:51 AM

DB

Dr. Todd Bradley posted:

Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to meet Billy:(. Although, I grew up with is wife (Lynn Byrd) and her family. From what I could tell, based on Lynn's Facebook posts...Billy was a great guy! He apparently was "down to earth" like many of our Newark childhood friends, esp. from the East End. I understand Billy was funny and an avid outdoorsman! Lastly, I pray that Billy's family & Lynn will cherish great memories of Billy and that God will comfort them all!

April 4 at 5:43 AM

MD

Mark, Lori And Kaleb Davis posted:

My sincere condolences to Lynnette and all of Billy's family, friends and loved ones. My heart hurts for each of you. I pray that Billy rests in peace and that God provides comfort for each of you.

April 3 at 8:00 PM

MC

Marie Cade posted:

Sorry for your loss

April 3 at 2:01 PM

KL

Kristin Lewis posted:

I am so sorry for your loss guys. I'm praying for you all.

April 2 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Billy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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