



## Billy Dean Spurgeon

September 6, 1938 - October 22, 2023

Billy Dean Spurgeon, 85, of Thayer passed away on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at Heritage Healthcare in Chanute. Billy was born at home in Clark County Missouri and lived his early years across the county line road in Lewis County near St. Patrick and Derrhas Missouri.

Billy worked as a farmer and in other areas of agriculture while growing up. In high school he enjoyed playing basketball and fast pitch softball and went on to become an excellent coach to many youths in the Williamstown, Missouri community, including his own children. After high school, Billy served his country honorably in the United States Army from August 21, 1957 to July 30, 1960. Billy was also a member of the Williamstown chapter of the Masons.

Billy would eventually leave his home community and take up residence in Southeast Kansas where he worked in construction and as a truck driver. Billy is greatly loved and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Billy is survived by his wife Uhlamae Spurgeon, his two daughters Theresa Kossack and Catherine Jenkins, Uhlamae's children: Crystal McNeal and her husband Eddie, Gayle Shuster and her husband Dale, and Sheldon Hurst and his wife Kay, his brother Carl (Bruiser), grandchildren Levi Shuster, Cassidy Watkins, Cassandra Swearingen, Vincent Spurgeon, and Robin Jenkins, and numerous great-grandchildren.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Viola, brothers Elmer Jay, Calvin, George, and Cecil, sisters Dorothy and Betty, his son Jeremey Lane Spurgeon I and his grandson Jeremy Lane Spurgeon II.

Cremation has been requested and a memorial service will be held on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 1:00 pm at Countryside Funeral Home in Chanute. Burial will take place at Elmwood Cemetery in Chanute following the service with military honors from the Chanute Honor Guard. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, Kansas 66720.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

East 14th St  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **30**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Burial

OCT **30** (CT)

Elmwood Cemetery  
East 14th St  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall

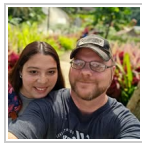


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy Dean Spurgeon.*



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October 30, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ *It was only a short time knowing Bill, but what a blessing it has been for us. I wish we could have come to know him on better circumstances, and for a longer time. It's in God's timing though, and it was perfect timing. Until we meet again Bill! May God bless all grieving hearts with the peace, comfort, and strength during this time of sorrow. Much love to Uhlamae, and the rest of his friends and family.*

*~Rick and Dawn Wrestler*

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**Richard Wrestler** - October 30, 2023 at 06:00 AM



“ *I sure am going to miss U Billy...I know u had to go, but u left such a impact on our lives...  
I will never forget U & I will keep an eye on Mom for u...love always  
Gayle.*

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**Gayle Shuster** - October 25, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ *So so sorry for your loss of bill...we got to know him in the last few years...will miss talking president trump with him each time we seen him lol...will be missed*

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**Evelyn and Eddie ewing** - October 24, 2023 at 06:42 PM

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“ *Jim, Barb, Connie, Anna and our families. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Billy Dean Spurgeon.*



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**Jim, Barb, Connie, Anna and our families.** - October 24, 2023  
at 03:20 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Uncle Billy Dean was one of my favorites. Prayers going out to Uhlame, Theresa, Cathy, and all of your families. I wish I could be there to give hugs. Love to all. He was a great softball coach and I enjoyed being on the team. Connie Spurgeon Welker*

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**Connie Welker** - October 23, 2023 at 09:57 PM