



## Billy Russell Stormes

December 31, 1934 - November 17, 2017

Billy “Bill” Russell Stormes, of Rolla, Missouri, passed away, surrounded by his loving family, on Friday, November 17, 2017 at the age of 82 at Rolla Health and Rehabilitation, where he had resided for the past year. Bill was born near Bonanza, Arkansas to the late Charlie & Eva Beatrice (Bradshaw) Stormes on December 31, 1934. Bill was united in marriage to Shirley Sue Henderson on May 27, 1956 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He made his profession of faith, was baptized and became a member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Rolla, Missouri in 1961, where he later served as a vestryman.

Bill was a graduate of Fort Smith High School in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended Connors Junior College, University of Arkansas and Drury University, ultimately earning his Master of Education Administration degree. Bill began his career in education in Little Rock, Arkansas where he taught high school science for two years, prior to moving to Rolla, Missouri in 1958 and became employed by Rolla Public Schools as a junior high school science teacher. After teaching science for five years, Bill transitioned into junior high administration as Assistant Principal, and ultimately Principal, until his retirement in 1986.

During his career in education, Bill was a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals. Upon

his retirement, Bill became a member of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association, where he actively advocated for educational funding and policy changes in support of Missouri schools, educators and students. He later worked with underprivileged students, teaching in group homes within the Rolla area. Bill fulfilled his civic and community duty through membership in the Rolla Lion's Club for many years.

Bill's passion was bass fishing. He spent countless hours in his boat fishing with family and friends, and his favorite fishing destination was the Lake of the Ozarks. He was a member of the Central Missouri Bass Masters for over 40 years and was awarded an honorary lifetime membership by his fellow members. Bill even qualified at least twice to fish in the state federation tournament of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society.

The one thing that topped fishing in Bill's life, was his family. Precious family memories were made during family vacations, camping trips, and leisure time spent at the family river cabin on the Buffalo River in northwest Arkansas and the Gasconade River in Pulaski County, Missouri. Bill put his family's needs first and he and Sue worked very hard to provide for their family, ensuring they were given every opportunity to become all they could be, while making sure they knew they were loved and cherished.

Bill is survived by his wife, Shirley "Sue" Stormes, of 61 years; his children: Bill Alexander Stormes, and wife Donna, of Lake View, Alabama; Mary Susan Hollingsworth, and husband David, of Loveland, Ohio; Russell Andrew "Andy" Stormes, and wife Melinda, of Vichy, Missouri; six grandchildren: Alex Hollingsworth, Will Hollingsworth, Maggie Stormes, Isaac Stormes, Michael Redmon, and Cote Redmon; four great-grandchildren: Aiden Redmon, Alex Redmon, Rosalie Redmon & Maddex Redmon; one brother, Buddy Othel Stormes of Hackett, Arkansas; two sisters: Margie Faye Urquhart, and husband Audie, of Eufaula, Oklahoma and Janice Kaye Whorton, and

husband Dennis, of Fort Worth, Texas; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Benny Charles Stormes and Jackie Dean Stormes and daughter-in-law, Donalie (Owens) Stormes.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at Christ Episcopal Church in Rolla, Missouri. The family will receive friends on Monday, November 20, 2017 at the James & Gahr Mortuary in Rolla, Missouri from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to the Central Missouri Bass Masters, and contributions may be left at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
1651 E. Hwy 72  
Rolla, MO 65401  
(573) 458-2262  
jgrolla@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Service

NOV **21**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Christ Episcopal Church  
1000 N Main St  
Rolla, MO 65401  
(573) 364-1499

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Stormes was one of the most loving people I have met. He loved all of his children, grandchildren and their friends. He loved to make art. He loved camping and fishing. He loved that his son followed in his footsteps as Principal. Most of all he loved Susan and her art. We are blessed to know Bill and his lovely family.*

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**Kathy Miller** - February 19, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ *Billy Russell Stormes*

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January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Billy Russell Stormes*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Dianne and Daisy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy Russell Stormes.*



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**Dianne and Daisy** - November 20, 2017 at 04:10 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about uncle Bill, wish I could be there with you all. Praying for you and the family. Love you all. Linda stormes Lowery*

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**Linda stormes Lowery** - November 20, 2017 at 02:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Russell Stormes.*



November 20, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy Russell Stormes.*



November 20, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ *From The Stanley's Toni, Kay, Sara & Mark purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy Russell Stormes.*



**From The Stanley's Toni, Kay, Sara & Mark** - November 20, 2017 at 09:21 AM



“ *MarySusan and family,,,,we are so sorry for your loss,,,,,*

*Love, The Holdemans*

**Diane Holdeman** - November 19, 2017 at 11:05 PM



“ *Mr Storms was the assistant principal in 1967 - 1969 when I went to Rolla Junior High. When I wanted to do light shows at the junior high sock hops and some expressed doubts about the overhead lights being turned off for the light show he asked me to put special non intrusive lights in the corners which I did, so he gave the go ahead for the show. He even allowed me to borrow the school overhead projector for it! The shows at the sock hops were a big success and to this day I'm thankful to Mr Storms. He was tough but fair, I saw him comfort students who were distraught, he was a good person who cared. Today I'm a well known inventor and it was people like Mr Storms that helped make that possible.*

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**Bill Wesley** - November 19, 2017 at 09:35 PM

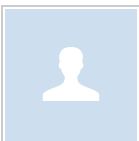


“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Billy Russell Stormes.*



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November 19, 2017 at 08:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy Russell Stormes.*



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“ *Ted, Cheryl and Billie Richards purchased the Cr  
ystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Billy Russell  
Stormes.*



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**Ted, Cheryl and Billie Richards** - November 19, 2017 at 02:41  
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