



## Mr. Billy Ray Stewart

November 29, 2019

Funeral will be at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 2, 2019, at Village Chapel Funeral Home for Billy Ray Stewart, 88 Gadsden, who passed away Friday, November 29, 2019. Mr. Stewart's Brothers-in law, the Revs. Charles and Roger Beshears will officiate. Music will be provided from the Musical Vault of Billy Ray Stewart. Burial will be at New Bethel Cemetery.

Mr. Stewart was a veteran and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and served as Minister of Music at East Walnut Baptist Church for over 50 years, where he also served as a Deacon. Mr. Stewart was an amazing guitar player, so good that his good friend, the late Joe Keracher once said, "Bill does Chet Atkins better than Chet Atkins." For years, Mr. Stewart hosted his Friday Night Jam Sessions where many of the best musicians from around the state would gather to play music. He also loved Alabama Football and Gadsden City Basketball.

Mr. Stewart is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Sue, children Pam (Tommy) Johnson, Steve (Nancy) Stewart and Lori (Jeff) McRae; Grandchildren Holly (Bryan) Gustafson, Zack (Lauren) Johnson, Beau (Lee Ann) Stewart, Lauren (Kip) Williams and Dylan McRae; Great-Grandchildren Ava, Addy and Eli Gustafson, Reagan Martin, Caleb Johnson and Bentley Williams and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Grandsons and nephew Michael Dupree and special “son” Mark Harper.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The Family will receive friends Monday between 11 and 1 at Village Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

**New Bethel**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Village Chapel Funeral Home  
101 Vandell Blvd  
Gadsden, AL 35904  
(256) 547-5557  
<https://villagechapelfuneralhome.com>

### Service

DEC 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Wonderful man! Have many fond memories of him serving as choir director at East Walnut Baptist church. Sincerest condolences to his family and friends.  
Jan Williard Kwilos

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**Jan Williard Kwilos** - November 30, 2019 at 07:28 PM

CB

“ Love my Uncle Bill so much!! Lots of memories of my Pawpaw and Him “jamming” out with their buddies. He will surely be missed by everyone.

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**Cody Beshears** - November 30, 2019 at 04:00 PM

GB

“ Love Uncle Bill and he will be missed. All childhood memories include Uncle Bill and family. While you are in a better place, this one has an empty spot in it.

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**Greg Beshears** - November 30, 2019 at 03:12 PM