



## William R Harland

March 3, 1938 - August 8, 2019

William Russell Harland

Born 3/3/1938 Dover Tenn

Died 8/8/2019 Gulf Shores AL

He is preceded in death by his father, Jesse Moore Harland and mother, Beatrice Folks Harland.

He leaves behind his wife, Judy, of 61 years, 3 children, Deborah Russell of Mobile, Judy Lynn Maedke of Mobile, and Russ Harland of Exeter, New Hampshire plus 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Billy, as everyone called him, grew up in Greenville MS. During his marriage, they lived in Greenville, MS, Raymond, NH, Suffolk, Virginia, and Hendersonville, NC. He and Judy moved to Gulf Shores in 2006.

Billy loved gardening, tennis, golf, fishing, and hunting.

In lieu of flowers, please make donation to Christian Service Center, P O Box 882, Gulf Shores AL 36547

Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Alabama

# Tribute Wall

JU

“ One year ago today. I miss you so much. Much of me ceased to exist without you. Thank you God for our years together, our marriage, our children. Thank you for loving Billy, taking care of him, and finally healing him forever.

Judy - August 08, 2020 at 10:13 AM

JM

“ Happy Birthday in Heaven, Daddy. Miss you every day. Love you so much.



Judy Maedke - March 03, 2020 at 04:34 PM

JU

“ Happy birthday, Billy. If you were here, I would make your favorite lemon icebox pie just like I always did. I love you.

Judy - March 03, 2020 at 07:51 AM

JU

“ Happy Valentine's Day, Billy. I will miss my flowers today.

Judy - February 14, 2020 at 08:57 AM

JM

“ *Judy Maedke lit a candle in memory of William R Harland*



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**Judy Maedke** - December 26, 2019 at 07:29 AM

JU

“ *Our first Christmas without each other. I miss you so much.*

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**Judy** - December 25, 2019 at 08:28 AM

JH

“ *Julia G Harland lit a candle in memory of William R Harland*



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**Julia G Harland** - November 28, 2019 at 12:00 PM

JU

“ *Judy lit a candle in memory of William R Harland*



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**Judy** - October 12, 2019 at 10:51 AM

JU

“ *I miss him so much. I can't describe the loss.*

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**Judy** - September 09, 2019 at 05:09 PM

JM

“ *It's been a month since I held your hand.  
It's been a month since I kissed your brow  
and said good bye.  
It's been a month since the darkest day of my  
life.*



Judy Maedke - September 08, 2019 at 12:41 PM

JM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Judy Maedke - September 02, 2019 at 12:57 PM

JM

*Most Handsome 1958 Delta State College*

Judy Maedke - September 08, 2019 at 12:32 PM

JM

“ *Judy Maedke lit a candle in memory of  
William R Harland*



Judy Maedke - August 30, 2019 at 10:11 PM

CY

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Cynthia - August 29, 2019 at 10:01 PM

CY

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Cynthia - August 27, 2019 at 12:08 AM

CG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cynthia Garrett - August 26, 2019 at 12:20 PM



“ *This is my daddy on the left, then my Uncle Billy Harland, Uncle Raymond and then Uncle Sammy. a great group of guys .. there's a lot of love there! The most fun group you'll ever be around!*



Stephanie Garrett - August 26, 2019 at 12:19 PM



*Precious memories with these four.*

Judy Harland - August 26, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ *what a blessing it was to have you as an in-law and friend over all these past years. If we had been given the power to choose, our choice would have been the same. There are so many happy memories of our family times together, filled with laughter and joking, and no one enjoyed a joke more than Billy.*

*Rest in peace. You will be missed*

Bill and Carolyn Garrett - August 25, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ *Judy Maedke sent a virtual gift in memory of William R Harland*



Judy Maedke - August 21, 2019 at 04:21 PM

JM

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**Judy Maedke** - August 18, 2019 at 12:22 PM

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**Judy Maedke** - August 16, 2019 at 09:34 AM

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**Judy Maedke** - August 15, 2019 at 03:46 PM

SD

“ I can't even begin to count how many practical jokes Bill played on me before he retired! From fake fire alarms to a plastic rat in the ficus tree in the conference room, you just never knew what to expect from him. He loved to laugh and loved to make those around him laugh. He could hold his own in conversation covering everything from football to politics. He knew how much of an Alabama fan I was so thus, one of my favorite photos. So, one last "ROLL TIDE" for my friend, Bill.

Sharon



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**Sharon Dawson** - August 13, 2019 at 01:30 PM

JH

*I love this, Sharon! He loved to play jokes on people. He used a plastic rat on you and a fake snake on me so many times I couldn't even count them. Thank you for the comments.*

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**Julia Harland** - August 13, 2019 at 06:25 PM

JM

“ Shelly and I would like to extend our sympathies to Judy and all of Bill's family. Our prayers are with you. Bill was a special one of a kind guy and one the best friends I have ever had. He had a great sense of humor and always made the day more fun whether at work or on the golf course. We have missed him on our Myrtle Beach Golf trips and it will never be the same without him. We never knew what Bill had planned but you could be sure he would leave you laughing. I will miss him terribly but remember him always.

*Jimmy Mills*



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**Jimmy Mills** - August 13, 2019 at 09:39 AM

JH

*Jimmy, Billy thought you were the greatest. The golf trips were the highlight of his life. Thank you for being such a good friend.*

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**Julia Harland** - August 13, 2019 at 06:29 PM

JM

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**Judy Maedke** - August 12, 2019 at 10:16 PM

JM

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Judy Maedke - August 12, 2019 at 10:04 PM

JH

*Breakfast at home. He was happy.*

Julia Harland - August 13, 2019 at 06:30 PM



“ *Bill will always stay in our memories. Such a sweet man. I will never forget the day he brought a yellow bird in our office and said it just flew in his hands. He was always telling us jokes and keeping us laughing. Love him lots. Prayers with all the family but we know he is resting in the arms of our Lord. It was a blessing knowing him and memories of him will be for a lifetime.*

Peggy Jeffcoats - August 12, 2019 at 07:59 PM

JH

*Thank you, Peggy.*

Julia Harland - August 13, 2019 at 06:29 PM



“ My family and I send condolences to the family of Bill. My wife and I worked with Bill in North Carolina. Bill and I began playing golf after work with others. This camaraderie eventually turned into an annual golf outing to Myrtle Beach on Memorial Day weekend. Bill was a highlight of the trip. His humor and high jinks are some of the fondest memories I have of these trips. We mourn the loss of a fellow golfer and friend but we will always consider Bill the “Legendary Grandfather” of our group and will always cherish our time we had with him.



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**Carl Stephenson** - August 11, 2019 at 03:37 PM

JH

*Thank you so much for this picture. Billy was always so happy on these trips. He looked forward to them so much. Judy*

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**Julia Harland** - August 12, 2019 at 08:24 PM

DM

“ Bill's sense of humor was one of a kind. I'll always cherish his ability to make everybody's day a little happier, by sharing a story or a joke. Best thing was, is sometimes you didn't know he was joking, until the very end of his story. ❤️

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**David Maedke** - August 10, 2019 at 09:14 AM

JH

*You know I love you, Dave. Thank you for this.*

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**Julia Harland** - August 12, 2019 at 08:27 PM

DM

“ My favorite memories of Bill, were going out to eat at Bill's favorite restaurants in Foley and Gulf Shores. It was also an honor being included in a few of his gangs Saturday afternoon poker games, while living at The Grove in Foley. Those fond memories will always be with me..!! ❤️

David Maedke - August 10, 2019 at 09:11 AM

JH

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Julia Harland - August 12, 2019 at 08:28 PM

JD

“ Sorry for your loss to the Harland family. Slick Willy as I called him was a very charismatic person. A great friend. Willy was always quick with a joke. He was a blast to have around on all of our golf trips to Myrtle Beach. One of my fondest memories is when Willy came to my new home to help Rich and I move some downed trees. In the typical Willy fashion he poured himself a drink and proceeded to watch Rich and I work. You will truly be missed by all.



My deepest sympathies,

Jeff Dankowski

Jeff Dankowski - August 10, 2019 at 08:31 AM

JH

Thank you Dank. Billy told me so many stories about you!

Julia Harland - August 12, 2019 at 08:29 PM



“ I have so many loving memories of Uncle Billy Harland. Yes that's what I had to call him the complete name. Because that's who he was to me. He gave me the nickname" fat youngin".. no one else could call me that. That was his name for me. When I think of Uncle Billy Harland , I think of laughter, jokes, kindness..., one of the most pleasant down-to-earth people you will ever meet.. who would tell it like it is. I don't think I ever saw him in a bad mood or when he wasn't calming and comforting. I loved seeing him and my daddy and all my uncles cutting up together. They could have had their own show in Vegas! I love you Uncle Billy Harland.. thank you for being my uncle and such an amazing man! Stephanie



Stephanie Garrett - August 09, 2019 at 11:26 PM



How sweet of you, Steph. I think you described him to a T. Love you.

Julia Harland - August 12, 2019 at 08:30 PM



“ It's difficult to put into words the thoughts and feelings I have for you all in the wake of your loss. I feel strong loss and love for everyone... Sending so much love from us and his two great grandkids who loved him and wish they could have hugged him with many of their hugs. We love you with all our hearts.

Fee Corder - August 09, 2019 at 11:12 PM



Thank you Fee. Billy would have loved the hugs!

Julia Harland - August 12, 2019 at 08:31 PM

JM

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**Judy Maedke** - August 09, 2019 at 08:38 PM

JH

*Thank you, Doodle Lynn!*

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**Julia Harland** - August 12, 2019 at 08:32 PM