



## William "Billy" M. DeMott Jr.

October 14, 1942 - December 27, 2023

William M. (Billy) DeMott Jr. (81) entered the kingdom of heaven on December 27, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents William DeMott and Marie Reese DeMott and his brother Randy DeMott. Billy is survived by his wife Ellen, his daughter Jannie Camper (Chip), his son Jason, granddaughter Lila, brothers Ray DeMott (Paula), John DeMott (Becky Payne), sister Kitty Minter, and seven nieces and nephews. Billy worked hard to make sure his family had all that was needed.

He worked at Southern Processing Tobacco Company and retired from Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company after 32 years. A headline in the local newspaper about Billy stated, "Ringgold Firefighter Lives to Serve Others." And that he did. He was a veteran of the military and an active member of the Ringgold Fire and Rescue Department for over 53 years. During this time routinely ran between 400-600 calls per year. He received a multitude of awards including The A.C. Neal Award, The Chief's Award, The EMT Award, and The Fireman of the Year Award. He served on the Board of Directors of the fire department for over 35 years and this December was made an honorary member of the board for life- the first firefighter to ever receive this award.

Billy loved God and his church. He was an active member of Ringgold Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. The Dan River Ruritan Club named him Citizen of the Year in 2018. Billy was an avid sport fan who loved Duke basketball and Washington football. He not only loved watching his granddaughter play volleyball and softball, but also was part of his church softball team which won five consecutive championships. Billy had a passion for his farm and gardening. He loved to give away vegetables he had grown to family, friends, and neighbors. Billy's warm nature, kind heart, and outgoing personality always made people feel special. He will be missed by all.

The family will receive friends on Friday, December 29 from 5-7 P.M. at his residence, a viewing will take place from 12:30- 2:00 PM at Ringgold Baptist Church on Saturday, December 30. A service will follow at 2:00 P.M. Interment will take place at Highland Burial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ringgold Volunteer Fire Department, Ringgold Baptist Church or give the gift of life with a blood donation.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the DeMott family.

# Previous Events

## Burial

DEC **30** (ET)

Highland Burial Park  
3049 North Main Street  
Danville, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Billy" M. DeMott Jr.*



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - December 29, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Billy" M. DeMott Jr..*



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January 02, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ *Prayers go out to Jason and his family...So many people I know through the community and my own family that knew Billy talked so highly of him...I work with and know his son, Jason, very well at work and he has followed in his dad's footsteps..because Jason is industrious, hard working, and very generous with his garden and food he cooks up...just an all out friendly person who obviously came from a great family...so God bless you and your family Jason from me and my family and all your friends and coworkers from Goodyear curing department*

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**Jerry Encarnacion** - December 31, 2023 at 04:21 PM

WB

“ We are very sorry to hear about the passing of Billy. He was a pillow of our community.He will surely be missed.Prayers are with the family

Wesley & Violet Barker - December 30, 2023 at 11:12 AM

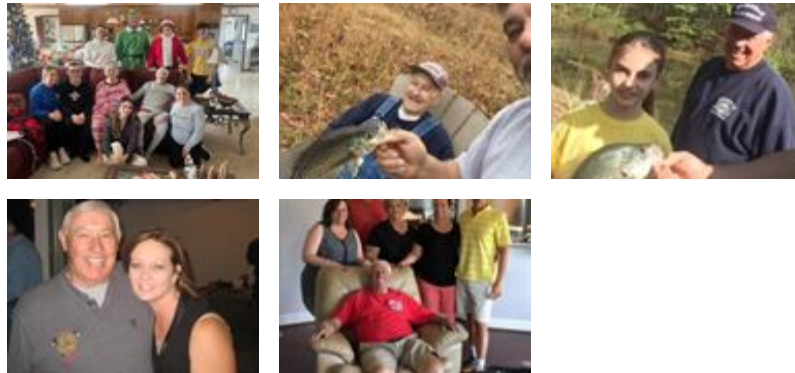


“ I was sorry to here of Billy's passing. Please know that the family is in our thoughts and prayers  
Jesse Zimmerman

JesseandLee Ann Zimmerman - December 29, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ 17 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - December 29, 2023 at 02:32 PM

YT

“ Your Sunovion PowerHouse Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Billy" M. DeMott Jr..

Your Sunovion PowerHouse Team - December 29, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Billy" M. DeMott Jr..*



December 29, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ *67 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - December 29, 2023 at 07:34 AM



“ *Billy was a fine man and will be missed by so many people. Prayers for the family.*

Leon Jones - December 29, 2023 at 04:36 AM



“ *Sending our love and prayers .....Lucy and Bo*

Lucy Ellen Barringer - December 29, 2023 at 03:23 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Billy" M. DeMott Jr..



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December 28, 2023 at 10:22 PM



“ Dennis and I are really sorry to hear about Billy . We can not come to the funeral or to come see you guys . We both have been sick plus Dennis has chemo Friday. Our prayers are with you and your family

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**Dennis and lorene Guill** - December 28, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ One of the finest men I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. Sure learned a lot from him. He never asked anyone to do anything that he wouldn't do. Our condolences to his family.  
Rest easy Billy. Until we meet again...

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**Butch Robinson** - December 28, 2023 at 08:56 PM



Billy was a great friend who I enjoyed being around me and Billy had ran a lot of calls late at night in the early years of running with ringgold fire and rescue he was loved by many and he had helped many go rest high big d I'm going to miss you buddy until we meet again

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**Dale stone** - December 28, 2023 at 09:16 PM

MH

“ So sorry to here of Billy's passing.He was a great man. He always was welling to help out no matter the problem. If you was his friend he treated you like kinfolk.He loved people and was loved in return for the way he was.He would always say hey (Bubba). We worked together in the presses mostly but,some in the Banbury. Hold it Hold it was our favorite saying when we worked together.He will be missed here God had work for him in heaven now. Love,Thoughts & Prayers Mike &Tonya Hughes

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**Mike & Tonya Hughes** - December 28, 2023 at 08:42 PM

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“ Bill was a Great friend. We worked together at Goodyear and Ringgold Fire and Rescue for many years. He was always there to Help me and others when needed. I'm very honored, to have him as a friend, and will miss him. He Loved his family and God and also his community. Bless the Family in their Great loss. Winfred Tate

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**winfred tate** - December 28, 2023 at 05:29 PM

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“ Billy had a heart so big his chest could not hold it all and a love for family and community. he was my wifes first cousin they enjoy the good times they shared and i worked with him many days always a joy at work and any where else he will be missed rest now Billy Gods speed Tommy

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**TOMMY** - December 28, 2023 at 03:42 PM

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*Billy was so good to me when I was hired at Goodyear in 1981 he took me under his wing. He showed me so much about work and hunting. Billy and Miss Ellen treated me like family so much time together. I was splitting wood one day he told me to hold a piece of wood as I was holding Billy was winding up and somehow my finger got in the way but he couldn't catch me as I was running in pain but he did and 10 stitches later it was okay. Overall for a man with a family Miss Ellen, Janey, and Jason were the best. He will be loved always, and remembered.*

*Bill and Karen Needy*

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**William Needy** - December 28, 2023 at 06:00 PM