



Bill K. Provence

February 20, 1942 - June 7, 2025

Billy Kohn Provence, 83, of LaPlace, La., formerly of Tuckerman, Ark., entered into Heaven on Saturday, June 7, 2025. He was born February 20, 1942 in Cave City, Ark. to Wesley Earl Provence and Mary Violet Provence.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Annabelle Smith Provence, his parents, his sister Glenna Kay Smart, his brother James Wesley Provence and his niece Elizabeth Laura Smith.

Bill is survived by three sons; Van Provence (Katey) of Jonesboro, Ark., Paul Provence (Leslie) of Searcy, Ark., and Rob Provence of LaPlace. He is also survived by one sister, Sandra Provence of Tuckerman, two brothers-in-law, Lindley Smith (Susan) of Jonesboro and J.W. Smart of Tuckerman, and three grandchildren; Loren Provence of New Orleans, and Emily and Will Provence of Searcy. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews Becky Hamilton of Searcy, Jennifer Dilday (Jeff) of Tuckerman, Samantha Anderson (Gray) of Cord, Ark., Jonathan Smith (Anna), Stephen Smith (Rachel), and Caroline Borgstadt (Sam), all of Nashville, Tenn.

Bill joined the Tuckerman United Methodist Church in the 1970s and was later a member of the Methodist Church in LaPlace, spending many years keeping the grass mowed at its location on Highway 51. He confirmed his belief in Christ as his Savior to the very end of his life.

He graduated from Tuckerman High School, and in 1967 became the first member of his family to earn a college degree when he graduated from Arkansas State University. He went to work at Bayou Steel in LaPlace in 1981 and worked there until his retirement in 2009.

An avid gardener, he spent countless hours working in his yard growing fruits and vegetables, citrus trees and flowers. He also was an avid fisherman and took every opportunity to catch fish in south Louisiana, and especially in the White River in Jackson County, Ark., where he loved trolling the waters for bass and crappie. He enjoyed frying his catches for his family and his hushpuppies will never be matched.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Millet-Guidry Funeral Home, 2806 W. Airline Hwy., LaPlace. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the service to immediately follow at 11:00 a.m.

At his request, his ashes will be scattered in the White River at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. at <http://events.stjude.org/inmemoryofbillprovence>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



sandra provence - October 09, 2025 at 10:05 PM

SP

You had a grand tribute on October the 4th, 2025. You would have been so proud of your boys, and if all the family and friends that came to say Godspeed. I love you, and I miss you terribly. You are no longer a Wayfaring Stranger

sandra provence - October 09, 2025 at 10:08 PM

SP

“ *I have so many memories of my siblings. We had a good home life. Our mama and Daddy were second to none. We had little money, but we knew we were rich in love. Billy was the oldest, and as the youngest sibling, I looked up to him. He was always picking on me. He would pay me a quarter to shine his shoes before going out on the town! He would also use some type of leaf and do what we called an Indian rub on my arm. It would always burn my arm, but he got the biggest kick out of doing that. In our older age, we depended on each other as a sounding board for things that we might have been going through. He was a good listener, and I miss him terribly.*

Sandra Provence - August 19, 2025 at 05:37 PM

SP

“ Sandra Provence purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bill K. Provence.



Sandra Provence - June 17, 2025 at 10:07 AM

CG

“ Sandra and Family, I was sad to hear of the loss of Billy. I remember Billy as a child when your family would visit my family on the farm I last saw him at the family reunion in Tuckerman. My prayers for peace and comfort for your family.
Carolyn (Runsick) Gray

Carolyn Gray - June 14, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JT

“ I have known Mr Bill for some forty four years . I don't rember when but I guess I always called him "Mr Bill". The first time we meet, Mr Jerry and Mr Bill interveiwed me for a position at Bayou . The two of them would later comment on how I was dressed that day . I worked for Mr Bill and later beside him during his time at Bayou . Over all those years we became pretty good friends . After his retirement we would get together for dinner with our wifes. There was a certain closeness we had developed . We didn't have the same hobbies , just two aging friends who enjoyed each others company . I had visited Mr Bill most recently and I asked him what does he rembers most about me. His answer was " the way you were dressed " . That was a good for the both of us ! Mr Bill and Annabelle are back together for eternal after life, rest in peice . You will be greatly missed by myself as well as many others .
Joseph Trevino

Joseph Trevino - June 10, 2025 at 04:05 AM

SH

“ *Sandra & family, Thinking of you in this sad time. May you look to God & each other for comfort & the memories you'll enjoy sharing. You'll be remembered in my prayers. Sherry Harvey* 🙏🙏

Sherry Harvey - June 09, 2025 at 10:45 PM