



Billy S. Dabbs

May 19, 1936 - February 13, 2023

Billy Smith Dabbs, age 86, of Saline, Michigan passed away peacefully at home on Monday, February 13th, 2023 with his family by his side. He was born on May 19th, 1936 in Hohenwald, Tennessee; the son of Smith Nancy Dabbs and Rebecca Lee (DePriest) Dabbs. He was happily married to the love of his life Reba Dean (McDonald) Dabbs for 63 years. Together they enjoyed tennis, bridge, and traveling. After serving his country in the United States Army from 1959 to 1961, he graduated from Austin Peay State University with a Bachelor's Degree. He spent a 34-year career at Ford Motor Company in a variety of leadership positions. Following a brief retirement, he rejoined the work force to add his expertise to help run additional automotive suppliers. As a student of Christianity, he spent his life involved in his church and furthering his studies. In addition to his wife, Dean, survivors include his son Derrick (Noelle) Dabbs of Ann Arbor, and grandchildren Ryan (Aaron) Haar, Tyler (Jennifer) Pillen and Lyla Dabbs, and great grandchildren Nik, Jake, and Emily. He is also survived by his sisters Linda Cannady of Tennessee and Shearon (Johnny) Mitchell of Texas. He also leaves behind countless wonderful friends. Billy was preceded in death by their daughter, Amy Renee. Please join the family for a Celebration of Life Luncheon at the Travis Pointe Country Club on Saturday, March 4th, 2023 at 11:30 A.M. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Saline. To leave a memory you have of Billy, sign his guestbook, or for directions to the luncheon please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Luncheon

MAR 4. 11:30 AM (ET)

Travis Pointe Country Club
2829 Travis Pointe
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy S. Dabbs*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Billy S. Dabbs.*



March 01, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ *When we moved to Saline in 1976, the Dabbs family lived across the street from us. They were the first to knock on our front door, with Billy carrying Derrick as a baby, and welcome us to the neighborhood. We immensely enjoyed being with him on so many church events and activities through the years. When Dean and Billy returned to the area a few years ago, it was such a joy to see them again and see that Billy still had that wonderful smile.*

Bill & Peg Woehrle - March 01, 2023 at 08:10 AM



“ *John ORourke purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Billy S. Dabbs.*



John ORourke - March 01, 2023 at 05:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy S. Dabbs.*



February 28, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ *I loved getting to take care of Billy when he was residing at Story Point Saline. He always put a smile on my face. Rest in Peace Billy*

Love Hannah

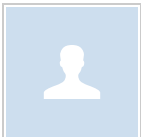
Hannah Dayne - February 18, 2023 at 03:27 AM



“ *I valued the time I spent with Billy counting the offering when I was a new elder in at First Presbyterian Church in Saline. I learned much from him and it was always a pleasure to visit. He was such a gentleman and greeted everyone with a smile and a twinkle in his eye.*

Karen Collins

Karen Collins - February 17, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy S. Dabbs.*



February 15, 2023 at 04:27 PM

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“ Wonderful memories of tennis, bridge and social gatherings with Billy and Dean...also fun trips to Hilton Head with tennis and golf. He was a good man!
Stan Raber

Stan Raber - February 15, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Dear Dean, Derrick and family,

I am saddened to see you've lost your beloved husband, father and grandfather. I enjoyed bumping into Billy at First Presbyterian. His big smile, firm handshake and wonderful southern accent would always put a smile on the recipient's face. Hoping great memories of days gone by help to carry you through this difficult time.

Carter Bishop III

Carter Bishop - February 14, 2023 at 06:01 AM

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“ To the family of Mr Dabbs, you are in our prayers during this most difficult time. We receive and declare that God's strength and power keeps you strong to carry on and have the loving spirit of Mr Dabbs live through all of you. Mr Dabbs raised a great son, Derrick, whom we have gotten to know and trust and we have witnessed the great human and friend he is due to the values that Mr. Billy Danbs raised him with. We decree that Mr. Dabbs rests in power. 🙏🕊️🌟🌟

AJ Cooley - February 13, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy S. Dabbs.*



February 13, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ *Mr. Billy was a sweet and caring man. I used to love traveling to Mississippi for managers meeting because I would get to see Mr. Billy, his wife and others. He was a great man and he will truly be missed. He gave me my first plant job and I will forever be grateful.*



Yolanda Nalls-Wilson - February 13, 2023 at 08:13 PM