



## Robert Earl Bilbrey Sr.

May 19, 1949 - December 18, 2025

Robert Earl Bilbrey Sr., age 76, of Cookeville, Tennessee, passed away on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Bilbrey was born on Thursday, May 19, 1949, in Cookeville, Tennessee, to the late Beecher and Delia Moss Bilbrey.

Mr. Bilbrey was owner/operator of Bilbrey Farms and Bilbrey Septic Services. He was “one of a kind” with a great heart.

He was survived by,

2 sons and daughters-in-law,  
Robert Earl Bilbrey Jr. and Tonya Bilbrey of Monterey, TN  
Derrick Bilbrey and Stefany Bilbrey of Lebanon, TN

7 grandchildren, Bobby (Sarah) Bilbrey, Darian Bilbrey, Briana Bilbrey (Bobby Smith), Kristen (James) Smith, Delaney Bilbrey, Holden Bilbrey, and Jase Bilbrey

8 great grandchildren

sister, Janice (Bob)

2 brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Carol Bilbrey  
Albert and Rocki Bilbrey

special family friends, Shane Buck, Sam Holloway, and Suzanne

His best friend, his puppy dog, Little Bit

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Kent Bilbrey.

His wishes of cremation were honored with no services planned at this time.

Arrangements and Care provided by D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc., 205 East Cleveland Avenue, Monterey, Tennessee 38574, Phone, 931.839.2311.

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ *Sandi Albertson lit a candle in memory of Robert Earl Bilbrey Sr.*



sandi albertson - January 03 at 02:49 PM

RM

“ *Oh my goodness I loved Robert more than anything, he was married to my little sister Marlene , he was the best brother in law I've ever had he was more like a brother than a brother in law, he will be missed and I will kiss his chicken n dumplings he always fixed gie me.*

Rita Darlene Lowhorn McKinney - December 26, 2025 at 12:06 AM

RM

*I'm sorry for the spelling this thing has a mind of it's own I will miss his chicken n dumplings not kiss that he fixed for me*

Rita Darlene Lowhorn McKinney - December 26, 2025 at 12:13 AM

RM

*My heart hurts right now I've know him for over 30 years he went with both my sisters and married one of them.*

Rita Darlene Lowhorn McKinney - December 26, 2025 at 12:15 AM

RM

*I have known Robert since 1979. We were both leased to the same trucking Company for 5 years and spent a lot of time on the road together. He was like a brother to me. We stayed in touch over the years and got back in touch last year. We spoke several times last year and I remember about in September last year we kept having trouble getting together again after probably 15 years and he made the comment "Am I gonna get to see you before I die? I said are ya planning on dying anytime soon? And we both laughed. Well I did get to make it to Cookeville in October, and spent about a week with him including my Birthday. We had a wonderful time together, he hadn't changed a bit! We laughed about old times and the present. He called me a couple times before Thanksgiving and I did as well. I hadn't heard from him at Christmas or New Years and I've been calling him getting a message that he had settings on his phone that wouldn't allow my call. I texted him several times and last one I sent said I'm about to get worried about ya and don't make me come back to your place for a welfare check dammit! Wow, today I looked online for an obituary after it was suggested to me and found the news I was so sad to hear. I now wonder if he knew what was coming but didn't tell me. I am so blessed to have known him as a brother and thankful that I made it a point to visit him on my Birthday. God Bless you Brother! The Lord he loved so much took him home and I've got to say he got a good one! I'm gonna be missing you till we see each other again.*

*Rest well Robert,  
Randy Martin  
Radford, Va. 🙏*

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**Randy Martin** - January 28 at 03:25 PM

AS

“ *One of my last memories of Robert was when I saw him in the dog food section at Walmart. He was smiling and gave me a great big hug. He was always there for my sister Suzanne and my good friend Claudia who were neighbors. He will be sincerely missed. Robert was a gentle, funny, and loving man. We all loved you, Robert. Adrienne Stone*

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**Adrienne Stone** - December 20, 2025 at 08:29 PM

SW

“One of a kind” is the first thing that comes to most everyone’s mind when they think about Robert. There were not very many days that he wasn’t working on his farm, in the shop, yard, driveway or barn. Tough as they come! I am a neighbor fortunate enough to call him my friend. He has helped me more times than I can remember & he would help anyone. Such a big heart. He loved his dogs, Buddy & his best friend, Lit’l Bit, who went everywhere with him. He also loved the Lord & I’m happy for him now to know where he has gone. So many of us will miss him terribly. Love you, Robert! Suzanne Whitehead

Suzanne Whitehead - December 20, 2025 at 10:35 AM

CD

The "holler" will forever be different with his passing. Robert was definitely one of a kind, always willing to help anyone he could, he was one of the good ones you always hear about. As a neighbor he helped me more time than I could count and he was always one with jokes and a wild demeanor but a kind soul. He was always working with or on one of many projects around his farm or taking time out to help others when needed. I know where his heart was with the lord and I'm happy that he is at peace. He had many struggles with health and family but always was always hoping for better days. He loved his dogs Buddy and lil-bit they were always by his side and he took them everywhere with him even when he was working in his backhoe, those who knew Robert knew he was rough around the edges but had a genuine heart for those in his life. Rest in peace ol' friend and many prayers to his family. Till we meet again!

Christopher a. Dodd - December 20, 2025 at 01:54 PM

BK

“ Betty Key lit a candle in memory of Robert Earl Bilbrey Sr.



Betty Key - December 20, 2025 at 12:04 AM

DE

“ I love you papa ❤️



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**Delaney** - December 19, 2025 at 07:29 PM