



Columbus Leo "Billy" Howell, III

January 15, 1950 - December 17, 2021

Columbus Leo "Billy" Howell, III, 71, passed away December 17, 2021.

A native of Greer, SC, son of the late Columbus Leo "Bill" Howell, Jr. and Betty Long Howell. He was the owner of The Howell Financial Group, an Army National Guard veteran, and a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church, where he and his wife, Debbie enjoyed teaching third grade Sunday School for many years. Billy was a founding member of the Downtown Sertoma Club, an executive member of Dogs for Disabled, and was the self-appointed mayor of River Downs Subdivision. He loved God, his family, his dogs, his country and his Clemson Tigers.

Surviving are his wife, Deborah Hamilton Howell of Greer; one daughter, Dr. Melanie Hamilton Howell (Katherine); one son, Columbus Leo "Colby" Howell, IV (Keri); one brother, Steve Howell (Karen); and two grandchildren, Nicholas Bradford Perry and Columbus Leo "Cole" Howell, V.

A Celebration of Life will be held 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church Sanctuary, conducted by Pastor Andy Lewis and Father Dave Austell.

Visitation will be held 12:00-2:00 p.m., Wednesday in the church fellowship hall prior to the service.

Visitors are welcome at the family's residence in Greer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Child Evangelism Fellowship, Greenville Piedmont Chapter, P.O. Box 575, Taylors, SC 29687; Greenville County Animal Care, 328 Furman Hall Road, Greenville, SC 29609; or

Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church Foster Care, 207 Mitchell Road,
Greenville, SC 29615.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church
207 Mitchell Road
Greenville, SC 29615

Memorial Service

DEC **22**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JN

“ Billy was one of the first to welcome us to the River Downs subdivision. We bought our home in November 2018 and during the transition from Florida, he made it a point to make us know that we made the right decision in moving to South Carolina. My husband had more spirited conversations with him, but the few talks I had with him I enjoyed immensely. He was genuine and will be missed by all who came in contact with him.

Julie & Esteban Nunez

Julie & Esteban Nunez - December 23, 2021 at 08:58 PM

BH

“ Barbara And Gary Hendrix sent a virtual gift in memory of Columbus Leo "Billy" Howell, III



Barbara and Gary Hendrix - December 23, 2021 at 04:59 PM

DW

“ Debbie and family. I am so sorry I missed the notice for Billy's service today. When I got home this evening and saw all the cars at your house my heart sank. I would certainly have been there. But I am here, dear friend, in the coming days. Please call on me for anything I can do. Love and prayers. I have been praying every time I go by your house and will continue to do so. Diane Wilson



Diane Wilson - December 22, 2021 at 06:26 PM

SC

“ Billy was a classmate and a friend. We met in the 7th grade, and finished Greer High together. RIP my friend.

Steve Campbell - December 21, 2021 at 07:18 PM

CC

“ Cathy Cassell lit a candle in memory of Columbus Leo "Billy" Howell, III



Cathy Cassell - December 21, 2021 at 06:47 PM

CC

“ Dear Debbie, Steve and family,
I was so saddened to hear of Billy's passing. I have fond memories of him as a kind, loving, sweet spirit. To me, he was the kind of person who never met a stranger. I am sure he touched many many lives. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time and in the future as you navigate finding your way to a "new" normal.

Cathy Cassell

Cathy Cassell - December 21, 2021 at 06:46 PM

YF

“ Your CEF of SC family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Columbus Leo "Billy" Howell, III.



Your CEF of SC family - December 21, 2021 at 05:08 PM

AK

“ Angie Ashmore Kruse lit a candle in memory of Columbus Leo "Billy" Howell, III



Angie Ashmore Kruse - December 21, 2021 at 01:34 PM

GM

“ Glenn Masters lit a candle in memory of Columbus Leo "Billy" Howell, III



Glenn Masters - December 21, 2021 at 02:30 AM

MS

“ So sorry to learn that Billy passed away. I enjoyed knowing him from Sertoma. Please accept my deepest condolences.
Michael Shain

michael shain - December 20, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Columbus Leo "Billy" Howell, III.



December 20, 2021 at 07:21 PM

EB

“ *Enjoyed working with Billy at the now, old First Federal.*

Emma Baldwin - December 20, 2021 at 07:19 PM

CB

“ *Dear Debbie,
I have fond memories of teaching school with you when you were a reading specialist. I was a speech pathologist and you may not remember me. May I say I was astonished and saddened to read of Billy's passing. I know you must be heartbroken. I will keep you in my prayers daily. Carol Gault Black*



Carol Gault Black - December 20, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Columbus Leo "Billy" Howell, III.*



December 20, 2021 at 12:23 PM

SM

“ *Debbie and family, my loving thoughts and prayers are with you. Y'all were so special to me and I so enjoyed BCC with you. Billy was a great friend.
Love, Pug...Sandy Miller*



Sandy Miller - December 19, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ *Mrs. Fields Crimson Nibbler Trunk was purchased for the family of Columbus Leo "Billy" Howell, III.*



December 19, 2021 at 12:45 PM