



## Billy Sneed

February 15, 1939 - January 4, 2025

A memorial service for retired SFC Billy B Sneed, 85 of Killeen, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday Jan. 18, 2025, at First Church of God in Christ Church in Killeen

Let us start by saying Dad was a GREAT DAD!!!

Billy Bruce Sneed was born in Freestone County, Texas on February 15, 1939 to the union of Leslie and Helen Sneed. He was a graduate of Phillis Wheatley High School in Hubbard, Texas. Billy pursued higher education throughout his life, having attended Central Texas College, Prairie View A&M University, and the University of Maryland.

Billy began his career in the Army in 1958 and fought in the Vietnam War in 1967. He retired from the Army after 21 years of service as a Sergeant First Class after working in Logistics, as a Military Police Officer, and as a member of the Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Upon his return to civilian life, Billy pursued a career as an educator. He spent three years teaching ROTC at Prairie View A&M University, and was also an instructor at Central Texas College for 20 years before his second retirement.

Known as a helper and encourager to those in need, Billy enjoyed volunteering and assisting others. Each week, he volunteered to distribute

food to those in need at the Hamilton-Manjang Mission House and at Anderson Chapel A.M.E. Church.. Billy served on the board of directors of Killeen Creators Garden, a community service organization with a mission to combat food insecurity, post-traumatic stress (PTSD), and disenfranchisement. He was also a former president of both the Central Texas College Retirees Association and TCAP. Billy organized a horse riding club which supported various initiatives such as Juneteenth celebrations, church and other community activities, and individual and group horseback riding lessons. In later years, he became a member of a local \*Slingshot Riding Club\*, riding in numerous parades throughout Central Texas. And for more than 30 years, Billy played an instrumental role in the organization and success of the Killeen Juneteenth Parade.

Billy\*s love and passion for people was always front and center. He loved his family and could always be counted on for a listening ear or a helping hand. Those who knew Billy never doubted where he stood on any issue because he was not one to mince words. Still, he was a compassionate and masterful storyteller. People from all walks of life were comfortable sharing their stories with him, whether they were stories of tragedy and challenges or stories of hope and inspiration. If asked to do so, Billy would simply describe himself as \*just a friendly person who\*s willing to help anyone\*.

Billy departed this life on Saturday January 4, 2025 at Advent Health Hospital in Killeen, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Helen Sneed; son, Jerry Sneed; half-brother, John Lee Sneed; sister, Nancy Jenkins; and grandson, BJ Payne. Those left to cherish his memories are his daughters, Debra Bennett (Chester), Billie Sneed, Betty Sneed Payne, and Margret Sneed Talley (Terry); sisters, Bobbie Loud and Roena Celestine (Elvert); brothers, Leslie Sneed and Edward Sneed (Veloria); Seven grandchildren, Natasha Fuller, Jeri Sneed, Berrera Payne, Chris Talley

(Brooke), Chawanda Richardson; Jerry Wayne Johnson (Tammy) and Xavier Sneed, 6 great-grandchildren, Kloe Fuller, Alijah Fuller, Tre\*Chaun Payne, Brynlee Payne, Carter Talley, Knox Talley; and soon-to-be-born great-grandchild, Ainsley Rae. He is also survived by two bonus grandchildren, Andrea and Chester Bennett V; 6 bonus great-grandchildren, Destiny and Julian Bennett, Aiden and Morgan Smith, Adore and Chester Bennett V; special friends, Connie Beckwourth, Dorothy Dendy, Tim Egans, Johnny Pelton, Billy McGowan, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family members, church members and friends.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Church Of God In Christ  
5201 Westcliff Rd  
Killeen, TX 76543  
(254) 953-3113

# Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed some of the best conversations with Mr. Sneed about the most random, everyday things. Juneteenth was memorable because of his dedication and horses. When books were donated to the Reading Carousel, he brought the horse trailer so we could load and distribute books. A friend to many, stranger to none. I salute you Mr. Sneed.

WB Gunter



Wanda B. Gunter - January 17, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Billy Sneed.



January 14, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy Sneed.

January 14, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ *Our dad was an amazing father to us and a great mentor to everybody else who latched them to him. He is greatly missed already. I love your family.*

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**Cbdb Ben** - January 13, 2025 at 09:51 AM