



# Billy Paul Kimberlin

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**B**illy Paul Kimberlin, age 88 of Newton, Iowa, formerly of Centerville, became an angel on Friday, February 13, 2015 at Regents Nursing Home, Winter Park, FL.

Billy Paul was born in Grant City, Missouri on March 16, 1926 to Estella Bell Alvord Kimberlin and Dallas Ellsworth Kimberlin. He graduated from Mount Ayr High School in Mount Ayr, Iowa.

He served in the United States Navy on the U.S.S. Harwood as a sonar man, third class during World War II. Billy Paul was later recalled back into the Navy where he served his country faithfully during the Korean War.

Following his honorable military discharge, he worked numerous jobs to make a living until his decision to further his education by attending electrician schooling. Upon his completion of schooling, Billy Paul went to work for Iowa Southern Utilities. Although he began with ISU in the mailroom, Billy Paul advanced his position within the company throughout his thirty seven year career, retiring in 1989 as a buyer for the company.

Billy Paul loved his children and was the best daddy! He was a wonderful grandpa and uncle. Billy Paul loved to camp, travel, be outdoors, tell jokes, and tend to his garden. Moreover, he loved pets and wild animals-he loved all animals in general. Billy Paul was a longtime member of the Drake Avenue Christian Church in Centerville.

Billy Paul was united in marriage to Avis Rose Ellen Stover on December 24, 1947 and born to this union were three children, Gearld John Kimberlin (Janet) (deceased first wife, Deanna Fitzgerald) of Florida, Johnna Lynn Endsley Kimberlin Owens of Knoxville, Iowa (ex-husband John Leroy Owens of Centerville) and (ex-husband Mark Frazer Carter of Pella, Iowa) and Janan Renee Kimberlin of Lake Buena Vista, Florida.



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He is also survived by his grandchildren, Billy Paul Kimberlin II, Kevin John Kimberlin and Justin Dean Kimberlin, Jacob Leroy Owens (Ashley Martin) of Centerville, Iowa, Jade Lanora Owens Wooldridge (Kody Stephen Wooldridge) of Knoxville, Iowa; six great grandchildren living in Florida; two great grandchildren living in Iowa, Aubrey Kay Owens and Kinsley Lanor Wooldridge; nieces, Betty Whitson of Newton, Iowa, Kay Moredock (Ivan) of Newton, Iowa, Pat White (Darwin) of Riverside, California, Janice Meador (Rodger) of Newton, Iowa Jennifer Neslar (Gary) of Champagne, Illinois, Thelma Ratcliff of Newton, Iowa Wanda Ratcliff (Randy) of San Antonio, Texas, Donna Ruth (Mitch Polly) of Concord, Missouri, Karen Kimberlin of Atlantic, Iowa, Sharon Kimberlin of Columbus, Ohio; nephews, Gary Kimberlin (Kayona) of Norwalk, Iowa, Denny Kimberlin, David Kimberlin (Judy) and Doug Kimberlin all of the Kansas City, Missouri area; also, a nephew, Scot Kimberlin (Mary) of Kansas City, Missouri; multiple great nieces and nephews; and a sister-in-law, Rozella Kimberlin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, Nemel, Wayne, Don, Cortland, Glen Dean, Arthur, and Leland; and a sister, Alverta.

Funeral services will be held at 2 PM, Monday, February 23, 2015 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville. Burial with military rites will take place in the Haines Cemetery north of Centerville. A visitation will be held on Monday at Lange Funeral Home with the family greeting friends from 12 PM until service time. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to the family of Billy Paul Kimberlin and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

### Visitation

February 23, 2015 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

### Funeral Service

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 2:29 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:58 PM



**Kelly Ringer** posted:

To the Kimberlin family . I'm sorry to read of Bills passing.. I am searching for family as I am the granddaughter of Bills brother Cortland..I'm sorry to say all I keep finding are obituaries.. my sincere condolences Kelly Curtis Ringer

May 13 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry to hear of Bill's passing,only learned of it today. I came to know Bill when I was the Clerk-stockman at Bridgeport Generating Station and later Storekeeper in Ottumwa. He would always catch my materials orders if they could have been purchased at a lower amount. I always enjoyed visiting with him. Posted by Jim Sutton - Eddyville,, IA - Work July 08, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Bill was a Boy Scout leader with L. Linder when I was in Scouts. He was a good leader and we had many pleasant camping trips. Many years later I worked with Bill at Iowa Southern Utilities. I was in engineering building transmission lines and Bill was a buyer that I worked with to procure materials. He was always dedicated and helpful. Posted by Michael Rheinberger - Pine, CO - Friendcoworker March 05, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Bill was my neighbor before him and Avis moved to Newton, I always enjoyed visiting with Bill, he was a good man and I missed them when they moved. Bill made sure to plant me a tree while he was living next door to me so I would have shade, when he sold the house he told the buyer that the tree was mine so it is known as Linda's tree, Thank you Bill, rest in peace Posted by Linda Thomas - Centerville, IA - Neighbor March 02, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I remember him being the best father figure when he took his son Gerald and myself camping and to various Scouting activities.. Posted by Paul Patterson - San Antonio, TX - Family friend February 23, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Johnna and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all! Posted by Marcia - Centerville, IA - Friend February 23, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Bill's family we send our heartfelt sympathy. He was a great conversationist and so personable. We fondly remember his love for Avis and his girls. Take comfort in knowing how well-liked Bill was. Sincerely, Dan and Carol Kelley Posted by C Kelley - Kirksville, MO February 22, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry for you loss. Bill was a great man. Prayers for your families. Posted by Julie Eckles - Centerville, IA February 20, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Janan, and family. I am sorry to hear about Bill's death. Janan, I ran into your dad at the Iowa caucus 6 years ago and had nice conversation with him. I remember him being a kind man with a smile.....even when we played very bad softball when we were so young. My sympathies to you and the rest of the family. God Bless. Alison Wales Posted by Alison Wales - Lompoc, CA - Friend February 19, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Janan and the rest of the Kimberlin family...Sorry to hear of Bill's death. I remember him being such a friendly man. My thoughts will be with you on Monday and in the days to come. Posted by Dawn Moore Zacek - Swisher, IA - Friend of Janan February 19, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Family, My heart aches for your loss. May your many happy memories sustain you not only now but forevermore. Praying for peace and comfort. With our most sincere sympathy, Jan Spurgeon and family Posted by Jan Spurgeon - Centerville, IA - Friend February 17, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



## Media

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October 13 at 2:58 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Billy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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