



Billie Joe Clay

November 11, 1928 - April 28, 2011

Billie Joe “B.J.” Clay, born November 11, 1928 passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 28, 2011. He served in the US Navy on the USS Mitchell during WW II, retired from the 433rd Troop Carrier Wing and later civil service at Kelly AFB, was an avid bowler, played steel guitar with the Riedel Brothers Band for many years, and had a lawn mower repair shop at his home. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Florene, and son-in-law, Fabian Dugie. He is survived by 2 daughters, Barbara Dugie and Catherine O’Neal Winston; 3 grandchildren, Billy Dugie, Kami Schiller Chris Wickham, and Darla Clark Jason; 6 great grandchildren, Shae, Tyler, Jaelynn, and Marshall Clark, and James and Evan Wickham; brother, Leslie Clay; sister-in-law, Lucy Drury; numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends.

Services

Visitation will be from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Monday, May 2, 2011 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Graveside services and interment will be at 10:00 am Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at Mission Burial Park South.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ I am Weldon Freeman's daughter. My dad and brother, Billy Wayne, played music with B.J. for years with the Riedel Brothers. I remember when he joined the band because Ralph Riedel went into the service. He could really make that steel guitar sing. God

Angie Freeman Makris - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HU

“ "BJ" was very kind thoughtful friend. I'm sorry to say that life got a bit busy for me, lost touch,. He taught me how to play several Steel Guitar songs, I used to talk to him at every Riedel Bros. Band event that I knew about. If whoever I came

Hugo - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ We've bowled, bet quarters, scratched lottery tickets together - shared many, many good times! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.

Dave & Joan Lytle - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I HAVE OFTEN THOUGHT OF MR CLAY AND PLAYING IN HIS BACK YARD WITH THE KIDS FROM AROUND THE AREA. I KNOW HE WILL BE MISSED AND REMEMBERED

Clyde Ellis - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Our Prayers go out to the Family of B. J. We had the pleasure to bowl with him on Monday AM. Will miss his kindness, humor, and big smile.

Pat and Tom Potts - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Uncle Bill is once again with Aunt Flo. We hope he and Justin are bowling together.

Kristie, Michael and Mason Dubensky - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ So sorry for your loss, Bill will be greatly missed. I will Pray for peace and guidance for the days ahead, may he rest in peace. God Bless you all.

Love James and Kay Allen

Kay Allen - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ To the family of B J Clay
Today our hearts are heavy. But through faith in Jesus Christ, we find comfort in knowing our friend is safely home.
Estella & Duane Piere

Estella & Duane Piere - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ So sorry to hear of BJ's passing. As a kid, he was always so kind to me and I enjoyed watching him play the steel guitar for hours while at the dances with my parents. I was always mesmerized by his talent. Keeping him and his family in my prayers, Elaine

Elaine Riedel Hicks - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We're going to miss B.J. very much. We enjoyed bowling with him at Ponderosa Bowling Alley.

Alice Bourland and Family - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Sad to hear of the loss of your Dad. B.J. played many gigs with our group, Southern Comfort, he was a solid picker and fun to be with. I remember on one job I said, "B.J. I notice you only have three pedals on your steel and other pickers I have used ha

Don Rancher - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ How blessed our family was to have Uncle Bill as a part of our life. The smile, hugs & laughter were always a special part of him that we will miss. May you all find comfort & support from family & friends during this difficult time.
Prayers of support &

Carol Marek Faulder - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM