



## Billy R. Claypoole

October 16, 1944 - October 15, 2020

Billy R. Claypoole, 75, husband of Pastor Janice Claypoole, passed away Thursday, October 15, 2020 at his residence in Winchester, KY. He was born October 16, 1944 in Winchester to the late Robert Claypoole, Sr. and Stella Estes Claypoole. Mr. Claypoole was retired from the Winchester Police Department, where he served the citizens of Winchester for over 20 years, including 13 & 1/2 years as police chief. He also has worked for the Clark County Sheriff's Department. In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by: son, Billy R. (Joy) Claypoole, II of Arkansas; daughter, Lenora "Francie" (Chad) Keathley of Florida; grandchildren, Carrie Lee Claypoole & Blaine Keathley; and brothers Elihue Claypoole, Clarence Claypoole, & Donnie Claypoole. He was preceded in death by siblings Robert Claypoole, Jr., Laura Jean Ewen, Emma White, Mildred Fischer, Johnnie Claypoole, & Tommy Claypoole. Services Monday, October 19, 2:00PM at Ark of Mercy Church. Visitation Monday after 12:00PM until time of service. Burial in Winchester Cemetery with Blaine Keathley, Joe Curtis, Wesley Roe, Quin Carpenter, Donnie Claypoole, and Gordan Frazier serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers serving, John Sueclay, Ken Cooksey, Ray Watson, John Flynn, JR Morton, Thomas Hughley, David Stanford, Marty Jackson, Steve Caudill, Chief Kevin Palmer, current and retired Winchester Police Department, and the Ark of Mercy Men's Sunday School Class.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ark of Mercy Church of God  
240 Winn Avenue  
Winchester, KY 40391

## Funeral Service

OCT **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Janice and family, Mike and I are so sorry for the pain of the tremendous loss of such an amazing man, this child of God. We pray for the peace and comfort that only our almighty God Can provide. This isn't goodbye, it's til we meet again up yonder. God bless and keep you.

*Mike and Sharleen Mains*

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**Mike & Sharleen Mains** - January 28, 2021 at 07:08 AM



RV

“ Rita Vanlandingham lit a candle in memory of Billy R. Claypoole

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**Rita Vanlandingham** - October 18, 2020 at 07:47 PM



EM

“ Janice and children, I am so sorry to hear of Billy's passing. I've heard my parents speak highly of him MANY times along with you Janice and your family. Billy was a blessing to my family and the whole community. I didn't live in Winchester but feel I've known Billy and Janice all my life through my parents. My parents have their permanent residence in Heaven now. I know my Dad and Mom -Rev Wm H and Mary Morgan greeted him with open arms along with the rest of his family who have gone on to Heaven. Our prayers are with each of you at this difficult time. I pray God floods your hearts with many beautiful memories and wraps His loving arms around each of you.

*With love, sympathy and prayers,  
Elizabeth Ann and Glenn McDaniel  
N Myrtle Beach, SC*

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**Elizabeth Ann McDaniel** - October 18, 2020 at 01:42 PM



RB

“ *prayers for the family*



Ron Blackburn - October 18, 2020 at 06:57 AM

ED

“ *Janice, Billy, Francie and family,*

*So sorry to hear of your loss. It seems time has flown by since we first started going to Franklin Ave Church if God. Francie was just a young girl and Billy was a young man. Janice the Lord was calling you into the ministry and Billy was Chief of the Winchester Police Department. I can remember one Halloween coming to your house with my kids and niece and nephew trick or treating and I'd been dressed up at school earlier that day for school parties and Francie answered the door took one look at me and went screaming back through the house. She finally realized who it was and calmed down. We've had good times that we can look back on from those days. It seems Don and I have gone full circle since then, we are now living just around the corner from the old church on Franklin that was the youth parsonage at that time and it was built by the minister that preformed our wedding ceremony over 49 years ago.*

*My prayers are with all of you in your time of grief. May the Lord keep you in the palm of His hand in the next few days, months and years as you continue your life's journey without Billy until you're called home where you'll be joined once again.*

*Due to Don's health and being hospitalized at this time we are unable to attend services.*

*Prayers, Don and Elizabeth Dawson*

Elizabeth A Dawson - October 17, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ *128 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Wells Funeral Home - October 17, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ *Treva Watson Hensley lit a candle in memory of Billy R. Claypoole*



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**Treva Watson Hensley** - October 16, 2020 at 07:11 PM