



## Billy Ed Hostettler

April 16, 1927 - August 5, 2009

Billy Ed Hostettler, 82, of Bloomfield, passed away 1:17 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2009 from injuries as a result of a car accident on state road 45. Born April 16, 1927 in Scotland, he was the son of Cecil and Margaret (Baird) Hostettler Sayre. he was a member of the Bloomfield First Christian Church, Bloomfield Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Scotland Historical Society, Bloomfield Rotary Club, Bloomfield American Legion, Greene County Ministerial Association. He preached in many Churches in the area, he was the master of ceremonies for the Scotland Festival since it started. He volunteered at Bloomington Hospital as associate Chaplain for many years and was a Author. He was a wonderful father and loving husband. He retired from NSWC Crane and was a minister for more than 40 years and was an author. He served his country in World War II in the United States Army. Surviving relatives include: his wife, Mary Ruth Hostettler of Bloomfield; children, Adelia M. Miller (Gene) of Bloomfield, Cinda J. Williams (Rich) of Bloomfield, Robin E. Colson (Gregg) of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, Debbie Martindale (Rob) of Bloomfield, Max S. Hostettler (Merida Parker) of Koleon, and Dena Dobson (Scott) of Bloomfield; Several Grandchildren and Great, Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn Hostettler in 1994, sister, Jean Johnson, brother, Mike Sayre, and his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9, 2009 at the First Christian Church in Bloomfield, with Rev. John Matsel, Rev. David Wilde,

Rev. Arlen Pope, Rev. Rob Martindale, and George Ockerman officiating, Interment will follow in Scotland cemetery. Military rites will be provided by Bloomfield American Legion Post 196.

Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 12 Noon until the hour of services Sunday at the BLOOMFIELD FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The family asks that all memorial contributions may be made to the Scotland Cemetery.

Online condolences to the family are available at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall

VK

“ Cinda and family, So sorry to hear of your loss...prayers and thoughts are sent your way...

Vanessa Karl - August 10, 2009 at 01:10 PM

LB

“ I want to let Billy Ed's family know I am thinking of them, and how much he meant to our family. Of course, I am "preaching to the choir" as was stated at his service, but he was a wonderful, compassionate, humble man who will be missed. I am only 50, and relatively healthy, but not long ago I told Billy Ed that he had to live long enough to preach at my funeral! Well, I guess I'll have to think of someone else...but no one will ever be able to fill his shoes! As I remember him saying at many funerals, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Well done, Billy Ed.

Lisa Oliphant Brown - August 09, 2009 at 10:26 PM

MR

“ We are praying for you. Your family has always been special to us. May God always bless and keep you all his care.

Mark, Ranatta, Bryce and Madyson raper - August 09, 2009 at 09:53 PM

HH

“ We are so saddened by the loss of such a wonderful man. He will be greatly missed by all! Our thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you.

Harold & Rita Holtsclaw - August 09, 2009 at 03:49 PM

MF

“ Angie & Aryel, Please know how sorry we are about your grandpa. He will always be close to you in your hearts.

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**McIntyre & Wade Family** - August 09, 2009 at 01:49 PM

GG

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Billy Ed. He was a wonderful example of a good man living for God, inspiring and touching so many lives with his good works. Please accept my sincere condolences. May God bless all of you!

Gayle (Helms) Gedrich

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**Gayle (Helms) Gedrich** - August 09, 2009 at 01:47 PM

DW

“ What a person, the most positive person I have ever had the pleasure to meet. I know there were times in his life that would have gotten lesser men down but Billy Ed kept his attitude so positive. Somewhere I read that he was to this area what Billy Graham has been to the world and I think that describes him and what he has done for the majority of us.

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**Dan Wonder** - August 09, 2009 at 09:19 AM

DW

“ Robin, Cinda, and family--  
Your father was a wonderful man. There are not enough words to describe his many kindnesses and all the wonderful things he did for our community.  
My grandmother, Imogene Seals, was thankful for his prayers and his laughter. Your father, and Arlen, assisted us in celebrating my grandmother's life at her funeral last week- the two were in good form as usual, and the service was touching.  
I am sad that I am unable to pay my respects in person, but send my deepest condolences to you and your family. Sincerely,  
Dana Wonder

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**Dana Wonder** - August 08, 2009 at 11:55 PM

TF

“ Cinda, our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We were very saddened to hear about the loss of your father. Please be comforted knowing he is in God's loving care.

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**The Schwemin Family** - August 08, 2009 at 10:55 PM

PM

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Billy Ed's family. I am reminded of Luke 6:38 where it talks about giving and receiving. Billy Ed gave so much of himself to so many people. God is now rewarding Billy Ed for what he has given to each of us. I pray that God's Comforter will meet the needs of each of you and that the special memories that Billy Ed helped to create will always remain with you. I often use the poem that Billy Ed read at the graveside service in the graveside services that I do as a pastor. I have it written in my book and will continue to think of Billy Ed when I read it. May God bless you all in wonderful ways. Grace and peace.

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**Pastor S. Paul & Susan Myers** - August 08, 2009 at 10:26 PM

KG

“ Cinda and Family- Words cannot express how sorry we are for the loss of your Dad. He was truly a man of God and there is no doubt that he was welcomed into Heaven with open arms. God Bless! Kim & Rodger Gooding and Family

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**Kim Gooding** - August 08, 2009 at 08:13 PM

NS

“ To Billy Ed's family: We offer our sincere condolences on your loss. We share in your grief knowing our community has lost a true icon and a giant of a man of God. We cherish the many memories he left us with and will always value his friendship. We are much better for knowing him. Thanks for sharing him with us. His spirit and encouraging words will remains with us. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Nick and Sharon Schneider** - August 08, 2009 at 07:37 PM

RF

“ Evelyn and I express our heartfelt sympathy for the entire family. Billy was especially meaningful to me since he had an impact on me as I was a growing teenager living across the road from him on the Iron Mountain road. He taught me a lot about basketball then and gave me advice that I've carried through my entire life. Bloomfield has lost a great person.

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**Richard W. Flater** - August 08, 2009 at 05:46 PM

SS

“ I have known your father for a long time, and I always made sure that when I was home on leave from the military I would stop by His home or If a festival goining on I made sure I went Just to see your Dad.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Sharon Steele** - August 08, 2009 at 01:28 PM

JR

“ When I heard about the accident for some reason I thought back over the years when for whatever reason I shed a tear "with" Billy Ed. And now I was crying because he was gone. I am sorry for your loss. You lost a husband and father, while we all lost a very dear friend. Billy Ed was truly a saint.

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**Jerald Richardson** - August 08, 2009 at 10:38 AM

VB

“ Scott & Dena,  
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Please give my condolences to your mother and family.  
Vickie

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**Vickie Bruce** - August 08, 2009 at 10:34 AM

CS

“ To all of the family: Billy Ed was a wonderful example of Christ's love. He was our minister for our wedding and we loved him very much!! The Scotland community will miss him during the festival.

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**Carolyn Oliphant Suniga** - August 08, 2009 at 08:52 AM

JF

“ Sorry for the loss of such a nice man. He was such comfort to me, my brother and sister Joann Jerrell at the time of our brother Tom Spark's passing. This is a loss to all people around Greene county.  
Resectfully, Jan Figg

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**Janet Figg** - August 07, 2009 at 09:59 PM

LF

“ Mary Ruth, Rob, Debbie and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. If there is anything you need just let us know, we are here for you. We love you all.

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**Larry and Beverly Burris family** - August 07, 2009 at 09:14 PM

BR

“ As his grandson-in-law I'm probably biased in my opinion of the man. In my 40 years of life, however, he was one of the kindest men I have ever met. His love for life and his family knew no bounds. Robbing words from my wife and he (a joke they shared), "You're no good!!!" But he was, to his core. He will be missed. I'm sorry I didn't get to know you better.

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**Brendan** - August 07, 2009 at 08:23 PM

ES

“ Billy Ed was always there to help us when we lost our family members. He will missed. He also married Tom and I 20 years ago. Oure thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Emilie Mullis Slinkard** - August 07, 2009 at 07:56 PM

SC

“ Dear old friend You will live on for many years through those whose lives you have touched. Sonny Cline

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**Sonny and Natalja Cline** - August 07, 2009 at 07:50 PM

MS

“ Such a wonderful friend

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**Mae Hugunin Stuffle** - August 07, 2009 at 07:27 PM

TT

“ Dear Mary Ruth, Robin and Gregg, Olivia and Torrie and all of the Hostettler Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We loved Billy Ed as a dear father and grandfather and we will miss him so very much.

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**Thom, Susie and Jamie Trumble** - August 07, 2009 at 05:44 PM

DS

“ We are saddened by the loss of Billy Ed. He was a wonderful person and will be missed by all. Thoughts and prayers to his family.  
Ken and Debbie Skinner

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**Debbie SKinner** - August 07, 2009 at 04:29 PM

SW

“ To the family of Billy Ed...wow what a shock. He was such a nice man. My prayers are out to the family of friends.

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**Sharon Willis** - August 07, 2009 at 03:22 PM

DR

“ Our prayers are with your family.

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**Daniel & Donna Ray** - August 07, 2009 at 03:09 PM

PP

“ In times of trouble we all turned to him, he took our burden, we felt a little better.

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**Paul Porter** - August 07, 2009 at 02:56 PM

KF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of being around Billy Ed my whole life and what a inspiring role model he was. I wish I was able to attend his service, please know my thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

*Kevin Fesler and family*

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**Kevin Fesler** - August 07, 2009 at 02:39 PM

KN

“ To all Billy Ed's family -- he was a dear friend to the Waggoner family and to my father and mother Paul and Eleanor Waggoner. He came to visit both of them before their going home to be with the Lord and gave them much comfort and even more to us kids and grandkids. Mom wanted him to give us Communion while she was in the hospital and he was more than willing to do so. He will be missed by all the Waggoners and all of the Scotland community.

*Karen*

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**Karen Waggoner Neukam** - August 07, 2009 at 02:31 PM

JP

“ My sympathies and condolences to the family. Billy Ed provided comfort to us over the years and helped us endure the loss of our family members. I will forever remember his kindness.

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**Jill Johnson Price** - August 07, 2009 at 02:21 PM

JF

“ We were so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a great person and will be missed very much. Our hearts and prayers go out to you.

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**Jim and Susan Feutz** - August 07, 2009 at 02:15 PM

NH

“ To the family of Billy Ed- Sister(Nancy) and I were in Jacksonville when she got a call from Sam telling her about Billy Ed. Needed to say she was quite upset!!! He was one of the BEST men in Bloomfield and so giving of himself and will be miss by many!!! I can always remember him saying to sister(she is like one of my own when being around when he was... GOD is good and he has took one of his own to be with him. Thoughts and prayers to all---

Nyla Hamilton - August 07, 2009 at 01:49 PM

MR

“ The community has lost an icon, and a true servant leader. He brought comfort to thousands of grieving families, and ministered to many others. I think God said, Billy Ed, you have done well, and I'm calling you home to be with me. God bless...

Maynard Raggio - August 07, 2009 at 01:43 PM

DB

“ He was a very special and wonderful person. I don't know of anyone, whose life he hasn't touched. He will be missed, so much !!! You have my deepest sympathy.  
Sincerely, Debbie Baird (Doris Campbell's niece)

Debbie Baird - August 07, 2009 at 01:43 PM

DH

“ There will be a great loss felt by anyone who heart was touched by Billy Ed.  
I know that the Waggoner family hold a special place for him and his family. My dad, Elbert, and his immediate family and cousins grew up with Billy Ed.  
I know that he is with them now, probably telling a story.  
I will be thinking about everyone in the days to come.

Debbie Waggoner Hart - August 07, 2009 at 01:05 PM

JB

“ Dena and Scott,  
So very sorry to hear about the death of Billy Ed!  
He was a great person - but you knew that already - and he will be  
sorely missed in this life.  
I know you'll take great comfort in knowing that he is doing his thing  
in heaven now.  
My deepest sympathy to you and all of his family,  
Jo Bedwell

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**Jo Bedwell** - August 07, 2009 at 12:04 PM

KK

“ My thoughts are with you all and my gratitude for his wonderful  
words at my Aunt Harriet's funeral. He was a wonderful man and I  
am sure he will be sorely missed by all.  
With Sympathy in Your time of need,  
Kay

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**Kay Wright Kaiser** - August 07, 2009 at 12:01 PM

JC

“ Cinda, I am so sorry for your loss! Let the memories of the good  
times you shared with your father help you through this very difficult  
time. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers!

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**Jim & Jackie (Burcham) Crabb** - August 07, 2009 at 11:52 AM

FF

“ Our sympathy to the Hostettler Family. Billy Ed has served our  
families on several occasions. It was always a pleasure talking with  
him.  
He will be serving the Lord now, and doing great work.

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**FESLER FAMILY** - August 07, 2009 at 10:11 AM

TC

“ Remeber well the times Billy Ed and I had together years ago. Sorry for the lose to all concerned.

Thomas Chesnut - August 07, 2009 at 09:55 AM

DS

“ We were sorry to hear of Billy Ed's passing. He was a wonderful person and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Debbi & Tim Smith - August 06, 2009 at 10:46 PM

MP

“ My heart goes out to all of you. Billy Ed was such a fine man and a kind and loving soul! "Let not your heart be troubled" May you take comfort in John 1. Love, Martha Pat Josh and Rachel Philipps

Martha Philipps - August 06, 2009 at 10:13 PM

LG

“ We offer you are deepest sympathy and condolences as he did our family during the death of our daughter.

Lee & Libby Grider - August 06, 2009 at 09:14 PM

LH

“ Mary Ruth, I was so sorry to hear about Billy Ed's death. He was such a great "guy" and you two made such a good team. He knew half the people in southern Indiana, I think, and will be missed by so many people.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Laura Jean Crane Hollingshead

Laura Jean Hollingshead - August 06, 2009 at 09:02 PM

TN

“ Oh Della, I am so so sorry. Your Father was a wonderful Man and will be missed by many. You and your family are in my prayers. God Bless.

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**Terri Neighbors** - August 06, 2009 at 07:54 PM

DL

“ Greene County's loss is heaven's gain. Billy Ed was such a comfort to my family at the time of my mother's funeral (Cynthia Hays 12/21/04) and at the time of my dad's funeral (Donald Hays 1/11/09)

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**Deborah Large** - August 06, 2009 at 06:30 PM

DM

“ We were saddened to hear of Billy Ed's death this morning. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. God is holding you all in the palm of his hand and the days to come. Greene County has lost a dear friend I can remember one Halloween there was a party at Jean and Bill Resler's house and they all decided to come down to my parent's house on Leewis Street. They were all dressed in costume and Dad couldn't identify Billy Ed. I was at home at the time. The Mount family had great respect for your husband and father. My father especially loved hearing the stories of his growing up. Each of us have the book he wrote and we all have read it May God be with you  
Luanna Mount Goetz Rowena and Jim Mount Louise and David Mount

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**David Mount** - August 06, 2009 at 06:23 PM

DS

“ We are so sorry to here of Billy's passing. It hit me and my wife so hard when we got the news. We are keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Donnie and Ashley Shields** - August 06, 2009 at 05:57 PM

JH

“ My heart goes out to you all. Robin is such an inspiration to all of us who work with her. Her love for her dad and her family is always present.

*Julie Holland and Eating Recovery Center staff*

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**Julie Holland** - August 06, 2009 at 05:48 PM

KA

“ Billy Ed and I were long time friends. We have had good fellowship in serving Jesus for many years. We, as, all are saddened by his death and homegoing.

*Pastor Kenny Adams*

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**Kenny & Wynn Adams** - August 06, 2009 at 05:48 PM

JC

“ I am so sorry for our loss of Billy Ed. I met him when his first wife, Eweilyn and my husband wre in rehab exercise class at Bloomington hospital.He was a very nice fellow and will be missed. God bless yhou all. Sincerely; Jean Cobb

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**Jean Cobb** - August 06, 2009 at 04:49 PM