



William "Bill" Luke Blackburn

April 2, 1968 - September 16, 2025

Bill was a skilled carpenter who dedicated his life to building homes. Known for his incredible attention to detail, he took great pride in his work, and his craftsmanship will continue to speak for itself for many years to come. He was the son of A.D. Blackburn Sr. and Clara Whitfield Blackburn, who preceded him in death.

His strong love for God guided every aspect of his life. An active member of his church, Bill especially enjoyed singing during services. Worship through music brought him joy, and his faith was the foundation on which he built his life.

Bill was recently engaged to Jennifer Beyer and looked forward with excitement to their future together. Affectionately known as "Papa," he cherished his family above all else. He found joy in spending time with them and was always there to offer love, encouragement, and support.

A devoted sports fan, Bill had a passion for football and baseball. Saturdays in the fall were special—he never missed a chance to watch FSU football and cheer on his team.

Bill will be remembered for his faith, kindness, craftsmanship, and deep love for his family. He touched countless lives and will be deeply missed. Bill had a

special role in the lives of his brother Michael's two sons, Michael and Chris, offering them support, love, and care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Bill's name to:

Bethpage Fund
566 Plantation Rd
Thomasville, GA 31792-6772

His faith and love for the church were a meaningful part of his life, and it is the family's hope that these gifts will help in the preservation of the church for generations to come. May each contribution honor his memory while also supporting the continued mission and history of Bethpage Church within the community.

The family will receive friends Friday, September 19, 2025 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm at BethPage Methodist Church, 566 Plantation Rd. Thomasville, GA 31792. The funeral Service will follow at 3:30 and the interment will be at Strickland-Ferrell Cemetery. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements(850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

Cemetery Details

Strickland-Ferrell Cemetery

Beth Page Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

SEP 19. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Bethpage Methodist Church
566 Plantation Rd
Thomasville, GA 31792

Funeral Service

SEP 19. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Woke up sad for the loss of my youngest Uncle Bill (I am Judy’s daughter). But then I had tears of JOY thinking of him in the arms of his Mama that he lost as a little boy. They say “Rest Well.” I appreciate what it means. But, I hope that he is singing and dancing (and maybe building something with his Dad and brothers, with Aunt Betty supervising). So yes, rest well Bill. We can’t wait till the day we are all united with Our Lord and Savior.

Kristie Marshall - September 18, 2025 at 11:52 AM

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I am SO SORRY to learn about Bill’s untimely death. Having recently had the privilege of preaching at Bethpage United Methodist Church, I met a kind, energetic, and knowledgeable Bill Blackburn. He and Jennifer were so friendly and welcoming to my family and me. At the close of the worship service that special Sunday, I had the joy of hearing Bill’s amazing voice as he led the congregation in a beloved hymn to him and the church. What a radiant and beautiful spirit he had. My fervent thoughts and prayers go out to the faithful members of Bethpage United Methodist Church, to sweet Jennifer, and to the entire Blackburn family. May God bless and keep you (and bring you peace) during this season of loss and grief. Selah!

Kenneth F. Butler - September 19, 2025 at 10:16 AM