

Billy Ray Peyton

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REV. BILLY RAY PEYTON

Rev. Billy Ray Peyton, 56, of 1330 Clarke Ave., S.W., Roanoke, "Crossed the Bridge" to be with Jesus, Fri., July 1, 1994.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the Rev. Harry R. and Madeline Peyton.

He was born in Bellepoint, Jan. 19, 1938, and traveled the early part of his youth with his Evangelist Father, singing and playing the guitar. He worked for the Norfolk and Western Railroad, on the Roanoke and Radford Division from 1956 to 1967. He later pursued a career in radio and was one of the original "Country Gentlemen" in the 60's on W.S.L.S. Radio as "Bill Ray". He was in radio management in Roanoke, Richmond, South Boston, Lynchburg, as well as Tx. He owned and operated Bill's Auto Mart and Autotown in Salem, Va., for ten years.

He managed Town Square Restaurant in downtown Roanoke as well as several other restaurants in the Valley. In 1987, he joined Christian Television W.E.F.C. - 38 in Roanoke as General Sales Manager. While employed there he founded and hosted a live morning program "Daybreak". For the past 2 1/2 years he and his wife Co-hosted a weekly television program "Bill Peyton Presents". In 1987 he formed a male Gospel Quartet "The Southern Statesman" and traveled every week throughout the eastern half of the U. S.

In 1986 Bill began a courageous battle at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md. in 1990 and 1991. Bill never gave up his desire to tell others about Jesus' Saving Grace or to offer hope and comfort to the sick and troubled. He was an ordained Minister who witnessed daily of God's blessings.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Davis Peyton; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Michael Jenks; son and daughter-in-law, Herry R. (Alan) and Edie Peyton; son, Michael Coleman, all of Roanoke; son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Janet Coleman of

Richmond, Va.; three granddaughters, Ashley Jenka, Crystal Peyton, and Jessica Coleman; two grandsons, Christopher and Brian Jenks; one brother and sister-in-law, Rev. Ben and Jozan Peyton; sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Jack Lawson, of Roanoke; sister, Bonnie Fagg, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.; sister, Brenda Smith, Greensboro, N.C.; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Shirley and Don Duncan, Troutville, Va.; mother and father-in-law, Odell and Paul Davis; nieces, nephews, and many, many faithful friends.

Funeral services were held at the Oakey's South Chapel at 11 a.m. on Tues., July 5 with the Rev. Neil Edison, the Rev. Ralph May, and the Rev. Ben Peyton officiating. Burial followed in the Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens.