



## Wayne E. Billingsley

August 6, 1939 - February 17, 2025

Wayne Edward Billingsley, 85, of Crossville, TN, formerly of Mason City, IL passed away at Cumberland Medical Center in Crossville, TN on Monday, February 17, 2025. He was born on August 6, 1939 in Camden, IL to Clarence and Gladys (Morris) Billingsley. On October 24, 1981 in Mason City he married Twila Lee (Harris) Billingsley.

Wayne is survived by his wife Twila, 4 children: Matthew Wayne Billingsley of South Carolina, Rhonda Lorraine (Kevin) Edgerton of North Carolina, Sherman Todd (Susie) Billingsley of Illinois, Lisa Renee (Richard) Barlow of North Carolina, sister Betty Etter, 15 grandchildren (2 deceased), 8 great-grandchildren (1 deceased), 2 stepchildren: Gerald Edward Griffin and Dana Jo Lesser both deceased, and preceded in death by 7 brothers and 3 sisters. He was raised in the St. John's Lutheran Church in Rushville. He was a 1957 graduate of Rushville High School. After high school, he started his career at CIPS in 1965. During his long tenure at CIPS, he started as a tree trimmer, moved to meter reader, transitioned to lineman, and ended his CIPS career on September 1, 2001, when he retired in a supervisory role.

He never missed the opportunity to attend the Billingsley Family Annual Reunion in Rushville, IL each August. He also never missed the opportunity to watch a Chicago Cubs baseball game. Wayne served as a volunteer fireman for the Mason City, IL fire department, member of the Jaycees Club of Mason City, and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

While Wayne did not serve in the military, he often spoke of how proud he was

that all of his brothers served in WW1, WW2, Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. Wayne was a proud member of the Democratic Party. He took great pride in the fact that he never missed the privilege to vote.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 11:00 AM, at Hope Presbyterian Church, 2211 Wabash Ave. Springfield, IL, Reverend Chuck J. Goodman to officiate. Visitation will be held the same day 2 hours prior to the service from 9:00 AM until service time at 11:00 AM, luncheon immediately following. Burial will follow the luncheon at the Easton Cemetery in Easton, IL. Memorial contributions can be made to: the Mason City Volunteer Fire Department. Online condolences can be left at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Easton Cemetery

Easton, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Presbyterian Church  
2211 Wabash Ave  
Springfield, IL 62704

## Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Presbyterian Church  
2211 Wabash Ave  
Springfield, IL 62704

# Tribute Wall



“ Mom and Pops purchased the *Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum* for the family of Wayne E. Billingsley.



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**Mom and Pops** - February 28, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ A [Memorial  
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wayne E. Billingsley.

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February 25, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
Wayne E. Billingsley.



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February 25, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ So Sorry to you, Twila and the family. Thinking of you all. RIP  
Wayne.’

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**Kay Zimmerman** - February 25, 2025 at 09:08 AM

JD

“ You will be deeply missed my friend, we solved all the world’s problems on the fire department and at your bar . We had our great house boat trip with you and Twila and your friends Mike and Karen . I send my heart felt prayers to Twila and all your beautiful family. Hugs to you all!

John and Cindy Dodson - February 24, 2025 at 09:44 AM

DJ

“ RIP Wayne. God, please be with Twila, Matt, Todd, Rhonda, and Renee. Please comfort them in this time of need. Wayne, thank you for being the best grandpa to my son Derek. He loves you very much. My condolences.

Deron L Jones - February 23, 2025 at 10:51 PM

BJ

“ Twila and family was sorry to hear of your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers. With our Deepest Sympathy Bonnie & Deron Jones.



Bonnie Jones - February 21, 2025 at 10:28 PM

DD

“ My deepest condolences to Twila and the whole family as well as Dexter. Wayne and I had walked are dogs together almost everyday for 10 years. Had some great conversations and good laughs through the years. He was a great friend to me and will truly be missed. 😭 RIP Wayne  
Debbie and Mason

Debbie DuBois - February 21, 2025 at 08:17 PM

JM

“ *jean proctor meikle lit a candle in memory of Wayne Billingsley*



jean proctor meikle - February 21, 2025 at 07:56 PM

PL

“ *Peggy, Randy, Ethan and Lauren. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wayne E. Billingsley.*



Peggy, Randy, Ethan and Lauren. - February 21, 2025 at 06:00 PM

BS

“ *Beverly Stafford lit a candle in memory of Wayne Billingsley*



Beverly Stafford - February 21, 2025 at 10:38 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Billingsley*



Mary Hundt - February 21, 2025 at 09:01 AM

JS

“ *Such a good guy and friend to have. Rest in peace Wayne. Joyce Stoddard*

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**Joyce Stoddard** - February 21, 2025 at 06:01 AM

LS

“ *Les & Jan Steveson lit a candle in memory of Wayne Billingsley*



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**Les & Jan Steveson** - February 20, 2025 at 04:05 PM

DB

“ *Dave and Diane Bergman lit a candle in memory of Wayne Billingsley*



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**Dave and Diane Bergman** - February 20, 2025 at 01:00 PM