



Dr. Billy Belew

October 1, 1931 - July 20, 2022

Dr. Billy Alexander Belew passed away on July 20, 2022 at the age of 90. He was born October 1, 1931 in Jackson to the late Will Lee Belew and Mary Josephine Alexander Belew. He was a U. S. Army Veteran serving in the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Union University in 1953, where he was a member of the baseball team. He then attended the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis where he received his Doctor of Dentistry. Dr. Belew practiced dentistry in Lexington for 12 years before moving into the field of education.

Dr. Belew graduated with his Masters of Education in 1972 and was an outstanding and beloved educator and coach. During his tenure as Principal of Paul G. Caywood School, the school was named as one of the ten most outstanding schools in the state of Tennessee. He also served as the Director of Schools for the Lexington City School System, spending over 25 years in education.

Billy had a lifetime love for sports and officiating. He was an on-field football official for 50 years and served as a football supervisor for the Southwest Tennessee Officials Association for 14 years. During his time as a football official, he worked four TSSAA State Championship games, numerous Bowl games, playoff games, and three Clinic Bowls. In 2003, he was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame.

Besides his parents, Dr. Belew was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Mrs. Carolyn Sheppard Belew and a niece, Terri L. Marbury.

Survivors include his nephews, Ben Fesmire and David Marbury (husband of the late Terri); his nieces, Charlotte Todd and Nada Todd Springer; a host of great nieces and nephews; as well as a community of lives he touched throughout his years as educator and coach.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 PM, Monday, July 25, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Lexington with Dr. Hoyt Wilson officiating & Dr. Clay Hallmark assisting. Interment will follow in Lexington Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday beginning at 10 AM at the church.

Pallbearers to serve are Brad Taylor, Jordan Fesmire, Jerry Scott, Dewayne Sisk, Ricky Belew, and Tommy Sadler.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

Natchez Trace Drive
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
Stanford Avenue
Lexington, TN

Church Service

JUL **25**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Billy Belew* ”



Pafford Funeral Home - July 25, 2022 at 08:56 AM

DG

“ *One of the best science teachers and football coaches I ever had.* ”

David Gaddie - August 05, 2024 at 12:57 PM

LE

“ *Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Dr. Billy Belew* ”



Linda Elam - July 26, 2022 at 02:50 AM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pafford Funeral Home - July 25, 2022 at 08:55 AM



“ I had the awesome privilege to have Dr. Belew as my 8th grade teacher. He was compassionate, understanding and kind. I wish all of my teachers would have been like him. My condolences to everyone who loved him.



Cindy Frizzell - July 23, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ Will Rogers lit a candle in memory of Dr. Billy Belew



Will Rogers - July 23, 2022 at 04:38 PM



Dr Belew was one of the finest men I have ever known and he will be missed.

Will Rogers - July 23, 2022 at 04:41 PM

CH

“ Carol & Robert Horn lit a candle in memory of Dr. Billy Belew



Carol & Robert Horn - July 23, 2022 at 04:05 PM

CA

Dr. Belew was a very nice man. He enjoyed playing cards at the Senior Circle on Tuesday and Friday nights. Enjoyed being around him.

Carol - July 23, 2022 at 04:11 PM

MB

“ I was privileged to have Dr. Belew as a coach for 4 years and teacher for the 8th grade while a student at Lexington City School. Thoughts of reciting the Gettysburg Address in his American History class still makes me a little nervous. Dr. Belew told me recently that he almost bought my dad's dental practice in the early 1960's, when my dad was thinking about going back into the USAF. I think I can speak for a lot of people in Lexington by saying we're glad he chose a career in education. Dr. Belew was a great example of living a life well lived and 'finishing the race'(and possibly officiating parts of it). Lexington, Tennessee is a better place because of people like Dr. Belew, who had tattooed on his soul the words faith, honor, courage, and integrity. Pray that God blesses his family with peace and comfort.
Mark Bateman

Mark Bateman - July 23, 2022 at 08:27 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Billy Belew*



Barbara Willis - July 22, 2022 at 11:07 PM

BW

Prayers for family

Barbara Willis - July 22, 2022 at 11:08 PM

RS

“ *I missed out on having him for a teacher but thru the years, he had become a friend. He was truly a good person!*



Rhonda Sanders - July 22, 2022 at 09:37 PM

KR

“ *Kelley Davis Ragsdell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Billy Belew*



Kelley Davis Ragsdell - July 22, 2022 at 09:09 PM

JH

“ *Dr. Belew was always nice and kind as our principal. Always working with the kids. My condolences to the family for their loss. 🙏*

Jacqueline Halliburton - July 22, 2022 at 08:04 PM

PE

“ *Peggy lit a candle in memory of Dr. Billy Belew*



Peggy - July 22, 2022 at 05:53 PM

DB

“ *Doris Buck lit a candle in memory of Dr. Billy Belew*



Doris Buck - July 22, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ *3 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Pafford Funeral Home - July 22, 2022 at 05:30 PM

DE

“ *Condolences for the family..*



Denise Ellis - July 22, 2022 at 05:21 PM

EA

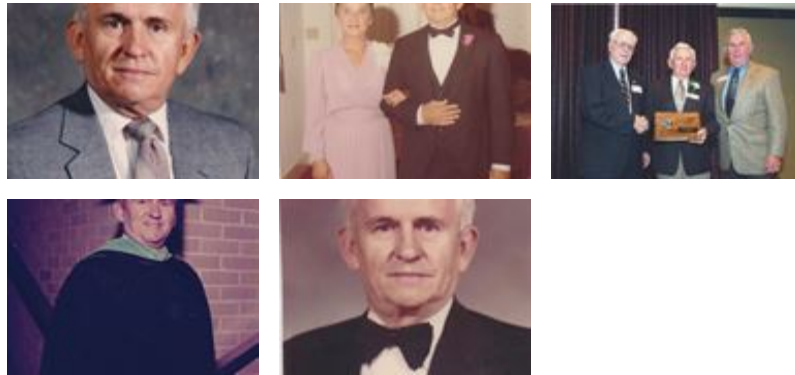
“ Eddie & Lori Akins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Billy Belew



Eddie & Lori Akins - July 22, 2022 at 05:12 PM



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Pafford Funeral Home - July 22, 2022 at 02:06 PM

DD

“ Dr. Belew was a man of integrity and character. He was my teacher, coach and dentist. What a full life! I was blessed to have known him.

Dale Dodd - July 21, 2022 at 04:40 PM

JM

“ I had to pleasure of working with Dr. Belew when I was hired with the Lexington City School System 36 years ago. He was always a person I wanted to emulate. He seemed to always have the right answer and to approach situations with a calmness that put people at ease. I will miss him dearly. Jamie McAdams

Jamie McAdams - July 21, 2022 at 01:46 PM

TR

“ Our neighborhood has lost a great neighbor and friend. Dr. Belew always earned respect. I have always been amazed how active he was and how hard he worked. He will be missed by his neighbors and friends.



Tony Rogers - July 21, 2022 at 11:35 AM

JG

“ Doc Belew hired me at Caywood in 1977. He was a great man to work under. We officiated many football games together. He will greatly be missed. Much love to my dear friend. Bill Gateley

Joan Gateley - July 21, 2022 at 11:23 AM

BR

“ Dr Belew was a Personnel Friend and Mentor to Me. A Golf Buddy who I Will Miss. If God ever man a better person than Dr Belew, I Don't know Where they would be!

Bill Rhodes - July 21, 2022 at 10:09 AM

SW

“ Dr Belew was one of the best men u have ever known. He was true believer on our Lord and was in his place at church even on days that it was hard . Tony loved and respected Dr. Belew. RIP Dr Belew You will be truly missed by many.

Sherry Walker - July 20, 2022 at 05:47 PM