



## Mr. Billy Max Woods

August 20, 1938 - March 13, 2023

In Lexington if someone was described as: easy going, a community leader, well respected, friend to all, highly revered and quiet demeanor you might think of Billy Max Woods. Billy Max as most called him, died early Monday morning, March 13, 2023 at his home with his family at his side.

Billy Max, was 84 years old, born on August 20th, 1938 one of two children born to the late Elston and Lorene Kolwyck Woods. He spent his entire life in Lexington and Henderson County and became one of Lexington's true leaders. Most in the community remember him as either the owner of E. L. Thomas and Sons Concrete or the long-time bank president of Central State Bank and later Union Planters Bank. During those years he also served as a director on numerous Boards such as: 911 Board, Community Bank Board of Directors and the Industrial Development Board of Lexington. In his leisure Billy Max was a devout fan of the University of Tennessee and the St Louis Cardinals. But he was also known for his Black Angus herd on his farm just outside of Lexington. Another passion of his was the raising, training and showing his Tennessee Walking Horses. Every August you could count on seeing Debbie and Billy Max in Shelbyville at the Walking Horse Celebration where he had great successes. In fact, Billy was the owner of three time world grand champion, "I Am Jose", a feat rarely achieved.

He had a relatively small family but blessed with many friendships he had

made throughout the Southeast. Billy Max is survived by his wife of twenty-three years, Deborah “Debbie” Woods; his daughter Patti R. Woods, step-son Stephen Milam, Stephen’s children, Story Parker Milam and Shepard Mac Milam and was “Pappaw” and father like figure to his special granddaughter Constance. Preceding Billy Max in death was his first wife, Patsy S. Woods and his brother, Bobby Joe Woods.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1:00 PM Tuesday, March 14th in the chapel of Pafford Funeral Home with Bro. Bobby Beecham officiating. Interment will follow at Lexington Cemetery. Should friends desire, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Lexington Cemetery

Natchez Trace Drive  
Lexington, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN  
71 Monroe Ave.  
Lexington, TN

## Visitation

MAR 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN  
71 Monroe Ave.  
Lexington, TN

## Chapel Service

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LE

“ *Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Max Woods*



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**Linda Elam** - March 22, 2023 at 08:05 PM

JB

“ *Janet Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Max Woods*



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**Janet Bowman** - March 15, 2023 at 12:50 AM

JW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Patti Ruth and family. love, Jack and Carol Woods*

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**Jack Woods** - March 14, 2023 at 09:12 PM

AG

“ *Allison Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Max Woods*



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**Allison Garrett** - March 14, 2023 at 08:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Max Woods.*



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March 14, 2023 at 03:35 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I knew Billy max years ago. I took care of his mother at Lexington manor. I must say that he was a great man. It was my privilege to get know a man that took such good care of his mother as he and his brother did. He will be missed.*



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**Pamela Hargrove** - March 14, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *Pamela Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Max Woods*



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**Pamela Parker** - March 14, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ *Danny & Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Max Woods*



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**Danny & Shelia Beecham** - March 14, 2023 at 09:57 AM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Billy Max Woods



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**Rhonda Sanders** - March 13, 2023 at 11:27 PM

JW

“ So sad.. Thinking of You All Patti Ruth Constance and Lizanne



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**Joy Britt Williams** - March 13, 2023 at 10:50 PM

LC

“ Mr. Billy Max was a gentleman; kind, courteous, with a wonderful sense of humor. We will be missed.

*Prayers for Debbie and the family and friends.*

*Bill and Linda Cone*

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**Linda Cone** - March 13, 2023 at 09:22 PM

TN

“ Tony Neill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Max Woods



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**Tony Neill** - March 13, 2023 at 08:32 PM

BR

“ *Billy Max and Patsy were Kaye and My Neighbors for many years. They were dear Friends, and We Shared many Good Times together. He will be missed.* ”

Bill Rhodes - March 13, 2023 at 08:27 PM

EA

“ *Eddie & Lori Akins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Max Woods* ”



Eddie & Lori Akins - March 13, 2023 at 08:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Max Woods.* ”



March 13, 2023 at 08:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Max Woods.* ”



March 13, 2023 at 07:30 PM

BC

“ *Billy Max was my Babe Ruth baseball coach and lifelong friend. No finer person has Henderson County ever produced than Billy Max Woods. I was proud to be his health insurance agent for many years, always enjoyed our visits. He was a man of his word, and a role model for all. Guys like Billy Max are few and hard to find. My deepest sympathy and condolences to his family.*

**Bobby Cogdell** - March 13, 2023 at 06:19 PM



“ *Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Max Woods*



**Cotton Rhodes** - March 13, 2023 at 05:34 PM

DH

“ *Debbie, my heart goes out to you . I'm so very sorry for your loss , Billy Max was one of nicest men ,and hard working man ,I had the privilege of knowing ,and called him friend . I had the upmost respect for him and you dear friend . My deepest sympathy , I know this is a terrible loss for you and he will be missed by many . ❤️ God bless and give you strength through it . 🙏❤️*



**Donna Marie Hall** - March 13, 2023 at 04:04 PM