

*A Celebration of Life*  
*for*  
*Elder Billy B. Kirby*



Sunrise: January 14, 1956

Sunset: July 11, 2007

Saturday, July 14, 2007

11:00 a.m.

Pleasant Grove Church Family  
15439 Hastings Road  
Athens, Alabama

John W. Jude, Senior Pastor, Officiating



# The Obituary

*Elder Billy Kirby* was born on January 14, 1956 to the late Jim Kirby and the late Idella Freeman Kirby in Limestone County, Alabama.

God saw a man who had born his illness quietly and with dignity. God saw a man who's body was worn. God said, come home now, where there will be no more pain, no more tears, and no more suffering. God said, come home now.

He was a devoted husband who married his childhood sweetheart, Stella Dyann Grizzard on September 22, 1978. To this union two daughters was born.

Elder Billy Kirby accepted Christ as his savior at a very young age and joined Pleasant Grove Church under the leadership of Pastor Willis Fletcher. He remained a faithful member until his illness. Elder Kirby loved his church and served as an Elder. His spiritual motto was "Do what God says to do". Elder Kirby believed in working and was a dutiful employee at Alabama Farmers Co-op for 31 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a wife Minister Stella Kirby; two daughters Bellany K. Harris (Tyrone) of Athens, Alabama and Pamela Shae Kirby of Marietta, Georgia; two Brothers, Larry Donnell Kirby (Sarah) and Perry Freeman Kirby, Sr. both of Athens, Alabama; three brothers preceded him in death; Charles, Jim Jr. and Johnny Kirby; one granddaughter, Aniya Harris of Athens, Alabama; his favorite aunt Mother Lottie Robinson, Helen Creer and Alberta Kirby; Mother-in-law, Bertha Williams; father-in-law, James Grizzard; two Sisters-in-law; Cynthia Jones and Michelle Jacobs; one brother-in-law, Donnie Malone and a host of relatives and friends.

*My Dearest Darling "Kirb" Thank You*

*I have loved you from the first time I say you. Thank you for always loving me. No matter what I did or said you would always say I Love You, **Suki**. Thank you for giving me two wonderful girls. That's what you called them our girls. Later on you would say we have three girls now, Bellany, Pam, and Aniya. You were the most loving Daddy and Granddaddy there was. Thank you for being such a kind daddy to our girls.*

*You were the most wonderful husband any woman would dream of or ask God for. From the first time we met at the ball game, I knew you were the one for me, coming in late at halftime so you wouldn't have to pay. I knew then you would be a money pincher. So because of that we have always had a place to call a home. Plenty to eat, and a word from the Lord delivered through you. And for that I say thank you. For all the sweet memories that I have in my heart. **Kirb**, Thank you and I will Always Love You!!!!!!!!!!!! **Suki***



# Order of Worship

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ELDER BILLY KIRBY

Processional

Song of Praise ..... Inner Court Sanctuary Choir

Prayer ..... Deacon Bill Moore

Scripture

Old Testament ..... Rev. Janice Williams

New Testament ..... Pastor Ollie McWilliams

Acknowledgements ..... Rev. Caulyne Hayden

Reflections

As a Friend ..... Brother Toney Yarbrough

As a Worker ..... Brother James Lane

Song of Praise ..... Inner Court Sanctuary Choir

THE WORD ..... Pastor Jude

Closing Prayer ..... Rev. Barbara Clemons

Recessional

## Looking for the Sunrise

I'm not looking for the sunset, as the swift years come & go;  
I am looking for the sunrise, and the golden morning glow,  
Where the light of heaven's glory will break forth upon my sight,  
In the land that knows no sunset, nor the darkness of the night.



I'm not going down the pathway toward the setting of the sun,  
Where the shadows ever deepen when the day at last is done;  
I am walking up the hillside where the sunshine lights the way,  
To the glory of the sunrise of God's never-ending day.

I am not going down, but upward and the path is never dim,  
For the day grows ever brighter as I journey on with Him.  
So my eyes are on the hilltops, waiting for the sun to rise,  
Waiting for His invitation to the home beyond the skies.



Albert Simpson Reitz  
June 1953

# *Pallbearers*

Elders of Pleasant Grove



# *Flower Bearers*

Mothers of Pleasant Grove

# *Interment*

PLEASANT GROVE CEMETERY

Athens, Alabama

# *Acknowledgement*



*The family of Elder Billy Kirby would like to express our appreciation for all acts of kindness shown during the illness and death of our loved one.  
May God continue to bless you and keep you in his care.*

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