



Billy Ray Sneed Jr.

October 6, 1958 - November 27, 2025

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Billy Ray Sneed Jr, 67, of Thaxton, Mississippi, passed away at his home on Thursday, November 27, 2025.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, December 03, 2025, at Christian Rest Methodist Church from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM. The memorial service celebrating his life will take place immediately following the visitation at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary of Christian Rest Methodist Church, with Bro. Jerry Grammer officiating.

All those who were blessed to call him a friend knew Billy Ray as the kind of man who would give them the shirt off his back, quite literally if the circumstances called for it. He was a living embodiment of kindness, encouragement, optimism, and generosity, and he extended those virtues to every person, not to mention every stray animal, he ever met. These traits came in pretty handy when he bravely changed careers later in life to fulfill his dream of becoming a teacher. For more than twenty years, Billy Ray served the Lee County School District as a dedicated math teacher. He had a gift for making challenging concepts clear and accessible, but more importantly, he believed in his students. Many remember him not only for his lessons but for the confidence he helped them find in themselves. His teaching began long

before, however, as a disciplined and focused karate instructor. His interest in the martial arts began in his early adulthood and became a lifetime love and commitment. He most recently enjoyed instructing with the Tansu Self Defense System, where he guided students of all ages with the same calm encouragement he brought to his teaching career.

Billy Ray's first true love, though, was music—rock and roll to be precise. He loved KISS and made sure everyone knew it! He played guitar for most of his life and spent time in several small bands over the years.

Whether performing at a gig or with friends or playing just for himself, music was a source of joyful expression and universal connection. The greatest joy of Billy Ray's life, however, arrived in his later years with the birth of his granddaughter, Addison. The love and devotion he had for her from the day she was born grew into an inseparable bond that he cherished more than anything else in the world.

Billy Ray will be remembered for his kindness and huge heart. His influence lives on in the students he taught, the friends he inspired, a yard full animals he rescued, and the family who loved him dearly.

Billy Ray leaves behind a loving family to continue walking down the path of life in his absence: his parents Billy Ray Sneed, Sr. and Arah Hudson Sneed of Thaxton, Mississippi; one brother, Rory Sneed of Columbus, Mississippi; two sisters, Dawn Thomas and her husband Chris of Hernando, Mississippi; Sommer Husbands and her husband Nick of Oxford, Mississippi; one step-son, Andrew Weaver of Troy, Ohio; step-daughter, Anna Seale of Thaxton, Mississippi; one granddaughter, Addison Moore of Thaxton, Mississippi; one niece and three nephews: Skyler Thomas of Los Angeles, California; Logan Sneed of Jackson, Mississippi; Luke Sneed of Columbus, Mississippi; and Ian Thomas of Hernando, Mississippi; as well as a host of dearly loved extended

family and friends.

In place of traditional flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Tubb Spay and Neuter Project by clicking the following link <https://tubbproject.com/donate>

The staff at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is honored to serve the family during this challenging season of life. Condolences may be expressed online on his Tribute wall at www.colemanfuneralhomeox.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

Christian Rest Methodist Church
183 CR 255
Etta, MS 38627

Memorial Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ed and I are so sorry for your loss, sending love and prayers.*

Lou Ann Hood - December 02, 2025 at 12:51 AM



“ *Was blessed to be a student of his father Dr Sneed at Itawamba JC in 1968 -1970.. A superb man and through my longtime Facebook friendship with Billy Ray Jr I know he shared his father's great qualities!! R/David Conwill MD*

David Conwill MD - November 30, 2025 at 11:36 PM

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“ Did he know how wonderful and special he was? Did he know how brilliantly his light shone? I cannot find the words to adequately describe the void all of us who were blessed to be friends with Billy Ray will now experience. Billy Ray brought kindness, compassion, encouragement, laughter, understanding and an innocent, goofy but genuine positive energy to all of us! Everyone loved him! He embodied optimism in every sense of the word! He was so good! Growing up in Fulton offered a rare blessing to us who were involved in the Christian Student Center and in the chorus of youthful voices that Tom House directed. God provided a happy place for us to mix/blend our varied talents and personalities. Billy Ray was one of our tenors. We were a group of teens that bonded together in faith, love, and song. It was beautiful. We managed to grow up always feeling a part of something special, and Billy Ray was an integral part of that.

He was my favorite KISS fan, along with his sidekick Dale, and one time they even allowed me to sing when they blasted Ted Nugent and KISS tunes on their drums and guitar right there on the street corner for all IJC residents to hear! Precious memories! I see him now in his black leather jacket and his favorite blue jeans paired with that black KISS t-shirt he wore every other day!

I hope he knew. His absence has made a hole in our world tonight, tomorrow, today. What a treasure he was!

My heart aches for our loss. My deepest sympathies to the loving family that shared Billy Ray with us. He was a blessing. I loved him so much! We all did!

Susan Hinton Rogers - November 30, 2025 at 11:35 PM

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“ Worked With Billy Ray in the furniture industry years ago in Amory was a good person , Do agree with Obit that he loved Rock ‘& Roll and was studying , practicing karate then , RIP Billy Ray .

kenneth Flipppo - November 30, 2025 at 08:45 PM