



## Burnett (B.R.) Ray Freeman

January 4, 1939 - September 26, 2024

Burnett Ray Freeman (BR), age 85, passed away September 26, 2024 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He attended church at The River Community Church, in Cookeville.

He was preceded in death by his wife Judy Griffin Freeman, parents Boyd and Iva Freeman, brother-in-law Jim Griffin.

He is survived by his brother, Dennis Freeman, sister, Alice Freeman, brother-in-law, Fred Griffin (Sandra). He leaves behind his beloved dog Marley.

He is also survived by his nieces, Maritsa (David) Green, Amy Beck, Karla Griffin, and Amy Griffin, nephew, Randall Freeman (Jessica); great-nephews, Kyle (Becca) Green, Troy Green, Abram Roberts and Henry Freeman, Chase Griffin, Thomas Strange, Keizer Griffin Hodson. He leaves many other cousins and friends.

BR was especially blessed to have close lifelong friends Bob Swift (Sharon), John L. Stokely (Nancy), Mike Smith (Mary Jo) and the guys at the Motorcycle Shop-Jim Beasley, Ron Baker, and Tommy Kilgore. He always went to the shop on Tuesdays when Jim cooked a delicious meal.

BR graduated from Cocke County High School. He received a B.S. degree in civil engineering from Tennessee Technological University. He was employed by the State of Tennessee Highway Department for 48 years. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle. He and Judy were involved in many activities in the Cookeville area. In their younger years they participated in the Kiwanis Kapers. Many stray cats and dogs made their way

to their house. They were given loving homes, none were turned away. They sponsored many children through Compassion International.

To those friends who visited BR the last days of his life- thank you. They meant so much to him and to his family. To the many who lifted us up in prayer, we felt your love and support. Thank you to the staff at NHC- Cookeville and Cookeville Regional Medical Center. Everyone was so kind and compassionate.

Graveside service will be held 2 pm Tuesday, October 1, 2024 in Union Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com),

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider making a memorial donation to aid in the recent flooding relief here in Cocke County Tn.  
Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc  
420 Mineral St  
Newport, TN 37821-3900  
(423) 623-6918

# Tribute Wall

HL

“ Glad to have gotten to know BR over the years. What a great guy. He will be missed.



Hope Laycock - October 03, 2024 at 03:32 PM

NL

“ We grew up together in Smithville and admired those motorcycle boots and your swagger. You were adored from afar by all the little girl cousins in the family and we're going to miss you. RIP until we meet again.



Nancy Lemieux - September 30, 2024 at 11:05 AM

DG

“ Sending my condolences to all of the family and friends, sorry for your lost 🙏🙏🙏🙏  
❤️



Debra A Gann - September 30, 2024 at 09:32 AM

TP

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to BR’s family and friends and of course Marley. He and Judy made the world a better place. I’ve heard story after story of his great memories from his childhood. From the day he lost our precious Judy, he talked constantly about wanting to join her.*



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**Theresa Pugh** - September 30, 2024 at 09:03 AM

GS

“ *So sorry for your loss he lived a good long life. I remember the big breakfast we shared when he was visiting his mother several yrs ago . Prayers for all family 🙏🙏🙏❤️*



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**Gail samples** - September 30, 2024 at 09:02 AM