



Reid Hamilton Bailey

May 21, 1920 - January 12, 2015

Reid Hamilton Bailey, longtime Newport businessman and civic and church leader, died Monday, Jan. 12, after a period of declining health. He was 94. Bailey and his family moved to Newport in 1953 when he became assistant manager to the late R. H. Carson of the local Parks-Belk.

In 1957, the company sent Bailey to New Tazewell as full manager of a newly-acquired store there. After Carson's retirement four years later, the family returned to Newport and Bailey became manager of the local business.

Shortly after the family's return, a major downtown fire destroyed the local Parks-Belk and for about a year's time, the business was located in different buildings while a new building was constructed at the corner of Main Street and Baer Avenue. A portion of this building is now incorporated into Manes Funeral Home.

Bailey retired in 1983 after 43 years of service with Belk's.

In addition to his career, Bailey devoted many decades of work to his church, First United Methodist, serving on various boards and committees, and attended early church services regularly until just a few weeks ago.

He also was active in the Newport Kiwanis Club and contributed his talents and service to other groups including the United Way, Cocke County Baptist Hospital, Jefferson-Cocke Utility Board, Stokely Memorial Library, Sunset Gap Community Center, and the Newport Chamber of Commerce.

Bailey was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Melba Waddell Bailey, on September 15, 2009.

Survivors include his daughter, Brenda (Dr. Robert) Kisabeth, and son, Martin (Diane) Bailey. Grandchildren: Meredith (Dr. Travis) Fawver, Malerie (Robert) Bloomquist, Weston (Tessa) Bailey, Kimberly (Jeff) Chemerinsky, Katherine (Lt. John) Bockmann. Great-Grandchildren: Bridgette, Mason and Benjamin REID Fawver, Landon Bloomquist, Kara Bailey, Andrew Chemerinsky, Emily and Charlotte Bockmann. Second family: Marvin, Lauren, Abby, Cole and Maggie Rubac; Josh, Ashley, Logan and Tyler Mayou. Above-and-beyond caregiver and friend: Shawnee Driskill.

A memorial celebration will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Newport on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 1:30 p.m. The family will visit with friends immediately following the service.

Those wishing to honor Reid's memory may do so by making a donation to the First United Methodist Church, 212 Washington Avenue, Newport, TN 37821.

Family and friends may sign the guest register at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Manes Funeral Home is in charge.

Tribute Wall



“ Reid Hamilton Bailey

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ Marty and Brenda: Keeping you and your families in our prayers. Our deepest sympathies to you all.

Sharon and Ronnie Hedgecock - January 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Reid Hamilton Bailey

Amy Hall and Family - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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“ I am so sorry to hear of Reid passing. He was such a good man. I loved seeing him in church, never miss a early service. To all the family I sorry for your loss.

Lucy Harrison - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Reid Hamilton Bailey

mansfield mcmahan - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I had Mr Bailey as a Sunday school teacher & I have fond memories of this time. My thoughts & prayers are with you @ this time!!

Ginni Walker Foust - January 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Rest well my Friend. You will be greatly missed.

Angela Huskey-Grooms - January 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I m glad I knew this kind sweet man. He is an angel in Heaven now. God rest his soul n bless his family. Ruth Wilson

RUTH H WILSON - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I am sorry for the family loss of a dear sweet fellow Kiwanian , i was glad to call a good and dear friend of mine.I will miss Reid.

Rodney Buckner - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Uplifting prayers to your family!

Johnny Miller - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Reid Hamilton Bailey

G D Williams - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Brenda and Marty, So sorry for your loss. Your mom and dad were both very special people. Our prayers are going out to you and your families.*

Doug and Frances Miller - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ *Never saw Uncle Reid when he wasn't wearing a smile and I truly regret not seeing him more often...A man full of wit and wisdom who'll be missed by all....*

Harrison White - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Reid Hamilton Bailey*

Louise & Jimmy Hux - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Reid Hamilton Bailey*

Terry Fowler - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *Marty and Diane, We simply wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family at this time.*

Susan and Ronnie Ellison - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *May the God of all grace comfort the family in their hour of grief.*

Jerry Phillips - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Marty, I'm very sorry to hear of your father's death. Sounds like he was quite active. We will always remember your help and kindness for mother. You helped her to be able to live alone @ Parrottsville for many years.

Morris Gillespie - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers

Jim and Bobbie Linderman - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Reid Hamilton Bailey

Shelly Kyker-Hales - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Very sorry for your loss.

janice Seay - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Marty, We are thinking about you.

Willis & Louise Suggs - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Marty, I am so very sorry for your loss. Your father was a fine man. I, like so many, first knew him from Parks-Belk, shopping with my mom and sister for those annual back-to-school dresses and all that went with it; and years later as an employee. Always

Susan Trent Terock - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Was so very sorry to hear of Reid's passing. I got to visit with him December 14 at Wellington. He was one of the finest individuals that I have had the pleasure of being around since I have been in Cocks County! He will be missed by many. Love and sym

Betty Carver - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Brenda, Marty & family, we are so sorry for your loss. We will be keeping you all in thoughts and prayers.

Nanette Wilds & Jeanette Lankford - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our Deepest Sympathy Doug and Joyce Shoemaker

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GK

“ Marty and Brenda, Dot and I are so very sorry to hear of Reid's passing. We will miss him, Reid was a wonderful person.

Gary S. and Dorothy J. Kyker - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Reid Hamilton Bailey

audrey owenby - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FG

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Fred & Peggy Giles - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Brenda and Marty, I was so sorry to hear about your father. I have such fond memories of him over the years, especially of Kiwanis Kapers when we were young. Prayers for peace and comfort for you all.*

Julia Minnick Keener - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Reid Hamilton Bailey*

RICHARD OWENS - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss*

Phyllis Walker Combs - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MR. BAILEY. FROM TONYA, LINDA AND LISA*

LISA GILES - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you Sincerely Betty McMillan*

Betty McMillan - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *So very sorry to hear about the passing of your grandfather. He will be missed. I didn't know him well but saw him in church every Sunday morning. He had the kindest, sweetest smile. If I can do anything let me know. You are in my thoughts and prayers. L*

Marjorie Lunsford - January 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *A good man and a good friend.*

Jimmy B. Dunn - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Marty, Sorry for the passing of your Father. He was a great man. He will be missed by all that knew him. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Chuck Strange - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *What a great man! Heaven has gained another precious angel and he shall surely be missed by his family and friends! Love & prayers to each of you!*

Donn and Annette Berney - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ *Sending all our love at this difficult time. We love the whole family and have many fond memories!*

Whitney, Alex, and Arin Chambers - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Brenda, My sincere condolences to you and your family in the loss of your father. May God comfort you at this sad time.*

Linda Sprouse Britton - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ We have all been so very blessed to have known and had the friendship of Reid and Melba throughout the years. They both have been wonderful to so many people. You are in our prayers tonight.

Fletcher and Penny Ervin - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Brenda and Marty & family: Reid was an extraordinary man. I will always remember his quiet and gentle faithfulness. Praying God's peace for all of you during this time of loss.

Phyllis Blazer - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Dear family I am so sad to hear of Reid's passing. I was blessed to have known him and call him my friend. My year as Kiwanis president was complete each week as he sang "My Country 'Tis Of Thee." I could always count on him. Reid's presence at our meet

Tina Kilgore - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ To the Bailey family, Our hearts are broken today as we learned about Reid's passing. We sure did love him so much and he will be missed but heaven is surely rejoicing. Wiley and Betty Morgan

Wiley & Betty Morgan - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Reid Hamilton Bailey

Charlie and Lana williamson - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM