



Billy Ray Ison

August 10, 1960 - January 9, 2026

William "Billy" Ray Ison age 65 of Sandy Hook, Kentucky passed away Friday, January 09, 2026, at UK St. Claire Health Care in Morehead, Kentucky after a hard-fought illness, surrounded by the people he loved the most.

Mr. Ison was born August 10, 1960, in Elliott County, Kentucky a son of William Ison and the late Shirley Matthews Ison.

Billy Ray was a devoted husband, father, and the very best Pappy. Founder and owner of Ison's Loader Service for twenty plus years, he was known as a true jack of all trades. He was a talented equipment operator and a perfectionist carpenter. There wasn't much he couldn't do and his skill and ability to do things right the first time will live on thru the many things he built and the people he taught.

In addition to his mother, he is preceded in death by his niece; Sarah Ison.

He is survived by his loving wife of thirty-nine years: Jennifer George Ison of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, his two daughters; Tara Horton (Rock) of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, Savannah Cook (Derrick) of Carlisle, Kentucky. His sons Ron Yonts (Sonya) and Kenny Ison who were his sons in every way that mattered and his grandchildren, Rankin, Jamesyn, and Taytum, who were his greatest joy. Three sisters; Brenda Ison, Lisa Jimmie (Timmy) all of Sandy Hook, Kentucky,

and Linda Kay Yonts of Lorain, Ohio along with a host of extended family members and friends who will sadly mourn his passing who loved him deeply.

We find comfort knowing Billy Ray is now at peace. He built more than houses and projects; he built a family full of love and that legacy will live on forever. He will always be our superman.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Whitt & Sons Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Tim Porter officiating. Burial will follow in the Ison Cemetery on Cottonwood Drive Sandy Hook, Kentucky.

Friends may call from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour at the funeral home Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Those honored to serve as pallbearers are Ron Yonts, Rock Horton, Derrick Cook, Kenny Ison, Logan Yonts, Mason Yonts, Ryker Ison, and Josh George.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Whitt & Sons Funeral Home
1260 North Ky 7
Sandy Hook, KY 41171

Funeral Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HL

“ We just loved wild bill hew a good friend to all he was good to us he will be missed by everyone

howard lockhart - February 22 at 12:47 PM

ML

“ Deepest sympathy from the family of Delmus & Nellie Fields. Sending prayers to all for comfort and strength.

Marisa Littleton - January 13 at 05:48 PM

KL

“ So sorry to hear about Billy Ray. I didn't know until the funeral procession passed my house. A better, nicer man anyone could ever know. So sorry Jennifer and to all his family for their loss. I know he had health issues for quite a while abd now he may rest. Remember all the good times while you are mourning your loss. My true condolences.

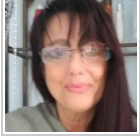


Kathy Lewis - January 13 at 02:25 PM

DS

I was sorry to hear about billy Ray but I never heard about this until after the funeral and burial. He was a wonderful person may he rest in peace with our savior Jesus christ

Darrell Salyers - January 30 at 10:12 PM



“ *Edna Miller lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Ison*



Edna Miller - January 13 at 12:20 PM

FM

“ *Saddened to hear of Billy Rays' passing. Thinking of all the family. Proc, Roger, Florence and Gloria and family.*



Florence Morrison - January 12 at 08:10 PM

NS

“ *Norma Salyers lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Ison*



Norma Salyers - January 12 at 05:55 PM

CP

“ *My Deepest Condolences to all the Family.* 🙏
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Cathy Pennington - January 12 at 05:47 PM



“ I'll never in my life forget the night he tried to teach me how to dance.He was a very good man.prayers for Jennifer and family.

Kendra Ledford - January 12 at 04:05 PM

JM

“ I've known Billy Ray all my life. He was so good to my sister and my brother . Rosie would talk about how he'd plow her garden with a dozer blade and never charge her a dime . He was always there to lend a hand to Stanley. Many prayers

Judy mulkey - January 12 at 02:48 PM

SB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family and friends. May God bless and comfort.



Sen. Walter Doc Blevins - January 12 at 01:11 PM

SD

“ So sorry for your loss, William. Janet Green Wilkinson and Sandra Green Duvall

Sandra Duvall - January 12 at 01:03 PM

DP

“ Don & June Partain purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy Ray Ison.



Don & June Partain - January 12 at 11:22 AM

WL

“ I have known Billy Rae and Jenifer for a long time! I am so sorry for your loss Jennifer , I know how lonely you can get, you have your daughters and grandchildren to help keep you company! My love and prayers are with you all !



Wanda Lewis - January 12 at 10:16 AM

LB

“ Lonnie And Donna Fay Barker lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Ison



Lonnie and Donna Fay Barker - January 11 at 10:42 PM

JA

“ Love and prayers for all the family!



Jimmy & Kathy Adkins - January 11 at 08:38 PM

RF

“ Ray and Terry and the Wells Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Billy Ray Ison.



Ray and Terry and the Wells Family - January 11 at 08:36 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Ison.*



January 11 at 07:39 PM



“ *Chris, Steph & Benny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Ray Ison.*

Chris, Steph & Benny - January 11 at 07:28 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Ison.*



January 11 at 07:28 PM



“ *RIP old friend were gonna miss ya*

John will lewis - January 11 at 06:23 PM



Billy Ray you will be so missed! My greatest memories is you always kept people around you laughing and smiling! Jennifer and family I know you have the best support to help you throughout this time. Hugs to you all..

Missy Sexton White - January 13 at 08:29 AM