



William D. Crabtree

September 14, 1930 - August 16, 2011

Crabtree, William D., 80, of Big Stone Gap, VA, passed away on Tuesday (Aug. 16, 2011).

He was born in Chattanooga, TN Sept. 14, 1930 and had resided in Oneida, TN until moving and spending the majority of his life in Big Stone Gap, VA. He was a retiree from the Communications Department of Southern Railroad. A sincerely devoted man to family and friends, an inspiring artist, accomplished musician and a brilliant craftsman and luthier.

He is survived by wife Lowry Sandt Crabtree, daughter Rhonda Sexton of Oneida, TN, daughter Patti Brown (husband Donnie) of Oneida, TN, son William L. Crabtree (wife Mary) of Knoxville, TN, son Drew Crabtree (wife Cheryl), son Rian Crabtree, daughter Christina Crabtree Dutton all of Big Stone Gap, VA, three brothers John Crabtree of Muskegon, MI, Carl Crabtree (wife Doris) of St. Augustine, FL, Andrew Crabtree of Clyde, OH, Seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St, N.), Big Stone Gap with the service to follow in the chapel at 3:30 p.m. with Phillip Miller officiating.

A private family burial will take place Sunday in Winfield, TN.

To view the obituary and online registry, visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Crabtree family.

Tribute Wall



“ *William D. Crabtree*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Lowry, Rian, Christina and Other Family Members,
I'm so sorry about Bill's passing. I hope having many friends who care for you will give you some comfort during this difficult time.
"My body and my heart may grow weak, but God is the strength of my heart and all I need forever." Psalm 73:26
Our deepest sympathy,
Carl and Darinda Hood*

Darinda Hood - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of your father Rhonda and Patty. May God Bless You.*

Mickey Carson - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM



“ *My grandpa was a wonderful man. I have many great memories with him as a child. I will never forget watching him make guitars in the shed, hearing him play the banjo or the great amount of love he gave. He was a great man and I will miss him very much.*

Amber Brown - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

BG

“ *Big Stone Gap is saying "Goodbye" to another legend. Bill will be remembered every time we hear any Bluegrass, play our guitars, fiddles, banjos and mandolins, each time we drive by his house, or see his children and grandchildren! Rest in peace, Bill, come back pickin'!!*

Bob & Charlotte Gatley - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

AC

“ *Bill - I can close my eyes and imagine the music that you Shannon, Garry and many others are probably making right now in Heaven...that same heaven, most of us experienced on so many occasions here on earth. I will forever cherish the memories, the late nights, the great times. I will never forget waking up to hear you picking on that banjer in the kitchen first thing in the morning. You enhanced our lives to the infinite degree. Bill, you will forever be in our hearts. Your giving heart will never be replaced.*

Abbey Dutton Campbell - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

PD

“ *We are praying for each of you through this difficult time.*

Paul & Phyllis Dalton - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

PS

“ *Drew: I can only imagine what you and your family are going through. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family.*

Paula Phillips Stidham - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

CG

“ It was always something special to know that Bill Crabtree was my uncle. He was one of those individuals that just shined brighter, making the world more vivid and interesting. Family trips to Mamaw's meant getting to see Daddy's siblings and immersing myself in the singing, laughter, reminiscences and magic those reunions created; and Uncle Billy's unforgettably wonderful music was the joyous accompaniment to the extraordinary love and joy of our tangled family 'Tree. It was the best of times. Thanks for the memories, Uncle Bill. God bless your soul!

Carolyn Crabtree Garvin - August 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss, and we will keep your family in our daily prayers.

August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Bill will be sadly missed by us. We enjoyed his visits here in powell valley when he would bring Major, Sarge and Spencer out for a Run. He enjoyed what he called my Million Dollar View of the Valley and this is where he brought Major to be buried.

Gary Turner - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM