



Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.

May 2, 1951 - April 12, 2020

Alvin Wendell Adkins Sr., 68, of Charles City County, transitioned to his heavenly home on April 12, 2020.

Alvin was born on May 2, 1951 to Garland and Emma Adkins. Through the years, Alvin acquired a few different nicknames. His family and co-workers referred to him by his childhood nickname, Billy. Later in life, he was also known as Al Monday, Monday, and Hawkblade.

At an early age, Alvin accepted Christ and was a member of Little Elam Baptist Church. He graduated from Ruthville high school in 1969. After high school, he worked for Dixie Container. Alvin was later called to serve in the U.S. Army Field Artillery Branch as a M109 Self-Propelled Howitzer Crewman. The majority of his career was spent working at ViaSystems (previously Western Electric, AT&T, and Lucent Technologies) for 24 years. Alvin later earned a certificate in automotive care from Richmond Technical Center as a certified ASE Automotive Service Professional. He loved mechanic work, and would often help family and friends with their automotive issues. Alvin and his wife Loretta established Glory Maid Services in 2002. Glory Maid began as a residential cleaning service and grew to include commercial services and outdoor maintenance. They owned and operated this company for 18 years.

Alvin spent almost 45 years with the love of his life, whom he affectionately

called “Lo”. During that time, they worked side-by-side with each other at ViaSystems and Glory Maid and built a strong legacy through their family. His love for Lo, their kids, and grandchildren was unmatched. He always ensured that Lo had what she needed and that each child and grandchild was spoiled in their own way. He made sure he had a special relationship with each of his grandchildren and they all ran toward him with open arms when they saw him. It was no surprise to see him rolling on the floor with the grandkids, or them riding on his lap on the zero-turn mower or the tractor.

Alvin loved helping others in any way he could. He also had a passion for spending time with family and friends, motorcycles, fishing, music, making his famous batches of homemade wine, muscle cars, performance engines, and any sport where high horsepower was involved. On typical occasions you could find him, playing his harp (as he called his harmonica), listening to southern soul and blues music, at the race track, relaxing or tinkering with something in his garage, playing with his grandchildren, or hanging out with his sidekick Alvin Jr “BJ”.

In some translations, Alvin means noble or wise friend and in others, it means loved by all. Alvin lived up to both of these meanings. He had a keen ability to strike up conversations and make friends easily. People of all ages considered him easy to talk to and fun to be around. Alvin was a true example of love. He had a special way of making people feel good about themselves and brightening their day. He expressed love unconditionally, and had no problem telling family and friends that he loved them. He will forever be remembered for his loving nature, skills as an auto mechanic, storytelling, fish frying, and famous phrase.... “Aiiiiiiiiinnnt IT!”

Alvin’s was preceded in death by his parents Garland and Emma Adkins, brother Renard Adkins, father-in-law and mother-in-law Charles and Hallie Christian, brother-in-law Charles Jerome Christian, and sister-in-law Judy

Adkins.

His memory will be cherished by his loving wife, Loretta; children Consuelo Adkins-Tyler (Lewis), Shauntele "Vina" Howell (Craig), Alvin "BJ" Adkins, Jr. (Fern); grandchildren, Lance, Wynter, Gia, Alvin III, Phoebe, Ivy, Fallon, Allison, and Aila; goddaughter, Shayna Crewe; siblings, Garland Adkins, Jr. (Marie), Rosetta Barnes (Waverly), Sharon Adkins, and Kathy Charles (Robert); sisters-in-law Kathleen Moran, Janice Carlton, and Charmesha Cousins, brother-in-law Annais Christian, devoted cousins Darus Jones and Daniel Wallace, Jr. "Drak", devoted niece and nephew Catina Jones and Renard Adkins, Jr., and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family has planned a private burial on Tuesday, April 21 at Mount Calvary Church International in Providence Forge, VA. A memorial celebration will be hosted at a later date.

Tribute Wall

IU

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of your passing from your wife.
I am comforted to know that you lived a good life and left a great legacy for your family.
I knew you as a kind, positive, optimistic, God fearing and family oriented man.
You cared about your wife and was always so proud of your children and grandchildren.
In our conversations you freely shared your wisdom and encouraged me to always make availability to family a priority over career/quest for wealth.
I believe you are in heaven with the Angels smiling down and us.
Adieu until we meet again.
Ifey Utah.

Ifey Utah - May 02, 2020 at 09:53 AM

VG

“ I will always remember Billy we called him from AT&T.Kind heart lover of people no matter who they were,Also would help everyone.I remember Billy came and put up my granddaughters swinger set that is still.standing.His wife Loretta(Lo) the apple of his eye always smiling .Rest in Peace my friend See you later.



Vernel and Gayle Gannaway - May 02, 2020 at 09:18 AM

JM

“ My heart aches. I had the honor of knowing this incredible person and cannot possibly express how sorry I am for this tremendous loss. Both Mr. and Mrs. Adkins have brightened my day every time I have been in their presence and I'm very thankful to have known "Billy". Thank you for sharing coffee with Peppermint Creamer with me on so many occasions! I will surely miss you. Much love coming from me to the family, especially Loretta. I'll be praying for you all.

Jill Meador - May 01, 2020 at 01:09 PM

NB

Loved by many

Newt Bone - May 09, 2020 at 12:29 AM

NT

“ From the Cotman family, our condolences go out to the entire family for your loss. Mr. Adkins' infectious personality, warm smile and laughter will surely be missed. We love you all.



Nicol Cotman Tinsley - April 26, 2020 at 01:34 PM

KC

“ Kirkland & Hazel Charity lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.



Kirkland & Hazel Charity - April 23, 2020 at 12:15 AM

RC

“ *The Cotman family sending love and condolences. His buddy, Richard Cotman (friend from grade school) will miss him greatly. May God be with your family during this time.*

Richard Cotman - April 21, 2020 at 11:01 PM

KW

“ *I Love You Cousin Alvin. Rest In Heaven.*



Kylisha Winston-Tyler - April 21, 2020 at 10:35 PM

CC

“ *Corey And Nicole Cotman lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.*



Corey and Nicole Cotman - April 21, 2020 at 06:53 PM

LW

Sending Love and Condolences to the Adkins family. May God continue to strengthen you daily as you cherish the many happy times with your husband, father, grandfather and brother. He will guide and carry you through the rough and weary days. Blessings to each of you. Linda Charity Washington

Linda Washington - April 22, 2020 at 04:26 AM

PS

“ Pat Scott lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.



Pat Scott - April 21, 2020 at 04:48 PM

DM

“ I met Mr. Adkins and his wife several times over the last 3 years when they came to clean our medical office in Petersburg at the end of the day on Fridays. The first time I met them they had one of their young granddaughters with them. She was so cute, and it was obvious how much he loved her and got joy from being her grandfather. Both he and his wife were so friendly to me each time we saw each other. I will miss seeing his smiling face. My heart goes out to his wife and family
Denise Williams, MD

Denise Williams, MD - April 21, 2020 at 02:12 PM

LC

“ Lasonia "Chiffon" Crump lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.



Lasonia "Chiffon" Crump - April 21, 2020 at 01:35 PM

JH

“ Joie Howell lit a candle in memory of Alvin
"Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.



Joie Howell - April 21, 2020 at 11:09 AM

WQ

“ Late night cookouts and gatherings will never be the same...I will miss seeing your smiling face walking up and saying "Heyyy Whit" as only you could and then sounding off with the infamous "Aintttt IT!". I'll miss your conversations and stories as well as your dance moves. The world just got a little dimmer knowing that you wont be around. I truly think you accomplished what you were supposed to while here, and I will be forever grateful to have known you. I'm sure wherever you are, you still have that same smile and you're still telling everyone you love them as you did when you were here. So rest well my friend, I know I'll see you again someday. Love Always, Whit...#Aintlttt



Whitney Quivers - April 21, 2020 at 10:25 AM

LM

“ I am saddened by the loss of this wonderful man. He always wore a smile and was always willing to lend a hand. He was kind and gave from the heart. He will be greatly misses. My condolences are extended to Loretta and her family at this sad time of loss and grief

Loretta Mountcastle - April 21, 2020 at 09:46 AM

RO

“ To Loretta and Family my deepest sympathy. Billy will surely be missed. I will always remember the good old days at AT&T, Lu-cent and whatever it was called. Rest in peace my Friend. Love Brenda L. Ross

Ross - April 21, 2020 at 08:24 AM

JB

“ Family,
We were saddened to learn of Alvin's passing and extend our sincerest sympathies. We are praying for you and with you that God will grant you peace, strength and comfort during this trying time. May God bless you all.
Love,
Warren & JoAnne Bell



JoAnne Bell - April 20, 2020 at 11:34 PM

KT

“ Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.



Kenneth Tabb - April 20, 2020 at 11:29 PM

DC

“ Dianna Charity lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.



Dianna Charity - April 20, 2020 at 10:44 PM

BG

“ Brian & Shereen Ghee lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.



Brian & Shereen Ghee - April 20, 2020 at 10:24 PM

SB

“ Cousin Loretta, BJ and Family,

My heart aches with you and for you. "Couzin Al-pin" was an awesome cousin with a contagious smile. I can't think of one time that I saw him that we were not laughing. I am praying and thinking of you. Love you all. Couzin Shereen

Shereen Bradby-Ghee - April 20, 2020 at 10:20 PM

EB

“ Erica Bowman lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.



Erica Bowman - April 20, 2020 at 10:07 PM

JY

“ James & Linda Young lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.



James & Linda Young - April 20, 2020 at 08:51 PM

JY

Billy will truly be missed. He was a friend to everyone that he met. I worked with him at AT&T and he always had a smile on his face. Praying that your wife, children and other relatives will find peace soon. You will truly be missed

James & Linda Young - April 20, 2020 at 08:56 PM

CW

*“ Loretta and Family,
When you lose someone very precious, no else can really know all that you feel...
Your loss is shared by many, who knew your loved one well. Always kind, and kept smile on his face, please know that many caring thoughts are with you, your children and grands.
Love, Cookie and Charles Wallace*



Cookie Wallace - April 20, 2020 at 08:29 PM

DB

“ Doreen Bradby lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.



Doreen Bradby - April 20, 2020 at 08:16 PM

DC

Would like to send my condolences to Mrs. Loretta, My heart goes out to you. Dale Crawley/Senior Connection

Dale Crawley /Senior Connection - April 20, 2020 at 10:10 PM

DJ

We would like to send condolences to the family also our family. We are still praying for the family. We love you all.

Respectfully

Deacon Ralph A. Jones and Family

Diedra Jones - April 21, 2020 at 04:48 AM

CW

“ *Loretta and family you have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your loved one. We will miss him greatly, you have our prayers may God bless you all.*

Cathy and Bitterman



Cathy Whitehead - April 20, 2020 at 08:13 PM

YB

Loretta and Family

I am so sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences to you all. God bless you all. Love and prayers...

Yvonne Bradby - April 20, 2020 at 08:40 PM

CA

“ *My Prayers Are With You Loretta And Your Family.*



Cassandra Allen - April 20, 2020 at 07:49 PM

CD

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss....sending up prayers of comfort...
Cindy Drinkwater (AT&T/ Lucent)*



Cindy Drinkwater - April 20, 2020 at 07:29 PM

MH

Reflecting on the good memories I shared with Billy during the good old days at AT&T/Lucent. Praying strength for Loretta and family .

Mary Herbin - April 20, 2020 at 07:55 PM

JC

“ *To Loretta and family, our sincerest condolences for the loss of your loved one. Alvin was kind, sweet spirited person, always brandishing that beautiful smile. May God bless and uplift you all. Janet and Cornelius Crawley.*



Janet Crawley - April 20, 2020 at 07:22 PM

JC

“ *Jerel L. Cotman lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.*



Jerel L. Cotman - April 20, 2020 at 07:09 PM

AJ

“ To, Loretta and family sorry for the loss of your loved one. Alvin was a great person full of fun and laughter Ain'tit. Rest I peace will truly be missed.



Amanda (Nunnie) Jones - April 20, 2020 at 06:58 PM

EH

“ Elizabeth Holt lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.



Elizabeth Holt - April 20, 2020 at 06:36 PM

DS

“ Daryl Smith lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.



daryl smith - April 20, 2020 at 06:27 PM

EB

Condolences to the family. From Mrs. Agnes Bradby

Ella Bradby - April 20, 2020 at 07:14 PM

LS

“ *Lonta Smith lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.*



lonta smith - April 20, 2020 at 06:26 PM

CC

“ *RIP my dear cousin Alvin ,my condolences to the rest of the family.God will wipe away all tears.Love you all*



cynthia charity - April 20, 2020 at 06:25 PM

MC

“ *Michelle Crewe lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.*



Michelle Crewe - April 20, 2020 at 06:23 PM

MC

Alvin you will truely be missed but I'll always treasure the memories with you and Dean 🌹🌹😭

Michelle Crewe - April 20, 2020 at 06:26 PM

JC

*We are sadden for your loss. Alvin will be truly missed by all. He will be remembered by his great personality and smile. We always enjoyed our conversations and it was always a pleasure seeing him. May God give you the comfort you need and may he continue to bless you.
Eugene and Judy Crump*

judy crump - April 22, 2020 at 09:27 AM

AJ

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Archer Jones Jr. - April 20, 2020 at 06:00 PM

BJ

Thanks June, 2 really nice pics, I had actually never seen the one at your wedding before, thank you for sharing, made me feel good ❤️❤️

Bj - April 20, 2020 at 11:12 PM

DA

“ *Mr. Adkins was never without a smile. He truly loved his family & life and wasnt afraid to show it; he was indeed the life of the party. He will be missed by many but definitely never forgotten. God has a true soldier by his side. Prayers of comfort & strength to the entire family and friends as you navigate these difficult times.*

Darlene Adkins - April 20, 2020 at 05:55 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Johnson Bailey lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.*



Brenda Johnson Bailey - April 20, 2020 at 05:46 PM

AJ

“ *TO MY FAMILY--COUSIN LORETTA, CONSUELO, VINA AND BJ, MY HEART IS STILL HEAVY. COUSIN BILLY WAS LIKE A BIG BROTHER TO ME, HE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR - ME FOLLOWED ME WHEN I PLAYED BALL IN SCHOOL, HELP ME WITH MY VEHICLES WHEN I HAD A PROBLEM, WE WERE SO CLOSE HE WAS MY BEST MAN IN MY WEDDING, HE ALWAYS CALLED ME COUSIN JUNNIE, MY PRAYER IS WITH YOU , REMEMBER WEeping MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT BUT JOY WILL COME IN THE MORNING,*



LOVE COUSIN JUN AND CHERYL

Archer Jones Jr. - April 20, 2020 at 05:43 PM

SM

Loretta my heart is with you and your kids an family. Billy was a wonderful man.He loved his family an always talked about you. He will be missed by all who new him. You have all my love an prayers. May you find comfort in the Lord. Sherry Miles an family.

Sherry Miles - April 21, 2020 at 12:57 AM

RC

“ THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE
ADKINS & CHRISTIAN FAMILIES.



Robert Charity - April 20, 2020 at 05:28 PM

HP

“ My sincere condolences to the family. May God Bless You All!!!

Hattie Perez - April 20, 2020 at 05:17 PM

NJ

Our family passes on great condolences for your loss. Words cannot express the sadness our hearts feel right now. We shall keep you'll in our hearts and prayers forever. You'll are good people and Alvin was a good hearted person. It was a joy to have known him for many years. Just know that we pain for you'll and will keep u close to our hearts and prayers. God Bless forever.

Nancy Jones and Family

Nancy Jones - April 20, 2020 at 05:43 PM

KM

“ Billy will never be forgotten. He has an understanding of people for who they where without judging them. His love was unconditional . billy was alway the life of a party. Sister not inlaw Kat

Kathleen Moran - April 20, 2020 at 04:33 PM

MA

“ *#Aintttlttt watch over us blade*



Matt - April 20, 2020 at 04:23 PM

AB

“ *Amy B lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Billy" Wendell Adkins Sr.*



Amy B - April 20, 2020 at 04:04 PM

DP

“ *It is with great sadness that the Ruthville Class of 1969 has lost yet another classmate after just celebrating our 50th Class Reunion last September. We were all so excited to see each other and catch up. Alvin was so proud of his family and sharing what they had been doing. Whenever Ruffin and I saw him it was always a pleasant conversation with shared laughs. He will be missed. Prayers and condolences to Loretta, his children, siblings and other family members.*

May you all find comfort in your fond memories of times shared with him.

Ruffin (Jr) and Delcenia Prentiss

Del Prentiss - April 20, 2020 at 02:42 PM

JO

“ We will miss Alvin dearly. He was a special person. Every time that we saw one another we made time to talk. When my dad had heart surgery, he not only cut my dad's grass but mine also. May God continue to bless each of you. Jerry and Donna Overby and Sons

Jerry Overby - April 20, 2020 at 01:04 PM

OJ

You will really be miss billy dee

oliver wendell cotten jr. - April 20, 2020 at 02:49 PM

DB

You meant the world to so many of us. This I hope you knew, You leave us with memories to forever cherish, Something only you could do. We know you were perhaps not ready to leave, yet for you there was another plan. We can only thank the Good Lord for blessing us, from the moment He reached down, and took your hand. Lord knows we will miss you Alvin (Billy- Hawkblade) Adkins Sr.//// Love You The Shop Boyz & Girls

Doreen Bradby - April 20, 2020 at 05:13 PM