



## William Ernest Bendle Sr.

December 6, 1942 - April 15, 2024

William Ernest Bendle, Sr, 81, of Port Haywood, VA (formerly of Varina, VA) went to be with the Lord on April 15, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ernest Bendle and Elizabeth Arnall Bendle. He is survived by his four sons, Bill (Mitze), Craig (Barbara), Tom (Michelle), and Lee (Tracy). He is also survived by several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Dwight, a devoted cousin Denny, a devoted neighbor and friend Ed.

Billy was a long time member of Calvary United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Varina Masonic Lodge 272. Billy was a proud former bus driver with Greyhound Bus Lines, among other jobs. Billy was also an avid train enthusiast.

The family will receive friends on April 22, 2024 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Calvary Methodist Church, 1637 Williamsburg Road, Richmond, VA 23231. A service will immediately follow at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Washington Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Mathews County Volunteer Rescue Squad in memory of Billy Bendle, 94 Cricket Hill Rd, Hudgins, VA 23076.



# Cemetery Details

## Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Drive  
Sandston, VA 23150  
<http://www.washingtonmemorialparkva.com/>

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

APR 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church  
1637 Williamsburg Road  
Richmond, VA 23231

## Funeral Service

APR 22. 2:00 PM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church  
1637 Williamsburg Road  
Richmond, VA 23231

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ My Father -in - law.

*I will miss you so much. You were always there for me. I could call you anytime with questions and you would have answers! You helped me with questions I had with recipes , projects I was doing , so many “Billy” tips that I loved learning! You gave me encouragement, listened to me ramble on my bad days and made me see things in a different way in situations when I was frustrated.*

*During my visits we would sit up late and talk pass midnight. I will miss but never forget the stories you shared with me. The ones about the days when you were a child and how times were then.*

*My favorite of your stories were the ones about one of your best friend, my Granddaddy. The friendship you all had driving for Greyhound, your NewYork trip you all were on one time! That I will remember, hahaha! The side work you did together ,both of you involved in the riding clubs . You were his dear friend. I know he is glad to be with you again.*

*You have known me all my life. You told me about you helping out with me as an infant. It was during a visit at my Grandparents. “They were moving furniture” , you said , “ and they tossed you to me and there I was holding this new , little baby girl. Just hearing that story just made me smile 😊*

*Little did you know that later I would meet your Tom. It was unbeknown to me and Tom that our families were already connected.*

*The Lord above had placed you in my life all along and gave me the best  
Father-in - law and Grandfather to my children.*

*To my children you were known as “Popeye” the name given by your Granddaughter “Katie” , some how Pop turned into “Popeye”.*

*You said , “ okay that is fine with me “ , and laughed.*

*They too loved stories you shared with them. The funny things you said. They will bring them up from time to time and just laugh and laugh. They will have these memories to share with their children.*

*You touched us all in so many ways. These memories will always be etched in our hearts ❤️*

*I will say , your “SO FAR , SO GOOD”, is ETERNAL 🕊️*

*Love you Billy/Popeye❤️*

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**Michelle Bendle** - April 19, 2024 at 09:30 AM

DB

“ Dierdre And David Bendle lit a candle in memory of William Ernest Bendle Sr.



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**Dierdre and David Bendle** - April 18, 2024 at 05:24 PM

VB

“ Vicki Bendle lit a candle in memory of William Ernest Bendle Sr.



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**Vicki Bendle** - April 18, 2024 at 10:27 AM

RH

“ *The first time i ever went to Billy’s house i was nervous meeting new people per usual and he welcomed me in with open arms and we started talking about everything under the sun. I will forever be grateful that i got to know a person so special like him even if only I’ve known for a year and some change it still feels like forever! My best friend and her family always make you feel like you’re right at home with them. Gone but never forgotten! 🧡💚 I’ll forever cherish the memories from last summer at your house and coming to see you in the nursing home and taking a walk around the building and talking about everything! May you rest in peace and watch over your family 💙*

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**reva hudson** - April 17, 2024 at 10:05 AM

TB

“ *Mr Bendle always had a story or a fact to tell. Thanks for putting up with us all these years... from the crab cleaning lessons (my kids and I are spoiled in this way now) pickle recipes, the spaghetti :) , the tent city, the kids first kayak, paddle boarding experience, the late night pier sitting, checking on us at the campground, the bay facts and the love for Mathews!!*

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**Toni Bowles** - April 17, 2024 at 09:35 AM