



Billy Leo Potts Sr.

May 6, 1944 - April 22, 2026

Billy Leo Potts Sr., age 81, of Shelbyville passed this life Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at his residence. He was born May 6, 1944 in Shelbyville to the late William Nelson Potts and Helen (Craig) Potts Baker. In addition to his parents, Billy is also preceded in death by his son, Billy Leo Potts Jr.; brother, Neal Potts; and sisters, Barbara Church and Elaine Jackson.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 23rd and from 11 – 1 p.m. Friday, April 24th at Gowen-Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. in the chapel with Brother Ray Armstrong officiating. Interment will follow in Willow Mount Cemetery.

Billy was a man who found joy in the simple and meaningful moments of life. He dearly loved his mother, a bond that remained close to his heart throughout his life. Billy had a true gift for gardening, especially when it came to his roses. With a natural green thumb and patient care, he grew beautiful blooms that were admired by all who saw them.

In his younger years, Billy enjoyed spending time outdoors, often frog gigging and fishing. Those moments brought him peace and created lasting memories of time spent in nature.

He will be remembered for his quiet passions, his love for family, and the beauty he brought into the world through both his life and his garden.

Billy leaves behind his wife of almost 62 years, Donna (Bryan) Potts; daughter, Sharon Seibers (Quincy); granddaughter, Heather LaFarlett; great-granddaughters, Alexis and Isabella LaFarlett; sisters, Christalee Neese and

Virginia Sheffield.

Gowen-Smith Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Billy Leo Potts Sr.

Cemetery Details

Willow Mount Cemetery

321 Dover Street
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel
850 Union St.
Shelbyville, TN 37160
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Funeral Service

APR **24**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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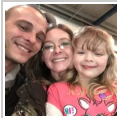
Tribute Wall



“ *Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Memorial Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy Leo Potts Sr.*

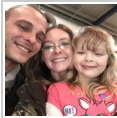


Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Memorial Chapel - April 23 at 06:02 PM



I'll miss you grandpa Potts. I love you so much.

Charles Reed - April 24 at 11:37 PM



I know he's happy to see his mama again at least. I love you grandpa Potts!

Charles Reed - April 24 at 11:39 PM

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“ *Billy and Donna were always there for me and I will remember the love that they shared I'm praying for Donna and her family may God continue to bless you and make you stronger*

Eric Harrison - April 22 at 08:04 PM