



George "Billy" Gayhart

December 14, 1931 - February 21, 2026

Frankfort – George William (Billy) Gayhart, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2026, after a short illness. Graveside services will be held at Frankfort Cemetery on Friday, February 27, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. He was born on December 14, 1931, in Frankfort, Kentucky. A proud graduate of Frankfort High School, George completed his studies in 1949 before serving his country in the United States Air Force.

Upon returning to Frankfort, he married the love of his life, Betty Childs. Together, they built a successful business, Capital Dry Cleaners, which became a cherished part of their community. George was a lifelong member of the First Christian Church, where he served as a deacon and was known for his steadfast faith and commitment to service. His devotion to the local community was further exemplified through his involvement with the Kiwanis Club of Frankfort. An avid fan of University of Kentucky Wildcat basketball, George passionately supported his team for over 70 years, marking him as a true ambassador of Wildcat pride.

George is survived by his wife of 71 years, Betty; his daughters, Cay Akin (Joe) and Ann Gayhart (Marianne); his grandsons, Adam Akin (Casie) and David Akin (Allison); and his great-granddaughters, Charlotte, Georgia, and Eleanor.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Gayhart and his mother, Elizabeth Caywood Gayhart.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Salvation Army and Shriners Children's Hospital, organizations that hold special significance in their hearts. George will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his spirit will live on in the lives he touched.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

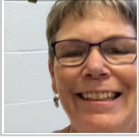
Frankfort Cemetery
215 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-2403

Tribute Wall

JG

“ So sorry to hear this. He was a great guy, and my family was blessed to know him. ❤️🙏 Tommy and Jolene Greenwell

jolene greenwell - February 27 at 12:18 AM



“ In 1982, when we were just starting Bluegrass Theatre Guild, we produced the musical “Oliver!” with KSU. We rented costumes from Murray State’s theatre department. As a fledgling theater troop, we had no money, and reached out to the community for support. Billy cleaned all the costumes at no charge! One of the first supporters of our community theater!. His kindness, generosity, and community support through church and Kiwanis made a difference in the culture of our community. Another thing that I will always remember about him is that he seemed to always be smiling.

Sally Jump - February 26 at 04:12 PM

TA

“ Tammie lit a candle in memory of George "Billy" Gayhart



Tammie - February 26 at 06:26 AM

MF

“ What a special man..... I have sweet memories of going with Billy and my Dad to UK games when I was young. He was such a kind man, much loved by my Dad Gene and a huge part of my childhood at FCC. Truly one of the most wonderful citizens of Frankfort. Blessings to Betty and his family.

Martha Flynn - February 25 at 08:12 AM

CF

“ Billy was a fun person who enjoy what he was doing. His life was filled with a purpose and what a heart for his community and kids as he showed it through the Kiwanis Club of Frankfort. I will remembered his smile and the joy of keeping our records for Kiwanis. RIP Billy!

Chuck Fletcher - February 24 at 04:23 PM

SB

“ *What a kind and gentle man . Always willing to fo something for the Community . He and had many good conversations about Principal and School Superintendent F D Wilkinson, that we both admired his commitment to the task at hand. He inspired both of us . I will miss my good friend . Steve Brooks .*

Steve Brookd - February 24 at 02:44 PM