



## Billie Belinda Merrill

August 21, 1950 - May 5, 2025

Memorial services for Billie Belinda Merrill, 74, of Gilmer, Texas, will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, May 16, 2025, at Latch Missionary Baptist Church with Brother Leon Ross officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home.

Billie was born on August 21, 1950, in Deport, Texas, to Willie Griffin and Pearlene Elliott Griffin and passed from this life on May 5, 2025, in Longview, Texas.

Billie grew up in Northern California. She married her best friend, Roy Merrill in August of 1968, and raised their 3 children in Woodland, CA. In 2004, both moved and settled in Gilmer, TX.

Billie was a devoted Christian and loved her church and church family.

Those left to cherish her memory are her mother, Pearlene Griffin; son, Cory Merrill (Kimberly Tornincasa); daughter, Shawna Courville (Chad); siblings, Brenda Griffin, Anthony Griffin, Debbie Griffin, and Joann Beshirs; grandchildren, Kyle Tedder, Maveric Merrill, Maxton Merrill; and step-grandchildren, David, Kenneth, and Steven Courville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Merrill; father, Willie Griffin; son, Ricky Merrill; and her brother, Roger Griffin.

Per mom's request – In lieu of flowers, she requested a donation be made to Texas Baptist Home for Children, [tbhc.org](http://tbhc.org), or Latch Missionary Baptist Church.

Please visit Billie's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave

a memory for the family.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Latch Baptist Church  
1050 Box Oak Rd  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thinking of Shawna and Cory during this time. Aunt Billie was one of a kind and no matter how long it hand been since the last time you saw her when you did meet again it was just like you spoke with her the day before, she will be missed.

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Billie was a Great Woman! No doubts about it. I met her thru my Girlfriend (Kate Curtis) and it was my privilege & honor to have known such a woman. She was Kind & The most Head strong Woman I've ever met. She loved life & most of all her Lord & Savior Jesus Christ! No doubts she will be in Heaven "running" things from now on . Gonna miss you Billie. Rest Easy now you & Really y are back together again. Love Always James W.

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James Webb - May 08, 2025 at 09:16 AM

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You & Roy\*\*\*

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