



## Billy Joe "BJ" Dewitz

April 18, 1943 - August 11, 2014

Dewitz, Billy Joe or "BJ" as everyone knew him, passed away peacefully on August 11, 2014, at the age of 71. BJ was survived by his wife of nearly 30 years, Lynnette Dewitz.

BJ is also survived by his son, Johnny Dewitz (and grandchildren Shawn, Cameron and Cole); daughter, Shana Tingley (and her husband David Tingley) and grandchildren Brittany & Ryan, Josh & Lalaina, and Alex), daughter, Julie Hennig (and her husband Kent Hennig) and grandchildren Adam & Sarah and Joetta & Michael and great grandchildren Khloe, Nate, Evan and Savannah); daughter Kathy Rosson (grandchildren Courtney & Steven, Tyler & Christin, and Hannah), son, Joseph Dewitz; and son, Steven Dewitz (and his wife Ashley). He is also survived by his sisters, Vicki Meenach and Penny Watkins, both of Dayton, Ohio.

BJ was a long time member of the Pentecostal Church of Longwood, where services will be conducted by Pastor Ryan Loyd on Friday, August 15, 2014. There will be a public viewing beginning at 6:00 PM with a celebration of BJ's life to follow at 7:00 PM. The address for the Pentecost Church of Longwood is 561 Orange Avenue, Longwood, Florida.

A reception will be held for family and close friends in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

It's just been a couple of days ago since BJ passed away, but he's already missed so much, by so many. Thank you for all of your expressions of love and encouragement.

Please direct questions to DeGusipe Funeral Home, 407-695-2273

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 15. 6:00 PM (ET)

Pentecostal Church of Longwood  
561 Orange Ave  
Longwood, FL

## Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory

AUG 15. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Longwood, FL

## Reception

AUG 15 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LY

“ A very special cousin going as far back as 1948 when we were baptized in the Ohio River on the same day. He was a great help to our family when our son, Ted, was killed in a motorcycle accident. We enjoyed having him with us in Las Vegas ,NV. Also enjoyed our visits to his family in Florida. Even getting our motorhome stuck in the sandy road in front of his house  
May God comfort the family  
Louise (Cooky) and James Young

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**louise young** - August 15, 2014 at 05:57 PM

RM

“ Billy Joe's family was close to mine growing up. We spent many times on a farm in Ohio when his family came to visit ours.

*We pray God will comfort all those close to him.*

*Ron and Shirley McCall [cousin]*

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**Ron McCall** - August 15, 2014 at 02:26 PM

BG

“ Billy Joe was special to me growing up. He never failed to get life moving when he was around. Such a loving man.

*I will miss you cousin. Love to the family as they say goodbye.*

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**Barbara Grant** - August 15, 2014 at 08:16 AM



“ *Red Rose Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Joe "BJ" Dewitz.*



August 15, 2014 at 02:34 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Joe "BJ" Dewitz.*



August 14, 2014 at 09:03 PM



“ *Tricia, Fred, Morgan Carson and Lila and James Hampsmier purchased the Peaceful Rest for the family of Billy Joe "BJ" Dewitz.*



**Tricia, Fred, Morgan Carson and Lila and James Hampsmier**  
- August 14, 2014 at 01:21 PM



“ I've been trying the last few days to think of what I wanted to say about you, Daddy Dewitz...I barely knew you but truly had such an appreciation and respect for how you had already impacted my life. First, raising the awesome man (along with Mama Dewitz) that would become the best friend my husband would need. Secondly, treating my husband as you would your own son. (which in turn made me feel welcomed into the family) Last but not least, that contagious smile you wore every time I saw you-regardless of the pain you were going through. What an encouragement you have been to so many lives with such a positive attitude during such a discouraging period of time. It's the encouragement I would need to pursue my own treatment with hope. I'm so thankful for you and the legacy you leave behind in memories & in your children. You will be missed greatly. Our little family loves you so much. We'll see you when we get home.

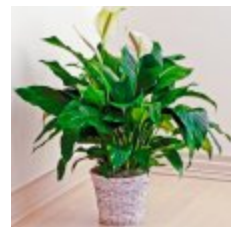


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**Linzi Easter** - August 14, 2014 at 11:13 AM

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“ *Carlene R. purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Billy Joe "BJ" Dewitz.*



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**Carlene R.** - August 14, 2014 at 09:19 AM

GC

“ BJ always greeted you with a smile. He was a nice man!

Gary Crossley  
(WDW)

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Gary Crossley - August 14, 2014 at 08:26 AM

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“ Boy I miss you so much already. I love you dad. I will miss talking to you so much and are running around adventures. I'm so glad your at peace now. Through this you made each and everyone of us find our own peace in this to. I will always love you. Until we see each other again xoxo

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Kathleen Rosson - August 14, 2014 at 08:14 AM

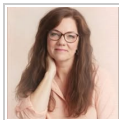
LD

“ For my husband of nearly 30 years, I love you and will miss you. So glad you are in the arms of Jesus. I miss you so much already.



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Lynnette Dewitz - August 14, 2014 at 06:39 AM



My daughter just told me about the loss of your husband. We send our condolences to your family. Your husband was always very kind to my family. Please let me know if I can help you in any way. Your neighbor,  
Tricia Carson

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Patricia Carson - August 14, 2014 at 08:17 AM