

Celebration of Life
Of
Billy Ball
SEPTEMBER 15, 1945 – OCTOBER 23, 2024



December 14, 2025, 12:00 Noon
Saint Edward's Episcopal Church

*Welcome to St. Edward's Episcopal Church. Come as you are. St. Edward's affirms the dignity of every human being.
God's abundant love is here for all.*

*This leaflet is your guide to the liturgy and is a resource for the material needed for this service. You will find The Hymnal
1982 (blue book) in the pew rack in front of you.*

*It is customary to stand during the singing of hymns and to either stand, sit, or kneel for prayers.
All items in **bold** are to be read aloud by the people.*

Billy Ball

Billy R. Ball, 79 of Cumming Georgia. Went home to be with his Lord and Savior on October 23, 2024. Surrounded by family and friends, his journey ended in the comfort of his own home.

Billy was born in Cartersville, Georgia, the oldest of 11 children to Clemuel "Russell" Ball and Margie McGinis Ball. The family moved to the Chicago area in the early 50's. Part of the family moved back to Georgia in the early 70's. Billy settled in Cumming, Georgia where he lived until his death. He met his wife Jan, and they enjoyed travelling with family and friends, especially cruising. They raised Billy's great-nephew Russell Morgan as a son.

Billy is preceded in death by his parents, brother's, James (Libby) Ball and William (Monique) Ball. Sisters, Auby (Tom) Britton, Linda Morgan, Willie "Sue" Ortiz, Geneva Ball, Elaine Howard, Rosie (Eddie) Whistler and Shirley Ball. Sister-in-law Joanne Ball and his wife Janice Hampton.

Survivors include his brother Danny Ball, his great nephew Russell Morgan, Sister-in-law Iris (Ray) Wondoloski, Adoptive family Jim and Marilyn Welch, and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Billy was a Tool and Die maker and retired from Impulse Mfg. in Dawsonville, GA. He was a member of "Brotherhood of Direct Descendants of Santa Claus" and Forbs (Fraternal Order of real beards Santa's).

He was an active member of St. Edwards Episcopal Church in Lawrenceville and a founding member of "the Brotherhood of St. Andrew". Many enjoyed his cooking at the fish fries and breakfast over the last 15 + years.

The family wants to thank Elizabeth for being his care giver. He loved you and you truly made a difference in his life these last few months. Also, Agape Hospice, especially Dereece, his case manager and the many other caregivers who cared for him at his home. He truly loved you all.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to either St. Edwards Episcopal Church, 737 Moon Road, Lawrenceville, GA. 30046 or Agape Hospice, 575 Old Norcross Road, suite A, Lawrenceville, GA 30046.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

ANTHEM *All stand, if able.*

Presider: I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

*Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.*

*And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.*

*As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.*

*After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.*

*I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.*

*For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.*

*For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.*

*So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.*

*Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!*

*So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.*

OPENING COLLECTS

Presider: The Lord be with you.

*People: **And also with you.***

Presider: Let us pray.

*O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Billy. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

*Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Danny, Russell, Margie, Auby, and the family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON Please be seated for the Lessons

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

Read by Ted Ruchalski

But the truth is that Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised. For just as death came by means of a man, in the same way the rising from death comes by means of a man. For just as all people die because of their union with Adam, in the same way all will be raised to life because of their union with Christ. But each one will be raised in proper order: Christ, first of all; then, at the time of his coming, those who belong to him. Then the end will come; Christ will overcome all spiritual rulers, authorities, and powers, and will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father. For Christ must rule until God defeats all enemies and puts them under his feet. The last enemy to be defeated will be death. For the scripture says, "God ut all things under his feet." It is clear, of course, that the words "all things" do not include God himself, who puts all things under Christ. But when all things have been placed under Christ's rule, then he himself, the Son, will place himself under God, who placed all things under him; and God will rule completely over all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

Read by Darcey Tatum

The Lector reads the Psalm; the People sing the Refrain.

Refrain

The Lord is my shep - herd; there is no-thing I shall
 want. The Lord is my shep - herd; no-thing shall I fear.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Refrain

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SEQUENCE HYMN

Jesus loves me

(From Lift Every Voice & Sing II)

Please stand, if able.

1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, For the bi - ble tells me so;
2. Je - sus loves me! He who died, Hea - ven's gate to op - en wide;
3. Je - sus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and whol - ly thine;

1. Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak but He is strong.
2. He will wash a - way my sin, Let His lit - tle child come in.
3. On the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! — Yes, Je - sus loves me! —

Yes, Je - sus loves me! — The bi - ble tells me so.

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:10-17

Presider: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

The apostles came back and told Jesus everything they had done. He took them with him, and they went off by themselves to a town named Bethsaida. When the crowds heard about it, they followed him. He welcomed them, spoke to them about the Kingdom of God, and healed those who needed it. When the sun was beginning to set, the twelve disciples came to him and said, "Send the people away so that they can go to the villages and farms around here and find food and lodging, because this is a lonely place." But Jesus said to them, "You yourselves give them something to eat." They answered, "All we have are five loaves and two fish. Do you want us to go and buy food for this whole crowd?" (There were about five thousand men there.) Jesus said to his disciples, "Make the people sit down in groups of about fifty each." After the disciples had done so, Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, thanked God for them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and had enough, and the disciples took up twelve baskets of what was left over.

Presider: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to You, Lord Christ**

EL EVANGELIO LUCAS: (9:10-17)

Oficiante: *Santo Evangelio de Nuestro Señor
Jesucristo según San Lucas.*

Pueblo: **Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor!**

Cuando los apóstoles regresaron, contaron a Jesús lo que habían hecho. Él, tomándolos aparte, los llevó a un pueblo llamado Betsaida. Pero cuando la gente lo supo, lo siguieron; y Jesús los recibió, les habló del reino de Dios y sanó a los enfermos. Cuando ya comenzaba a hacerse tarde, se acercaron a Jesús los doce discípulos y le dijeron: –Despide a la gente, para que vayan a descansar y a buscar comida por las aldeas y los campos cercanos, porque en este lugar no hay nada. Jesús les dijo: –Denles ustedes de comer. Ellos contestaron: –No tenemos más que cinco panes y dos pescados, a menos que vayamos a comprar comida para toda esta gente. Pues eran unos cinco mil hombres. Pero Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: –Háganlos sentarse en grupos como de cincuenta. Ellos obedecieron e hicieron sentar a todos. Luego Jesús tomó en sus manos los cinco panes y los dos pescados y, mirando al cielo, pronunció sobre ellos la bendición, los partió y se los dio a sus discípulos para que los repartieran entre la gente. La gente comió hasta quedar satisfecha, y recogieron en doce canastos los pedazos sobrantes.

Oficiante: *El Evangelio del Señor*

Pueblo: **Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.**

Please be seated.

EULOGIES

*Russell Morgan
Jay Welch*

HOMILY

The Rev. Fabio Sotelo

APOSTLE’S CREED

Please stand, if able.

*In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,
I believe in God, **the Father almighty,***

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Read by Kip Cloward

Presider: For our brother Billy, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Billy, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother Billy; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Hear us, Lord.

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother, Billy, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

THE OFFERTORY

Lord of loaves and fishes
Words & Music: Brad Phillips

Parish Choir

Is there any province that is hidden from His eye? Is there any country that is banned from His reply?

Is there any creature that can merit His embrace? Is there any person with no promise of His grace?

Can the Father of Forgiveness fail to hear His children knock?

Can the Lord of Loaves and Fishes e're forget to feed His flock?

In joy we live in God's abundance, to share His own abundant love.

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How can we contain these gifts that beg to overflow? Sharing them with others is the Father's love to know.

*We are but a vessel through which heavenly blessings flow; only in the pouring will our heavenly blessings
grow.*

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

Please stand, if able.

Presider: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Presider: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Presider:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

BLUE HYMNAL S-130

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

*And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Edward, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy
name. Thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for -
give us our debts, as we ___ for - give our debt ors. And
lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil: for
thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the
glo - ry ___ for ev - er. ___ A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider: *Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

THE COMMUNION

Communion is served at the altar rails by intinction.

Please indicate to the minister if you take bread/host or gluten free host.

COMMUNION MUSIC

It is well with my soul

I choose love

I am the bread of life

St. Edward's Ringers

Parish Choir

BLUE HYMNAL 335 (All sing)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: *Let us pray.*

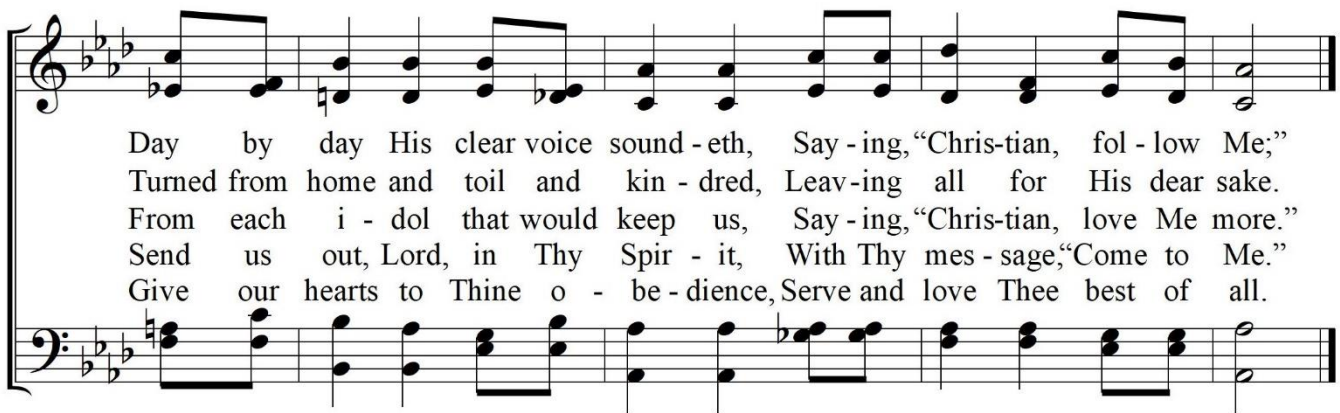
People: *Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT ANDREW'S ANTHEM

(All sing)



1. Je - sus call us; o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest - less sea,
2. As of old Saint An - drew heard it By the Gal - i - le - an lake,
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold - en store;
4. So, like An - drew may we go forth Bring - ing oth - ers, Christ, to Thee.
5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior, make us hear Thy call;



Day by day His clear voice sound - eth, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low Me;"
Turned from home and toil and kin - dred, Leav - ing all for His dear sake.
From each i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love Me more."
Send us out, Lord, in Thy Spir - it, With Thy mes - sage, "Come to Me."
Give our hearts to Thine o - be - dience, Serve and love Thee best of all.

THE COMMENDATION

The Presider and other ministers take their places around the urn.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Billy. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

PROCESSION TO THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

Presider: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

*The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace,
Having taken away the sin of the world.*

BLESSING OF THE PLAQUE

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulcher in the garden: Bless, we pray, this grave, and grant that he whose body is (is to be) buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to your heavenly kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus remember me

(All sing)

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom,
 Je - sús, re - cuér - da - me cuan - do en - tres en tu rei - no,

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THE COMMITTAL

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Billy and we commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.*

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.*

MUSIC

Amazing grace

(All sing)

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

2. *Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*
3. *When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

Presider: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

People: And let light perpetual shine upon him.

*Presider: May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please join us for a reception in Nickeson Hall following the service.



Billy and his brother William Ball

Both went home to the Lord this year.this year.



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Psalm – Darcey Tatum
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