



WILLIAM HENRY FISHER JR

November 12, 1947 - July 13, 2023

William Henry Fisher, Jr., known to friends and family as "Hank", went to be with Jesus on July 13, 2023. He was a graduate of Bessemer High School, class of 1965.

Hank proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. After leaving the military, he was employed by the CSX Railroad as a Clerk and then a Yardmaster. He was employed there for 37 years. He also attended college while working and graduated from the University of Montevallo in 1979. For many years, Hank coached high school age young men (age 15-18) at the Bud Newell baseball field in Hueytown, Alabama. He loved coaching and had a passion for all the young men he may have influenced.

Hank loved his home church, North Highlands Baptist, where he served as a former deacon and small group leader. Hank also loved cooking and showing others how to cook. For several years, he cooked for Tablescares and Wednesday church dinners. He also loved cooking on the grill, especially pork butts and ribs. His "secret BBQ sauce" was to die for, but he got the recipe from his favorite mother-in-law, Martha Rogers. (She shared the recipe with him and dared him to share it with anyone outside of the family). Hank could also grill the best steaks and pork chops you have ever tasted.

Hank loved Alabama football and he loved watching baseball games. He grew

up loving all sports, especially baseball and pitching. Hank also had a passion for reading. He had so many books downloaded on his kindle, he was running low on memory and had to remove some. When he was a young man, Hank loved to go crappie fishing, especially with his father-in-law, Gil Rogers. Many an evening, they would make jigs for their fishing trips. Hank loved the beach. He loved spending at least a month there during the fall. His idea of a vacation was sitting on a balcony, watching the water and reading a book. Hank was a "people-person," and he rarely met a stranger.

His mom was in a nursing home for several years. He went to visit her every day until Covid stopped his visits. While there, he would visit with other residents who thought he had come just to visit them. On occasion, he would carry them gifts and special treats. Hank loved the residents, and they loved him. He always came home with some kind of story to tell about his visit with them. When they had parties and special events at the nursing home, he always made it a point to go.

Hank was preceded in death by his father, William H. Fisher, Sr.; mother, Mary E. Fisher; and brother, Kenneth Wayne Fisher. He is survived by his wife, Melissa R. Fisher; son, Billy Fisher (Cathy); grandsons, Cason Fisher, Evan Fisher; and step-grandsons, Jack Stoves and Charlie Stoves; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The visitation will be held at North Highlands Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 from 10 until 11. The funeral service will begin at 11 AM. The burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Bessemer, Alabama.

They family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to North Highlands Baptist Church and/or the 24:14 Ministry (to be given through NHBC). The family wants to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, cards, and visits.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ I was so sorry to hear about the recent passing of your daddy, Billy! I feel sure he was a great man... his son turned out to be a great friend, husband and dad, too! My thoughts and prayers for you and your family!! ❤️🙏❤️

Judy Kelley - July 16, 2023 at 08:10 PM

PH

“ I work with Hank for years at L&N (CSX) Transportation RR Hank was easy to talk to as a yardmaster and was very knowledgeable about his job, he always call me at work to see what it looks like I was thankful for his help and pray for comfort for his family. Phillip (pea head) Howard..RIP

Phillip Howard - July 15, 2023 at 11:39 AM

RA

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Hank's passing. He was such a good person and he will be missed. He was the oldest of us four cousins and always set a good example for us. We loved him and I know he will missed by all who knew him

Robin Martin Adkins - July 14, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of WILLIAM HENRY FISHER JR.



July 14, 2023 at 03:08 PM

LB

“ Hank was the best neighbor. He was always watching out for us and our home. We enjoyed his Boston butts and party mix at Christmas. We will miss his smile and caring nature. I know we will see him again. Hopefully God will allow us to be neighbors again.

Leslie Bush - July 14, 2023 at 10:58 AM

JR

“ I knew Hank and Wayne almost all my life. My condolences to Hank's family and prayers for God's peace during this time of mourning. We will have a great McNeil School reunion in Heaven when I get there, my friend.

James Roberson - July 14, 2023 at 10:08 AM

SH

“ Melissa and Billy - Thoughts and prayers to all of you at this time. Praying for God's Peace and Comfort. It's hard losing a loved one, but knowing they are no longer hurting and now in The Presence of their Lord and Savior makes our hurting a little easier. He's now also with so many loved ones that have gone on before him. Laughing up there with Uncle Gil and Aunt Mitzie. Aunt Mitzie is probably asking him if he shared her BBQ recipe! Love you! Sharron Cleveland Howell

Sharron Howell - July 14, 2023 at 09:37 AM

GH

“ So sad to hear of Hank's passing. Billy and my son, Steve, were classmates and briefly played ball together for Hank. I know that Steve would say Hank was one of his favorite coaches. Did he ever raise his voice to any of his players? Very doubtful.

Gerald & Peggy Hicks. - July 13, 2023 at 11:51 PM