



## William Edwin Cain JR.

March 26, 1940 - November 6, 2020

William Edwin Cain Jr., born March 26 1940, passed away at his home on Nov. 6th, 2020. He was 80.

Born in Wilmington General Hospital, Wilmington, DE, to William Edwin Cain Sr. and Frances Seery Cain, Mr. Cain was baptized at his family's Church, Marshallton Methodists, Marshallton, DE, on Sept 8, 1940 by Rev. John Kelso. He was enrolled at that church in the Cradle Roll Department, Church/School.

Mr. Cain's parents, during his childhood, moved the family from Marshallton, DE, to Walnut Street in Rock Hall, MD, where his dad, William Cain Sr., started a small Seafood Business (Cain's Seafood). It's there, that he learned the Bay, becoming a waterman. Billy, as everyone knew him, had a love of the Bay and wanted all the nautical teachings he could learn. Mentored by the late Calvin Kendall, a waterman icon himself, he taught Young Billy all he could of the Bay and how to harvest it. Billy purchased his pride; the Sea Lady. Over the years, Billy built many friendships, a list too long to list. He catered to his family, nephews and nieces. His sisters catered to him too, with their hospitality and family gatherings. Tyrone Hawkins, one of many of Billy's lifelong friends, always said it best when describing Billy that "Cain is Cain," then he would laugh and shake his head.

Everyone around town that ever brushed elbows with Billy has a story; some

funny, some sad, some bad, but most are memories that would make you glad that you knew him. When Billy and his girlfriend, Debbie Bryden (now Legg), had their baby, it changed him. Billie Jo was his shining star. Everywhere he went, Billy Jo was clinging to his leg. Over the years, through their hearts, they were both clinging to each other. As the years moved on, Billy left the water and began a career in farming, with Herman Hill Sr. and then Jr. at Yearlings Beginning Farm in Rock Hall. After retiring, Billy stayed busy, cutting a few lawns around town until recently, where his health began taking a toll on him.

Billy's love was the water, farming, the military, (although never going to serve, himself). He had the utmost respect for anyone wearing the uniform. Billy, back in the day, was an avid hunter, but most importantly, had a love of guns. The Remington Arms Company presented Billy with a new shotgun at their family farm, Remington Farms, which he treasured, until a house fire took out his gun and trophy room. He had MD State Bay License of every caliber from Soft Shell Clamming, Commercial Fishing, Crab Potting, and Patent TONGING. There was nothing he didn't know about the Chesapeake, its tributaries, and farming. He was a member of the Amateur Trapshooting Association since the early 60's. Billy loved to cook and loved sharing his pretty famous rotisserie chickens with his family and friends.

Billy's life and legacy will move on through his family; daughter, Billy Jo Cain Miller (George), Colora, MD; his grandchildren, Breana Whye, Soffie Morris, and McKinlee Olsen; great-grandchild, Baby Wayne; step-children, Pam Hickman, Steve and Cindy Smith; sisters, Elizabeth (Betty) Cain Ainsworth & Tom, Wilmington, DE, Jean Russell, Wilmington, DE, Madeline Cornilious, Rock Hall, MD; nieces and nephews, Bob Godfrey, Lake Mary, FL, Elizabeth A. (Betty Anne) Glenn, Rock Hall, MD, Arthur Godfrey, Burlington, NC, Robyn, Denise, Billy, Karen, Lora, Lana, Justin, Herbie & Dawn. There are many great-nieces and nephews on the Cain and Bryden side as well as lifelong friends that have become like family to Billy.

Preceded in his passing are his parents, William Edwin Cain Sr. and Frances Seery Cain; his younger brother, Lewis Herbert Cain Sr.; stepson Butch Smith; nephew, Raymond Nelson Godfrey; brothers in-law, Roby Cornilious Jr., William Owen Walbert Jr.; as well as a special niece, Trish Mench.

A few days before Billy's passing, a reflection: "My Uncle Billy was a man of honor, if he said he was going to do something, he did it. He loved people, had no time for grand standing, couldn't stand a show off. He lived a humble life. He was abreast of all the goings on about the town (true or not, lol) Uncle Billy talked with me and plead with me to reach out, at people that could not love. Although his life was far from perfect, there can be no life if there is no love. Love is the life blood of us all. We can have a troubled childhood that makes it really hard to get over that hurdle, but when you just can't, and then age starts to grab us, health issues and the what-not's of the so called golden years, Well, that combination sometimes can be a volatile mix, without Love and support from one another. So, in my uncles final days, he plead with me, to me, to pass the word; LOVE each other, Find Good in a person, Find good in one another. Let's do this, people, together." Arthur Godfrey

Per his wishes, theree will be NO Funeral Service or public memorial. Please memorialize William Edwin Cain Jr. in your hearts.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - November 11, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ *William Edwin Cain JR.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Edwin Cain JR.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Edwin Cain JR.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Valerie Reihl lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



**Valerie Reihl** - November 29, 2020 at 08:41 AM

FD

“ Frankie &. Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.



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**Frankie &. Jane Dill** - November 15, 2020 at 12:39 PM

FR

*Fly high!!,*

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**Frankie** - November 15, 2020 at 12:42 PM

BE

“ Uncle Billy,

*It has taken me days for all of this to truly sink in.but it has and I just can't stop crying.so many happy memories .all of our family Xmas gatherings together..when you and mom and me went to Florida to see arthur and brother Bobby. What fun times we had. Most of the pictures I saw on here I can remember them exactly because I was there too.not all,but most of them.everytime we talked you always talked about what A good girl Roni Lynn was.we had our differences at times but all family does.what truly matter was I loved you n I knew u loved me.i remember when my brothers and I were little you always made sure you got us something nice for Xmas and easter.i remember like it was yesterday.when Billi Jo was born you were so happy.we all loved her and loved that you finally had a baby of your own.there is no greater love than a parent and their child.i am keeping Billi Jo in my prayers as she will never get over this loss.God has her uncle Billy.He is keeping her surrounded with his angels.that is my prayer every night.Rest easy uncle Billy.i will never forget you..*

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**BettyAnn** - November 14, 2020 at 09:03 PM

GF

“ *Gwen Fletcher sent a virtual gift in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



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**Gwen Fletcher** - November 14, 2020 at 01:48 PM

GF

“ *Uncle Billy was a great man and I smile everytime i think of him. He gave me the greatest gift the last time I saw him. We parted ways knowing exactly how each other felt. I can rest my head knowing that he loved me as much as I do him. Arthur and Billie Jo, thank you for allowing me to be there during the difficult times. I am thankful that you two have each other to lean on. If i can ever do anything, you both have my number. BJ, ill be there for the good and the bad. Never hesitate to call when things get to heavy to bear. I love u!!*



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**Gwen Fletcher** - November 14, 2020 at 01:46 PM

AG

*Very beautifully Stated Gwen. Thank you from Billie Jo and Myself. You were loved by Uncle Billy*

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**Arthur Godfrey** - November 16, 2020 at 10:16 AM

DL

“ *Debbie Legg lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



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**Debbie Legg** - November 12, 2020 at 08:04 PM

JS

“ Billy, thank you for being such a Good friend to Jerry and me. You called us every week to check on us and you always asked how my sister Pat was. I am sorry the way things turned out for you, just wished I would have known. Elvis said it right, "I did it my way" and you did. RIP, . Jean Spence

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**Jean Spence** - November 12, 2020 at 05:15 PM

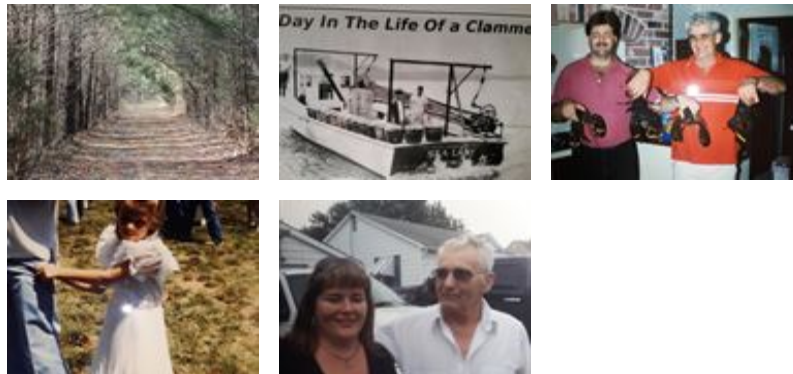
AG

Very well said Jean. Uncle Billy Cared for you a lot. Spoke kind words of you and Jerry. Hugs

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**Arthur Godfrey** - November 16, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ 21 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - November 11, 2020 at 01:49 PM

PM

“ Pam Marvel lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.



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**Pam Marvel** - November 11, 2020 at 09:40 AM

GC

“ Gail Kendall Claggett lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.



Gail Kendall Claggett - November 10, 2020 at 03:53 PM

PH

“ I will always remember you, my step dad, my friend. You were always good to me even through trouble times. I love you and will think of you always. RIP ❤️🙏❤️



Pam Hickman - November 10, 2020 at 07:51 AM

RJ

“ ROBBIE-ROBIN JOINER lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.



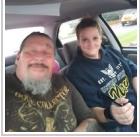
ROBBIE-ROBIN JOINER - November 09, 2020 at 07:21 AM

BR

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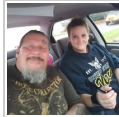
BrandonMorris - November 08, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Billie Jo Miller** - November 08, 2020 at 07:10 PM



*Daddy, I can't believe this. I love and miss you so much and I know you will walk with your hand on my shoulder until we meet again. I love you so much.*

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**Billie Jo Miller** - November 08, 2020 at 07:11 PM

SN

*I'm so sorry for your loss 💔 Stay strong Billie Jo 🙏*

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**Shelby Nordhoff** - November 09, 2020 at 06:50 PM

BM

“ *Brandon Morris sent a virtual gift in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



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**Brandon Morris** - November 08, 2020 at 01:49 PM

RP

“ *Rose Perry lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



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**Rose Perry** - November 08, 2020 at 12:04 PM

RP

*Hard to believe R.I.P. Prayers for all the family Billie Joe hugs it is not easy.*

**Rose Perry** - November 08, 2020 at 12:08 PM



*Thank you Ms. Rose.*

**Billie Jo Miller** - November 08, 2020 at 07:07 PM

BW

*BilliJo,,Hang in there dear.it's a very sad time. You are in my prayers.I to am having a very hard time but if to would like ton talk.I'm here..I know Dad loved you and worried about you all the time..I miss him dearly and have lots of great memories of my dearly loved brother.....Aunt Betty*

**Betty Ainsworth. ( walbert)** - November 09, 2020 at 02:28 PM



*Thank You Aunt Betty.*

**Billie Jo Miller** - November 11, 2020 at 01:21 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



**Connie Fithian** - November 08, 2020 at 10:50 AM

SC

“ *Steve Bonnie Cullis lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



**Steve Bonnie Cullis** - November 08, 2020 at 10:02 AM

SC

*Steve and I send our deepest sympathies . He will be missed, truly one of a kind.*

**Steve Bonnie Cullis** - November 08, 2020 at 10:04 AM



*Thank you so much. Daddy will definitely be missed. Its been the hardest thing ever in my life.*

**Billie Jo Miller** - November 08, 2020 at 07:08 PM

RT

“ *Rose Taylor lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



**Rose Taylor** - November 08, 2020 at 08:52 AM

DD

“ *Denny Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



**Denny Dalrymple** - November 08, 2020 at 08:00 AM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



**Denny and Judy Hickman** - November 07, 2020 at 09:16 PM

YB

“ *Sending my condolences to the whole family. He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed!*

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**Yvonne Babcock** - November 07, 2020 at 08:51 PM

AR

*Thank you Yvonne, Just getting around to acknowledging. It has been and is very hard. Uncle Billy was a mentor to me in many ways, i know you also were fond of him.*

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**arthur** - November 18, 2020 at 08:42 PM

DE

“ *Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



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**Donna Hubbard Edwards** - November 07, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ *RIP my friend*



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**Brenda Biddle** - November 07, 2020 at 08:46 PM

RT

“ Sending my deepest condolences to uncle Billy's daughter Billie Jo and her children and to the rest of our family ! He will be missed



Roni Lynn Thomas - November 07, 2020 at 08:27 PM

LW

“ Lisa Williams lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.



Lisa Williams - November 07, 2020 at 07:40 PM

LW

I was so sorry to hear this. Hugs and prayers to Betty Ann, Arthur, Miss Betty and all of the family <3

Lisa Williams - November 07, 2020 at 07:42 PM

AR

Thank you so much Lisa. Very painful. Uncle Billy always had a soft spot for you. He will be missed.

arthur - November 18, 2020 at 08:44 PM

DH

“ DENISE HEPBRON lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.



DENISE HEPBRON - November 07, 2020 at 02:24 PM

DH

*I WILL MISS YOU VERY MUCH MY FRIEND. I AM SO GLAD I WAS ABLE TO TALK WITH YOU. NOW YOU CAN REST IN PEACE WITHOUT ANY PAIN. THAT IS ALL YOU WANTED FOR AWHILE NOW. I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF YOU THAT I WILL CHERISH FOREVER!! XOXO DENISE*

**DENISE HEPBRON** - November 07, 2020 at 02:28 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



**Nancy Hubbard** - November 07, 2020 at 02:11 PM

PJ

“ *Pres & Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



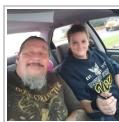
**Pres & Sherrie jacobs** - November 07, 2020 at 01:20 PM

MJ

“ *Mark & Sandy Joinert lit a candle in memory of William Edwin Cain JR.*



**Mark & Sandy Joinert** - November 07, 2020 at 11:00 AM



*Thank you Mark and Sandy it means a lot to Arthur and I.*

**Billie Jo Miller** - November 07, 2020 at 11:29 AM