



Billy Ray Greaves

March 11, 1941 - April 4, 2026

Billy Ray Greaves, better known as “Hippie” at BF Goodrich, 85, a resident of Miami, Oklahoma, passed away at his home surrounded by his daughters on April 4, 2026. Billy was born on March 11, 1941, in Miami, Oklahoma, to Raymond Leslie (R.L.) and Hazel (Higgins) Greaves. When Bill was seventeen, he joined the United States Navy. He was proud to have served his country. After four years in the Navy, he was honorably discharged and came back to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. He was able to obtain an associate degree in Electronics Technology. He worked for BF Goodrich as an electrician for seventeen years and later IME for fourteen. Bill had a green thumb; he always had the nicest yard in the neighborhood. He loved listening to rock and roll and dancing. Bill is preceded in passing by his first wife, Debbie Frogue, second wife, Nancy Inman, parents R.L. and Hazel Greaves, son, Christopher Horton, daughter, Shelly Hartley, and sister, Jean Lay. Those left to share the memory of Mr. Greaves include his daughter Cristie Vaughn and her husband, Jim of Miami, Missy Boyce and her husband Jon of Tulsa, daughter, Bee Love and her husband Will of Homer, Alaska, brother, John Greaves, thirteen grandchildren, twenty-five great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren.

There will be a visitation for Mr. Greaves at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 2:00 PM, Friday, April 10, 2026, at

First Christian Church in Miami, with Minister Kaleb Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the United States Navy Honor Guard.

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
5 B Street NW
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-3311
info@brown-winters.com
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

Celebration of Life

APR **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church Chapel of Miami
2424 North Main
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-9816
<http://www.fccmiamiok.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Heather Davis lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Greaves*



Heather Davis - April 11 at 07:14 AM

RG

“ *Although he was 12 years older than me I do recall that he was always joyful, laughing and happy and very present at family events. Great person and soul. Will miss you cousin Rod Greaves*

Rodney Greaves - April 10 at 06:14 PM

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“ *Carlene Kitchen lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Greaves*



Carlene Kitchen - April 08 at 08:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Greaves.*



April 07 at 07:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy Ray Greaves.

April 07 at 07:44 PM