



William "Billy" R. Black II

February 12, 2025

“We all loved Billy Black. He was the epitome of ‘One of a Kind’.”

William Russell Black II—Billy to those who knew him—was impossible to forget. He had a way about him. Sharp, funny, warm, and full of life, he could light up a room with a look, a quick remark, or one of his signature “Billy-isms.” People were drawn to him, and if you knew him, you knew. Billy was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2023 and passed away peacefully surrounded by his family.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, in December 1967, Billy grew up in Clarksville, Missouri. He was a standout student and athlete at Clopton High School (Class of 1986) and later graduated from Westminster College in Fulton, MO, in 1990. Even as a kid, he had big dreams and an unstoppable work ethic—a combination that would take him far.

Billy built a career in insurance and mortgage brokerage and spent much of his adult life in California and Texas. His two sons, William Broderick Black (“Brody”) and Baron S. Black, meant the world to him. Later, he met his wife Tatiana in Austin, Texas, where he started a new chapter and embraced a blended family, becoming a loving father to Julia and Clara. He never missed a chance to share how much his family meant to him.

Billy was funny, kind, and fiercely loyal. He had a way of making people laugh—whether through his quick wit, deadpan delivery, or just a well-timed glance. He loved the simple things—a round of golf, a day on the water, a perfect Missouri tomato, Harold’s homemade pickles, sushi, and a St. Louis Cardinals

win.

Billy is survived by wife Tatiana Black; children Brody, Baron, Clara, and Julia; mother Linda R. Black; sisters Shari Black (Joe G.) and Whitney Black (Alec D.); aunts Mary Dell Black and Lisa Pitzer (Clint P.); and uncle John Seward (Todd S.).

He was preceded in death by father William R. Black (“Rusty”); grandparents William L. & Mary Jane Black, and Gregory & Mary Seward.

Billy was deeply loved and will be missed beyond measure. His kindness, humor, and presence will live on in all of us lucky enough to have known him.

A Memorial Liturgy Service will be held April 5, 2025 at 10:00 am at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Clarksville, MO. Graveside Service to follow on April 5, 2025 at 11:00 am at the Greenwood Cemetery, Hwy W, Clarksville, MO.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Billy’s honor to the Seward-Black Scholarship Fund, % Shari Black, 23399 Pike 9332, Eolia, MO 63334 or online via his Everloved site using this QR code on the photo tab.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Pike 235
Clarksville, MO

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
S 2nd St
Clarksville, MO 63336
(573) 754-6609

Graveside Services

APR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Pike 235
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Tribute Wall

LM

“ Leon Mannahan lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" R. Black II



Leon Mannahan - May 21, 2025 at 11:39 AM

EL

“ Elenora Traynor Lobb lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" R. Black II



Elenora Traynor Lobb - April 03, 2025 at 07:38 AM

JL

“ John, Kimberly, Jarrod, Jessica and Lori purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William "Billy" R. Black II.



John, Kimberly, Jarrod, Jessica and Lori - April 02, 2025 at 08:10 PM

JL

“ John, Kimberly, Jarrod, Jessica and Lori planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Billy" R. Black II.

John, Kimberly, Jarrod, Jessica and Lori - April 02, 2025 at 08:10 PM



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Collier Funeral Home - April 02, 2025 at 05:27 PM