



Bill Drewry

December 1, 1937 - May 8, 2026

William Trent “Bill” Drewry passed away peacefully, surrounded by family in Tyler, Texas on May 8, 2026, at the age of 88.

Bill was born on December 1, 1937. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ransom H. Drewry and Jimmie Drewry.

He graduated from Lawton High School in 1956 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Oklahoma State University in 1961.

Bill spent many years working at Sheridan Bank before joining the family business, Drewry Communications/Lawton Cablevision, where he continued working until the company was sold. He valued the many friendships and relationships built throughout the years, including his longtime comptroller and trusted colleague, Laura Byrd, who worked faithfully alongside him for many years.

Bill is survived by his wife, Stephanie Drewry; his children, Brett Drewry and wife Donna Kay of Oklahoma City, Scott Drewry and wife Christa of Tyler, Texas, Tracy John and husband Lance of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Cade Drewry of Austin, Texas; and stepdaughter Morgan Suggs of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Whitney Simpson, Drew Daft,

Gunner Daft, Blake Drewry, Maci Drewry, and Lennox Jericevich, as well as three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Dr. Robert Drewry and wife Karen of Dallas, Texas; his sister, Susy Battaglia of Dallas, Texas; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Frank Battaglia.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Johnson and the team of caregivers for the laughter, love, and compassionate care they provided over the past two years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in memory of Bill and in honor of his granddaughter Maci.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall

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“ *There is nothing honorable, compassionate or humane about isolating a dying man from the people who loved him most. When someone is at the end of their life, you do not weaponize access, isolate them, or control information for your own purposes. You tell their family. You give people a chance to say goodbye. You act like a human being.*

I cannot imagine the pain of discovering that your husband and father had been dead for 10 days before anyone told Stephanie, Tracy and Brett.

Ten days.

No chance to say goodbye. No chance to grieve together. No dignity in the way this was handled. Keeping a family in the dark after the death of someone they loved is beyond cruel — it is something that changes people forever.

And then to have communication filtered through attorneys instead of basic human compassion only adds to the heartbreak and outrage. At some point, legality and morality are not the same thing.

No family deserves this. No wife deserves this. No children deserve this.

People reveal their character most clearly in moments involving death, loss, and vulnerability. Some actions cannot be explained away, because the damage they cause lasts a lifetime.

People will forget excuses. They will never forget how they were treated in moments like this.

Tiffany Claborn - 4 minutes ago