



## Billy Pyron

May 27, 1971 - February 28, 2006

Billy D. Pyron II, 34, passed from this life Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006 in Houston and is now resting in the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Billy was born on May 27, 1971 in Tyler, TX and was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in 1989. He received an Award of Honor in the National Honor Roll from the National Leadership Organization. While attending Robert E. Lee, he won the 1988 U.S.P.F. State Power Lifting Championship. He attended Tyler Junior College and in 1990 became certified as a Physical Fitness Specialist from The Kenneth Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research in Dallas. In 1998 he was certified as a Personal Trainer from the Houstonian Institute in Houston and was a graduate as a Physical Therapist. Billy loved his Lord and studying the Bible. His love was shown by the help he gave to others including the elderly and underprivileged. He enjoyed music and animals, especially dogs, and fixing little things around the house. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Dorothy N. Manziel and grandfathers, Bobby Joseph Manziel, Sr. and Eddie H. Pyron, uncles, Mike and Bobby Pyron, and cousin, Deborah Lynn Manziel. Billy is survived by his loving family including his son, Billy D. Pyron, III; mother, Merigale Manziel Pyron of Tyler; father, Billy D. Pyron, Sr. and wife Judy of Tyler; sisters, Marilyn Hartley, Shelley Simpson and husband John, and Rhonda Overbergen and husband Todd, all of Houston; grandmother, Ona Pyron of Tyler; nieces, Morgan Hartley and Carley Overbergen both of Houston; nephews, Hunter Hartley, Clayton Overbergen and Cole Overbergen all of Houston; many aunts, uncles, cousins

and friends. Pallbearers will be his cousins, Bobby Joe Manziel III, Michael E. Manziel, Nolan E. Manziel Jr., John Paul Manziel, Brandon E. Heath, Wesley M. Heath, and Jeremy D. Frank. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor Joe Strickland at 10 a.m. Friday, Mar. 3, 2006 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. If desired, memorials may be made to the Dorothy N. Manziel Family Scholarship Fund at the Tyler Catholic School Foundation, P. O. Box 131175, Tyler, 75703; or to the charity of your choice. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family! I hope Billy had a smooth journey to the other side and maybe we will cross paths again.*

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**John White** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Rhonda and Family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Jill*

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**Jill Rome** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. I know first hand how much it means to have the support of friends during the death of a loved one so I hope that your knowing that my thoughts are with your family helps to comfort you in some small way.*

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**Robin Gaskamp Levatino** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Rhonda and family - seems words are not enough to express how we feel. Please know that we are with you all in love and prayers.*

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**Connie Overbergen** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I was shock to hear about Billy. He was in my English class his sophomore year, then he was my classaide his senior year. He was a fine young man, always well-behaved in my class. He would come to my room sometimes before school and just talk. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. He was a thoughtful, sweet young man who will be missed.

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**Margaret Adame** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Rhonda,

*I was so sorry to receive the sad news about your brother. I am thinking of you and your family at this difficult time, and keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Fondly,  
Katherine Bissell Brady*

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**Katherine Bissell Brady** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ My deepest sympathy. And my prayers are with your family.

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**Todd B. Fleming** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Billy, Jerry and I know that you are hurting so deeply. Please know that we are praying for you.

*Merigale, Jerry and I can only imagine how your heart is broken. We are praying for you and your family.*

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**Jerry and Annetta (Wells) Payne** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Growing up in the neighborhood, my most memorable memory of Billy is him riding his motorcycle around the yard at his parent's house. He loved motorcycles, and the thrill of life. He was a wonderful person, always smiling and quick with a good joke or come back. I know that heaven is alive with the sound of laughter, and probably the revving of his motorcycle. He will be dearly missed, yet I know we will all meet again someday. My deepest sympathy and love to Merigale, Big Billy and the whole family. I am sorry I cannot make it for the services, but know that my love, prayers, and support are there for you.

*With my deepest sympathy and love.*

*Sincerely,*

*Christopher M. Coleman  
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**Christopher M. COleman** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Words just aren't enough to express how sorry we are for your precious loss. May you find comfort in knowing that Billy is spending a glorious eternity with his precious Father in Heaven. We love you both.

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**Sharon & John Muschalik** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Billy Sr, Mary Gail, Marlynn, Shelly, and Rhonda...I received word this morning. My sympathy and prayers are with each and everyone of you. I remember the all times that we spent together. The trip that Billy Sr., Billy Jr, Bobby, and I took to the motorcycle shop in Lancaster south of Dallas. That was a long ride in the back of that silver chevy pickup. All the times that we rode 3 wheelers at Mud Caverns (the clay pit across the street).The time that Bobby took Billy and I to Swan MX track. All those concerts at the Oil Palace. I remember all the times that we camped out in the back field, and spent the night at each others house. The time that he got the pixxy stix reward for returning the lost dog.LOL...we just couldn't believe that pixxy stix were given as a reward.I can proudly say that Billy was my best friend. Like Brian Adams sings about "Those were the best days of my life". This really makes one stop and think. Why didn't we keep in touch..Even though we didn't I will never forget the friendship that we shared.

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**Heath Batton** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Billy and Marigale, please know I grieve for you on your great loss. Words can never sufficiently express our sorrow, but my thoughts are with you now. God bless you both, as I know He does your son.

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**Dwain Anderson** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *To the Pyron Family:*

*I know this a difficult time for all of you. I am thinking of you & remembering all of you in my prayers. I am a friend of Rhonda's from high school.*

*I always remember Rhonda talking fondly of Billy. I remember how she use to say he was the most layed back guy - that nothing ever ruffled his feathers - just like water off a duck's back - he didn't let anything get to him. And that's the way I will always remember him.*

*May the Peace of Christ be with you all during this difficult time.*

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**Carolyn Hardy Rowley** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Love and condolences*

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**Lois and Barry Forsyth** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *My deepest sympathy in this time of sorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Karen Lurcott Cheetham** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Merigale and family, we are in Palm Springs CA and just heard. There is no way in the world we can get back there since our plane is in maintenance. We are both just crushed for you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and always. I will try to call you at the funeral home tonight. All our love, Carl and Jimmy*

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**Carl and Jimmy Westcott** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I was shocked to hear of Billy's passing. I was fortunate to have him as a classmate in several classes over the years at REL, including Mrs. Adame's English. He will be missed. To Billy's family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

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**Jeff Landrum** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To the family, I am so sorry to hear about Billy. My heart goes out to all of you in this very difficult time. I remember when he became a fitness trainer and was very excited. The only problem was he expected Rhonda and I to look as good as he did. I know he is in a wonderful place now. I can't physically be there Friday but will be there in spirit. Love to you all.

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**Jan Fawcett-Heilman** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ When I think of Billy I think of his shy smile, easy laughter, and his kind eyes. We are praying for your comfort and peace in this very sad time.  
Krissy and Brian

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**Krissy and Brian Burr** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Billy, I only got to know you through my brother Heath. Many times he has spoken of the fun both you and he had growing up and attending school together. I remember being home on leave from the Navy, maybe in 1984 or so, and you making a trip to Dallas with my family to Wet n Wild. We all had a Great time.  
Your passing at such a young age shows how fragile and precious each and everyone's life is.  
Rest In Peace.

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**Gary Batton** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of grief and sorrow.*

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**E.T. Boon** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Merigale - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to help you and your family.*

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**Kay and Ricky Davis** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *My most heartfelt sympathy go out to you and your family. Always cherish the Love, Laughter and Joy that you did get to spend with Billy. I speak from experience after losing one myself, Michael(25yrs old) back in 1993. Time has a way of erasing the past but, the memories of His Love will hold the family together steadfast.*

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**Mary(Lanier)Dunning** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Merigale and Billy,  
I am so sorry that you have to experience the loss of your child. I am praying for your peace.  
Martha Jo*

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**Martha Jo Tomlinson** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *To Rhonda and your Family:  
Matt and I were so shocked and sad when we heard the news about your brother. I know he was so special to you. We will be praying for you and your family. I know you are comforted in the knowledge that he is with God and that, someday, you will be with him again in Heaven. Lean on us during the next difficult weeks and months.*

*"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." John 10:27-28*

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**Susanne and Matthew Miller** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Billy. I will keep you all in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all during this difficult time.*

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**Nancilu Floyd Cranford** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Dear Pyron Family,----Merigale, Merilyn, Shelly, Rhonda and Billy Sr.*

*Rusty and I were so sad to hear the news about Little Billy. We can only imagine what a devastating loss that has been for all of you. Please know you have been in our hearts, our thoughts and our prayers. You will continue to be in the tough days ahead also. Let us know if there is anything we can do. Take care of yourselves.*

*Love, Susan and Rusty*

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**Susan and Rusty Hightower** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ dearest pyron family you all have been in my thoughts and prayers. i will continue to pray for healing as you all are such a loving and close knit family i know it is very painful time for you all. we are going to italy in a couple days. i will light a candle in the vatican and send my prayers your way. love sara

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**sara sands** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Billy spent a lot of time at my parents' house as we were all growing up. It seems like when you would see Heath you would also see Billy. I have not seen Billy for more than twelve years, however I know that Heath and I have talked about him alot. I always liked Billy and he will be missed. May GOD be with you and your family in this time of need.

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**Terry Batton** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ May God refresh the memories of all the times of joy and laughter spent with Billy to ease the loss.

*My prayers and thoughts are with you now and in days ahead.*

*Sincerely,  
Beth Griffin*

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**Beth Griffin** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am praying for your family. I hope that the knowledge that Billy is with God will give you comfort during this time. Do not hesitate to call me if you need ANYTHING at all.

*The words Jesus spoke to Lazarus' sisters are always comfort to me when dealing with someone's homegoing, even when it is not timely. John 11:25-26 'Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.'*

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**Stephanie Malone** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our heart felt sympathy goes out to every member of your family. We will keep you all in our prayers. Sincerely, Bea Daneshvar

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**Bea Daneshvar and family** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I am so so sorry for your great loss. I can not begin to even understand your pain. I will keep your family in my prayers. May your son's memory be eternal.

*Sharon Abercia Wilner*

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**Sharon Abercia Wilner** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ May your faith in God give you strenght. May time ease the pain. May your memories one day bring a quiet warmth and smile to your heart.

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of your tremendous lose.*

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**Nancy Frank** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Dear Family,

*Please know that you have been in our thoughts and prayers. We pray that the Lord will continue to bring comfort to each of you during this most difficult time.*

*Dianne and Wayne*

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**Wayne & Dianne Dean** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Judy and I want you to know we are so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Robb*

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**Robb Steinberg** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers! May God bring you some peace during this difficult time! We pray for brighter days for you and your family!*

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**Marco and Michelle Rincon** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Pyron Family during this time. May God Bless your Family.*

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**Tom Cassard** - February 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM