



Billy D. Roycroft

September 5, 1940 - July 11, 2017

Services for Billy Dean Roycroft, 76, of Longview, will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2017, at 2:30 pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler with Rev. Ted White officiating. Burial will follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery near Whitehouse.

Mr. Roycroft was called to his eternal home on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, in Longview. He was born on September 5, 1940, in the Walnut Grove Community to James Clinton and Agnes Dark Roycroft. He was a graduate of John Tyler High School and Tyler Junior College. While still in high school, Billy enlisted in the Texas National Guard, 49th Armored Division, and was called to active duty with the Army in 1961 during the Berlin Crisis. He worked in the industrial supply field and retired from Motion Industries in Longview in 2002.

Billy loved God, his family, and his community. He was a member of Little Flock Baptist Church in Longview and worked several years with the Kiwanis Club. Billy was a loving and patient husband and father. He especially enjoyed being a Dad to his son Brent and coached Brent's childhood soccer and t-ball teams. As a proud father, Billy attended every one of Brent's events and activities from kindergarten through college, whether on the field or in the music hall and even learned to appreciate a little opera. He enjoyed family history and loved to attend family reunions.

Billy was a lifelong football fan and for many years covered small East Texas high school teams for local newspapers just because of the love of the game.

When health issues restricted his activities, he developed a love for Nascar and spent his last years enthusiastically viewing football and car racing and listening to his favorite music. He faced his health challenges with courage and a positive attitude and he fought the good fight.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his loving family, wife Linda Mills Roycroft, whom he married on July 1, 1960, son Brent and his wife Cindy, two grandchildren, Tyler and Willow, two brothers and a sister: Fred (Pat), Ronny (Marilyn), and Peggy Roycroft Lusk, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers.

Visitation is scheduled for one hour prior to the funeral on Sunday, 1:30 to 2:30, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Walnut Grove Cemetery Association, 20846 CR 115, Tyler, TX 75703.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove Cemetery

11037 FM 344
Whitehouse, TX 75791

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUL 16. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Billy D. Roycroft



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 16, 2017 at 02:25 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy D. Roycroft



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 15, 2017 at 11:50 AM

MW

“ Linda and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your sweet family. Billy was a wonderful Christian man and will be greatly missed.

Mary Whitton

Mary Whitton - July 17, 2017 at 08:30 AM

RT

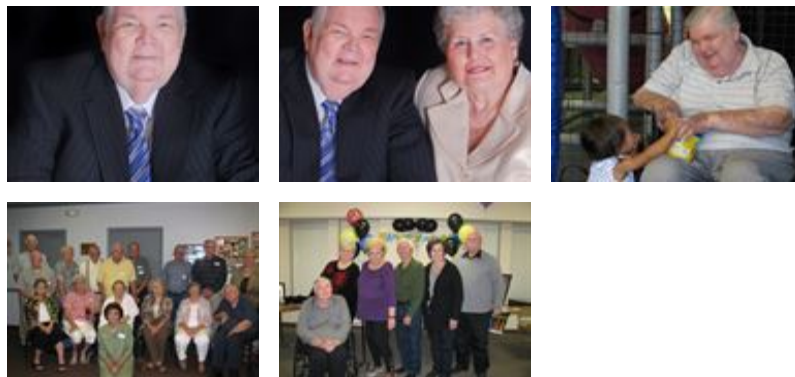
“ Sorry to hear of Bill's passing I had the pleasure of working for him at Burgess Power Equipment . Very nice man.

Ricky Todd

ricky todd - July 16, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 15, 2017 at 11:44 AM

MW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember the time Billy, my dad , sister and I went to play putt putt golf. It was probably in the late 60's. Donna, my sister and I had so much fun with the men without the women. I also remember riding my bike to Motion Ind. to get a chain for my mini bike and saw Billy there. He fixed me up with all the parts I needed. Good memories. Love you Ms Linda.

Mark Wyatt

mark Wyatt - July 14, 2017 at 08:05 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Billy D. Roycroft.*



July 14, 2017 at 05:59 PM



“ *We are going to miss Billy. His smile was infectious and he was a great man. Prayers to his family and friends. Love ya.*
Ginger K. Martin

Ginger K. Martin - July 14, 2017 at 04:47 PM



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Ginger K. Martin - July 14, 2017 at 04:38 PM



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Ginger K. Martin - July 14, 2017 at 04:37 PM

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Ginger K. Martin - July 14, 2017 at 04:36 PM

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“ *Mr. Roycroft welcomed me with a warm heart each time I came to his home as a teenager to visit his son, Brent, and every other time we would see each other. It has been years, but I can remember Mr. Roycroft's kind voice asking about my day and about school. He genuinely cared. His patience with teenagers is rivaled by few, and we tried it a few times. I am eternally thankful to Mr. & Mrs. Roycroft for trusting me to be their son's first roommate while in college. Being a father myself now, I am able to appreciate the true level of trust they agreed to place in me at that time. Knowing the kind of man Mr. Roycroft raised Brent to be, I can say without doubt that he was a father I can only aspire to be to my own son. While tears are shed for him and his family, his life is celebrated by all who were blessed to know him.*

Alan Thomas - July 13, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy D. Roycroft.*



July 13, 2017 at 02:07 PM

NE

“ *Our prayers are with Billy's family.*

Nancy Eddy - July 13, 2017 at 09:30 AM

CD

“ *My sincere condolence to the family of Billy Roycroft. He was always a happy, funny guy. I know all will miss him greatly.*

Charles Dark

Charles Dark - July 12, 2017 at 06:01 PM