



## Billy Neal Tapp

September 20, 1943 - June 24, 2022

Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life service for Billy “Bill” Neal Tapp of Bullard Texas on Saturday, August 6th at 11:00 AM at the Emerald Bay Community Church, 160 La Salle Rd., Bullard, Tx. 75757. Bill departed this life on June 24, 2022, at his home in Bullard, Texas. He was born September 20, 1943, in Lubbock, Texas and was one of 4 children of Floyd and Velma Tapp. He grew up in Lubbock and was a graduate of Lubbock Monterrey High School and Texas Tech University where he played basketball and studied business. He spent most of his life living in Texas including Lubbock, Odessa, Plano, Arlington, and finally Emerald Bay in Bullard Texas. He spent most of his career in banking and the final stint as a business owner in Arlington before retiring and moving to Emerald Bay to enjoy his many friends and life on the golf course and attending Emerald Bay Community Church.

He leaves behind his children, Brandon Tapp and his wife Michele of Frisco, Texas, and Alison Wartsbaugh and her husband Charles of Victoria, Texas; and his grandchildren, Mason, Logan, Gavin, and Graeson; his stepson, Paul Syptak and his wife and 3 children; and his stepdaughter, Paige Naughton and her husband and 3 children; his sister, Joanne Starkey; and his cousins, (who he considered as brothers) Larry Tapp, and Dave Tapp; along with many others in the Tapp family who loved and adored him. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Tapp, who he loved dearly. He was also preceded

by his parents and his siblings, Doyle Tapp and Deryl Tapp and his cousins Delton, Kenny, Jim, and Donald Tapp.

Bill lit up a room when he would enter. He was first and foremost a family man. He loved and cherished his family more than anything else. He made everyone he was around feel important, and his sense of humor was always present. He loved to laugh and was always there to pick up everyone else. Having played basketball at Texas Tech, everyone knew his love for his beloved University. Everything including his golf cart were emblazoned with Tech colors and logos. Lord help you if you were a Longhorn or Aggie as he would never let you hear the end of it. He was so proud of his children and grandchildren, and he would let you know that also.

He leaves his friends and family with so many great memories that put a smile on their faces. We are all better for having spent time with him on this earth. He was loved more than words could explain as there are not enough words. He was our Dad, our brother, our "Uncle Bill", and our Paw Paw.

For memorial donations, please consider donating to his favorite cause, the Texas Tech Alumni Association in his name at [www.texastechalumni.org/donate](http://www.texastechalumni.org/donate) or to donate by phone in Bill's memory, call Texas Tech Alumni CFO, David Low at 806-834-6610.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Emerald Bay Community Church  
160 La Salle Rd  
Bullard, TX 75757

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy Neal Tapp



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 01, 2022 at 10:24 AM

JG

Love you Ali! ❤️ Praying for you all!

Jeannette Gist - August 04, 2022 at 11:39 PM

WJ

“ I am heartbroken that my good friend, Bill Tapp, is no longer with us. We shared so many good times at laughs at Rolling Hills C.C in his golf group. I always loved getting paired up with him. A great guy who first and foremost loved his beautiful family. We lived about 2 blocks away from each other in Arlington and when his beloved wife, Barbara, passed away he took it very hard so I would go to his home and play music for him and even helped him pick out a guitar to learn on. Bill, you were truly one of a kind and a true blessing in my life. I will never forget you.

Wade Johnson - August 05, 2022 at 07:39 AM



“ Bill was married to my husband, Doyle Tapp. I have known & loved him since he was five or six years old. He always said Doyle was his hero and wanted to be like him. He loved me as a special sister-in-law. Bill so loved all his family and especially Alison & Brandon and their families. I know he was a Christian and knew he was going to Heaven. What joy he is now having with all the family & dear friends that have gone before us. Love & blessings to all of you and praying the Lord will be near to each of you and bring you peace & comfort. Love Twila.

Twila Tapp - August 01, 2022 at 01:27 PM

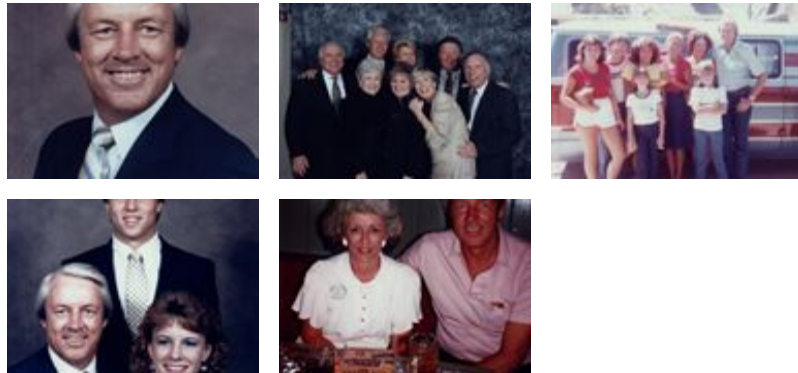


I believe the first line of this comment from Twila Tapp should read "Bill was the brother of my husband, Doyle Tapp." (Corrected by Jo Ann Starkey, sister to Bill)

JoAnn Tapp Starkey - August 05, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ 71 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 01, 2022 at 10:20 AM

MR

“ *Maria & Don Runge lit a candle in memory of Billy Neal Tapp*



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**Maria & Don Runge** - July 25, 2022 at 05:42 PM

MA

*You are in our prayers.*

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**Maria** - July 25, 2022 at 05:45 PM

LC

“ *What can one say about Billy that isn't interesting or funny or both?! Billy was truly a fun person to be with and had a generous heart and cared deeply about his family and friends. We always had good times with him both in Lubbock, at Texas Tech, and after we all moved on to "adulthood". He was in our wedding, called when our first child was born, and Billy, Larry Tapp, & Ted stayed in touch via phone or sometimes in person to catch up. Billy was always willing to chat about any issue/matter of concern, help, or just chat. We had many good times both high school & college creating great memories. Billy was so proud of his kids and his family. And he was very supportive of our family as well. We love Billy and our prayers go out to Brandon, Alision and the entire family. He was one of a kind and a great one of a kind. He will be missed. We will see you in Heaven Billy! Larry & Julie Cunningham, North Richland Hills*

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**Larry Cunningham** - July 15, 2022 at 05:15 PM

TB

“ Ted and Joyce Boyd have a room full of funny memories. Especially Ted. Ted and Bill have been friends for 72 years since first grade. They played hooky together in 3rd grade but got caught because they were in the park across from the school. One time in high school Ted, Billy, Larry Tapp and Larry Cunningham were driving through Roswell on the way to Ruidoso 2 of the guys were sitting on the window sill of the car. A cop stopped them, Ted smarted off and they nearly wound up in jail. Of course at the cabin in Ruidoso they built beer can pyramids in the window. Ted and Joyce were the first to marry out of the group so Billy and his date, Larry Cunningham and Julie, and Larry Tapp and his date (finally Sharon) would come over every Saturday night and we would dance to records. When Billy was playing basketball we would all meet for hamburgers at our favorite place. Most of the memories Ted has with Billy we can't repeat but oh so funny. We will really miss him.

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**Ted and Joyce Boyd** - July 11, 2022 at 01:22 PM

RW

“ Bill was a wonderful Father and raised two awesome kids! He was always so kind to me the times we played golf together! He was also a loyal Red Raider and famous basketball player in the mid 60's! Gods Speed to a great great man!

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**Russ Webb** - July 10, 2022 at 11:56 AM

TB

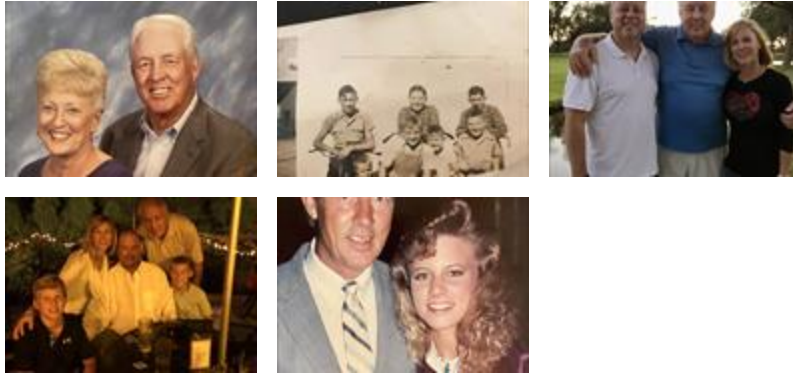
“ Billy, you were the greatest friend and competitor on the basketball floor at Texas Tech. I will always remember our love for the game and love for each other. God bless you Billy and will see you at the Top my friend Trenton Bonner

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**Trrnton Bonner** - July 08, 2022 at 09:33 PM

AW

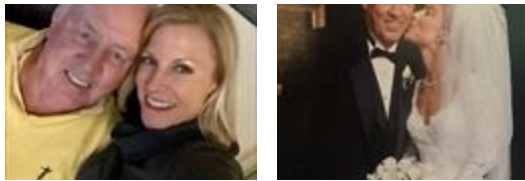
“ *Just more pics.....loads of memories...*



alison wartsbaigh - July 08, 2022 at 08:23 PM

AW

“ *❤️ My dad ❤️ — Raised my brother and I as a single dad most of our childhood. He was the best example of unconditional love for his family, raising us work humor, loving discipline and always encouraged us to do “better”.. challenge ourselves to be the best people we could be. This is the hardest loss I have had so far...but I know I'll be ok because dad is watching from above and wanted nothing more than for us to thrive and be happy. Love and miss you dad ❤️*



alison wartsbaigh - July 08, 2022 at 06:58 PM

ST

*I will always remember the last time I saw you! You arrived at our home to ride with Larry to go to Dave's home to play golf! You gave me a big hug and then before leaving, he gave me another “big hug!”*

Sharon Tapp - July 11, 2022 at 12:13 PM

MT

“ Michele Tapp lit a candle in memory of Billy Neal Tapp



Michele Tapp - July 08, 2022 at 05:06 PM

DT

“ Perhaps many of Bill’s friends are not aware of the close relations between his family and his best friend, Larry Tapp’s family. Their Mothers were very close Sisters and their Fathers were very close Brothers, making Larry and Billy “double first cousins”. They were born very close to the same date, so it was nearly like having two sets of parents. Both of these two guys never doubted either one’s advice and never lacked for a best friend relationship.

David Tapp - July 08, 2022 at 04:40 PM

LA

Bill was my brother in life and I am heart broken that he is now gone. Bill was 3 months older than me and we went to elementary, Junior High and High School together. He was either at my house or I was at his house all the time. He was my best friend and I loved him very much and will miss him greatly.

Larry - July 08, 2022 at 05:08 PM

JA

I met Billy at Monterey High School. He was a star on our basketball team. We all continued to follow him at Texas Tech. We saved seats for hours ahead of games to watch our friend and his Red Raiders. Such a wonderful father and friend. God bless you always.

Jane Sparks Anderson - July 10, 2022 at 09:29 PM

MT

“ 8 files added to the album Billy Neal Tapp



Michele Tapp - July 08, 2022 at 01:34 PM

MT

“ 1 file added to the album Billy Neal Tapp



Michele Tapp - July 08, 2022 at 01:20 PM

NR

*Billy was a teammate and fraternity brother at Tech. His enthusiasm and passion for the game was evident every day. He had a tremendous sense of humor and indeed would light up the room when he entered. I called him in June and had to leave a message. He returned my call with "Hello Ruby, this is Sir William returning your call." what a character and good man he was! He was a starter on our 1965 Tech basketball team. One could argue that the 1965 team, while maybe not THE best, is still considered ONE OF THE BEST teams in Tech history. Billy was a beast on the court! I will miss him.*

Norman Reuther - July 11, 2022 at 01:19 PM

CP

“ Prayers for the family and friends of Mr. Tapp.

Cindy Philpott - June 29, 2022 at 12:51 AM

MG

“ Billy, was a basketball teammate and fraternity brother with me at Texas Tech in the early 60's. Loved that guy! What a wonderful personality he had (never met a stranger)! Billy was the kind of guy that gave "it all" when playing for Tech, and he did the same in life. A very good friend that will truly be missed. RIP my friend!

Mike Gooden

Mike Gooden - June 28, 2022 at 11:57 AM

JG

“ It was such a blessing to know him. He adored and delighted in his children. I remember him being a kind, supportive, encouraging and fun father to Alison and Brandon. Praying that God holds the family close as they navigate these difficult days. Jeannette Gist

Jeannette Gist - June 27, 2022 at 04:18 PM

CS

“ Just a word to share your grief. I was having a great day on the golf course while playing in a tournament. I was playing alongside Bill when he said, "there's a bee on your back". I told him to kill it....he did but not before the bee stung me. Being allergic to bee stings, I had a quick reaction and had to quit playing. We got a good laugh out of it, accusing Bill of planting the bee to take me out of the tournament. He sat in front of me in church for a long time and I always thanked him for blocking the preachers view with that big head of his. Bill will be missed!

Carroll Strange - June 26, 2022 at 12:22 PM