



Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram

March 11, 1959 - November 23, 2025

“Everything’s gonna be good. When was the last time it wasn’t?” - HKB

Mr. Harold Kenneth “Hal” Bertram was born on March 11, 1959 in Tyler, Texas and joined his heavenly Father on Sunday, November 23, 2025. He was in the company of a dear friend, outside, pursuing his passion of hunting. His loss leaves an anguished void in the hearts of his family, countless friends, town, and church, but what lingers is profound gratitude for the time spent walking alongside a man who led with faith, humility, and unwavering love. Hal composed a life story marked by devotion, integrity, and a rare kindness that he etched into the souls of all those fortunate enough to have crossed his path.

To know Hal was to hold membership in an exclusive club. He made you feel special; he made you feel important. Whether you needed unfettered access to professional advice, life wisdom, or a sit-down with some seemingly unreachable oil company executive, Hal could make it happen with a couple of phone calls. He lit up the room with his easy-going smile and charming wit. If only they could bottle and sell his free-flowing charisma and coolness with which he approached all things.

Hal was a steady leader—not by declaring himself so, but because the way he lived made others trust him instinctively. His calm, steady presence made

people feel safe. His Christian faith wasn't something he wore publicly for praise; it was the quiet engine motivating every choice he made, every kindness he offered, and every person he helped simply because it was the right thing to do.

He loved his wife, Cathy, with an adoring devotion that was clear to anyone who saw them together. Their partnership was built on faith, warmth, respect, and the simple joy of doing life side by side. His daughters, Kathleen and Caroline were his pride and joy, and he poured his whole heart into loving and supporting them without compromise. He put them first in every decision, their well-being and success paramount to all else. He was equally devoted to his stepson, Trey Sloan, and daughter-in-law, Kaley, welcoming them fully into the circle of his love and always showing what it meant to not only have a stepdad, but to have a "Hal."

Hal approached the world with a hungry curiosity and a tenacity for living. He loved bird hunting—drawn to the peaceful mornings, the fellowship with friends, and the sporting challenge. A talented competitive shooter, he carried himself with the discipline and sportsmanship that defined so much of who he was. He also loved to travel, always eager for the next adventure, new landscapes, and shared experiences.

Hal graduated Robert E. Lee High School in 1977. He often spoke of times playing golf and cruising town with his friends. He then attended the University of Texas at Austin and graduated with a degree in Business Administration in 1981. While in Austin, Hal was a proud member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, where he forged lifelong friendships. He also achieved a Bachelor of Science in Geosciences from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1988. Twenty years later, forever strategic and adapting to the demands of the oil and gas industry, Hal returned to school and obtained his Masters in Geology from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2011.

Hanging in Hal's home office in a simple black frame is a type-written letter dated January 5, 1982. In it, Texaco welcomes him to their organization as an Associate Land Representative, to begin the position that next February. So began an over-four decades long career in the energy business.

Professionally, Hal crafted a career defined by determination, excellence, leadership, and an innate ability to see possibility where others saw obstacles. In his forty-three years in the oil, gas, and midstream sectors, he built and led organizations with a steady hand and a visionary mind. From early roles in land and gas marketing to senior leadership and executive positions across multiple companies, Hal shaped teams, drove growth, and built lasting relationships. He was described as a "master of the art of the deal." His dynamic presence in these roles was always especially impactful, helping architect expansion and guiding companies through key milestones and ultimately successful sales. He brought that insight to his work with Enron, Barrow-Shaver Resources, Sendero Midstream Partners, Nacelle Solutions, Alto Minerals and many others. His service on boards and associations reflected his commitment to both his profession and his community.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, titles, and tenure, Hal's greatest legacy is the way he treated people. He cared for neighbors as if they were family. He showed up for friends without being asked. He helped strangers because he believed kindness mattered. His quiet generosity shaped lives in ways most people never knew about, because Hal never did anything for recognition — he simply did what was right.

Hal loved his hometown. After years in Houston, Hal and Cathy seized the opportunity to move back to Tyler in 2005. Hal was a regular at his beloved Willow Brook Country Club. He served as President of the Texas Rose Festival Association in 2015. He then served as President of the Order of the

Rose in 2019. He and Cathy celebrated the tight-knit community of friends in this town, treating each relationship as a blessing that Hal cultivated and nourished with his time and care.

Hal was a lifelong member of Marvin Methodist Church. Most Sundays he could be found at the doors to the sanctuary, seating and chatting with guests and members while welcoming all into the place of worship for which he took so much pride.

Hal was preceded in death by his mother, Katherine Guerin Bertram; father, Col. William E. Bertram; and sister, Judith Guerin.

Hal is survived by his wife, Cathy Crow Bertram of Tyler, Texas; daughters, Kathleen Bertram Vogt and husband Taylor of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Caroline Bertram of Dallas, Texas; stepson, Trey Sloan and wife Kaley of Santa Fe, New Mexico; brother, Sam Guerin and wife Mary Lynn of Fort Worth, Texas; niece, Laura Howard and husband Will of Dallas, Texas; nephews, Vincent Guerin and wife Stacy of Trophy Club, Texas, and Will Guerin and wife Mara of Austin, Texas; and mother-in-law, Patsy Crabb Crow of Tyler, Texas. Although devastated by their loss, each of them endeavor to live with the same zest for life Hal instilled as his memory continues to shape everyday of their lives.

He will be remembered for his faith, his love for his family, his humor, his loyalty, his work ethic, his adventurous spirit, the unmistakable warmth that followed him wherever he went, and his ability to always pull off a blue blazer, no matter the circumstances. The mark he leaves on the world is deep, lasting, and cherished.

Hal will be missed beyond measure and loved forever.

A memorial service and celebration of Hal's life will be held Friday December 5, 2025 at 1:00pm at Marvin Methodist Church with Dr. Doug Baker and Dr. Marc Donaldson officiating, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Memorials in Hal's memory can be made to Marvin Methodist Church, 300 West Erwin, Tyler, Texas 75702 (www.marvin.church/give).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Marvin Methodist Church
300 W Erwin St
Tyler, TX 75702-7131
(903) 592-7396

Reception Following Memorial Service

DEC 5 (CT)

Willow Brook Country Club
3205 W. Erwin
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall



“ Hal, my thoughts and prayers are with your family. I always looked up to you as a kind, compassionate, talented and intelligent leader and as a model for others. You will be missed by all who knew you, Duel



Duel Glass - December 30, 2025 at 07:30 PM

DB

“ Rest in Heavenly Peace Mr Bertram from Debra you always had a smile I missed serving Friday night dinner club at WBCC rest easy



Debra Benson - December 06, 2025 at 03:34 AM

HH

“ Holley Evans Howard lit a candle in memory of Harold Kenneth 'Hal" Bertram



Holley Evans Howard - December 05, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal" Bertram.



December 05, 2025 at 10:32 AM

YR

“ Yuejie Robinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.

Yuejie Robinson - December 05, 2025 at 10:32 AM

LB

“ Leslie Duncan Blake lit a candle in memory of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram



Leslie Duncan Blake - December 04, 2025 at 09:37 PM

W&

“ Wendy &. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.



Wendy &. - December 04, 2025 at 03:55 PM

W&

“ Wendy &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.

Wendy &. - December 04, 2025 at 03:55 PM

BJ

“ Cathy

Thought and Prayers to you and the family. Lots of memories with Hal and the Lee Golf team. I know he is either bird hunting or playing golf in Heaven

RIP Hal.

Brad Jones

Brad Jones - December 04, 2025 at 03:26 PM

DB

Rest in Heavenly Peace a very kind and caring Mr Bertram from Debra B. From WBCC banquet I miss serving the dinner clubs on Friday nights rest easy . 🌹🙏

Debra Benson - December 06, 2025 at 03:28 AM

BA

“ Brad A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.

Brad A. - December 04, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.



December 03, 2025 at 10:18 PM

TF

“ Tom Jones - Quail Forever purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal" Bertram.



Tom Jones - Quail Forever - December 03, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal" Bertram.



December 03, 2025 at 03:34 PM

MW

“ Melinda and Gary Walker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Kenneth 'Hal" Bertram.

Melinda and Gary Walker - December 03, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal" Bertram.



December 03, 2025 at 03:34 PM

SF

“ Steve King Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.

Steve King Family - December 03, 2025 at 03:34 PM

MW

“ Melinda and I were devastated to hear of Hal's passing. He was a true Gentleman. Compassionate, loving and caring. Always willing to take the time to communicate with others. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Cathy and all of the Bertram family.

Melinda and Gary Walker

Melinda and Gary Walker - December 03, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.



December 03, 2025 at 12:10 PM

RS

“ Cathy and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this extremely difficult time. May you find strength through the Lord's love and care for you as you grieve the loss of Hal. Hugs, Rena Stiefel

Rena Brunt Stiefel - December 03, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.*



December 02, 2025 at 10:42 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.*



December 02, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ *Paige Bishop planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.*

Paige Bishop - December 02, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.*



December 02, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Russell and Priscilla Gilpin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.

Russell and Priscilla Gilpin - December 02, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.



December 02, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ Sam Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.

Sam Williams - December 02, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.



December 01, 2025 at 04:36 PM

AC

“ All the gang at Mewbourne Oil Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.

All the gang at Mewbourne Oil Company - December 01, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.



December 01, 2025 at 03:14 PM

TG

“ The AltoOne Group purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram.



The AltoOne Group - November 29, 2025 at 04:02 PM

DM

“ Such a Great Man and Great Loss. Praying for the family!

David Moore - November 27, 2025 at 03:00 AM

TB

“ *He was a true gentleman in every sense of that word: As a kid, Hal was wise beyond his years, patient with others, and kind to all. He evolved into a man who's conduct proceeded from good will and an acute sense of propriety. Hal was truly a man for whom honor was sacred and virtue safe.*

He will be missed beyond measure.

Tom Barron - November 26, 2025 at 03:50 PM

RB

What started as a business relationship in 1994 became a lifelong friendship. Hal's 'go get it' attitude inspired me to become a better energy trader. Even after we both left that circle, he continued to support me and cheer me along. He was truly one of a kind!

Ragan Bond - November 27, 2025 at 11:43 AM

ES

“ *Ed Sereno lit a candle in memory of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram*



Ed Sereno - November 26, 2025 at 11:17 AM

DS

“ *David Stephen lit a candle in memory of Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram*



David Stephen - November 25, 2025 at 10:13 PM

DS

“ *Hal*
We will always remember you and Miss you at Bernard's.
And on the other side, don't worry you'll get Soft Shell Crab
anytime!
I loved talking to you about golf, and will miss seeing you with the
Hancock's for dinner.
Praying for your entire family and love you buddy!
David Stephen

David Stephen - November 25, 2025 at 10:12 PM

PR

“ *Penny Reynolds lit a candle in memory of*
Harold Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram



Penny Reynolds - November 25, 2025 at 07:57 PM

KU

“ *Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Harold*
Kenneth 'Hal' Bertram



Kelley Uzzell - November 25, 2025 at 05:32 PM