



Walter E. Bill Wilmeth

September 20, 1940 - June 30, 2016

Services for Walter E. "Bill" Wilmeth, 75, of Tyler, will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with visitation at 10:00 AM (one hour prior to service) with Spencer Shaw officiating.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Wilmeth passed away peacefully after an extended battle with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease on Thursday, June 30, 2016 in Tyler.

He was born September 20, 1940 in Amarillo to Roy and Harriet Robb Wilmeth.

Bill was a member of Whitehouse Church of Christ, he was on the Texas Tech University Livestock Judging Team and a member of Phi Gama Delta Fraternity, (AQHA) American Quarter Horse Association, Palomino Association, Piedmontese Association. Bill was an avid collector and loved being on his ranch and working with a variety of different animals, he just wanted to be outdoors.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 53 years, Judy Sincler Wilmeth of Tyler; children, Walter Wilmeth and wife Kari of Athens, Anna Tanksley and husband Will of Flint; Earl Wilmeth and wife Misty of Brownsboro; grandchildren, Bailey, Maci, William, Wyatt, Gracelyn and Charli; sister, Carolyn Farquhar; brother, Frank Wilmeth.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith

County, 211 Winchester Dr., Tyler 75701.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

JUL 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Walter E. Bill Wilmeth*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 05, 2016 at 11:02 AM

AT

“ *Jack Baird shared his thoughts with me via text. " I'm out of the country...I've wanted you all to know I'm Heartbroken as much as when I lost my very own father and grandfather. I always appreciated your family taking me in as one of your own and think of you as my own family. My work ethic is in part from Bill and I'm so sad I can't be there to hug you, thank you and provide my second father the farewell that I would like to. My eyes swell with tears, yet at the same time, as I better understand the circumstances, praise GOD and give glory to HIM. Suffering and pain is over and we will all be together in his presence in time.*
Love you

Anna Tanksley - July 06, 2016 at 11:00 AM

TW

“ Bill was one of a kind. I've known Bill since 1948. As young boys often do, we had several disagreements but were friends the next day. Bill was one grade behind me in school due to his birthday falling after September 1st. During our 12 years in school we tried just about everything you could think of, sometimes we would do it twice just to make sure the first time wasn't a mistake. Usually it showed us we were wrong. After Bill graduated high school we went separate ways. I would talk to his dad Roy and he would keep me up with what Bill was doing. Years later we reconnected again in 2002. Bill and Judy invited my wife and me to their cabin several times. One time we met them in Shreveport at a casino. Both of us thought we knew how to bet but neither of us won. The last 14 years Bill fought the good fight with support of Judy and his family. I never knew of anything that Bill didn't give 100% to accomplish his goals. Rest in peace my friend you will be missed!!

Love to Judy and the family.

Tommie and Jean White

Tommie White - July 04, 2016 at 05:31 PM

DH

“ Bill and Judy have been our dear friends for 56 years. Bill has been a loyal and trusted friend to us for all these years, who has never wavered. Bill was a true southern gentleman! We were honored with Bill's friendship, and will always have wonderful memories of our many happy times together.

Bill loved and adored his Judy, as well as their children and grandchildren. Judy, you have been a cherished caregiver to Bill for so many years, and it has been our blessing being close to both of you. We thank the Lord knowing Bill is with his Savior now.

We love you, Judy, and hold you and all your precious family in our hearts and prayers.

Love, Dennis and Ann Holt

Dennis and Ann Holt - July 04, 2016 at 02:27 PM

EO

DEAR PRECIOUS JUDY!!!

I so agree with what has been said in the above note!!!

May Almighty God continue to surround you with His loving arms and give your more love and mercy then could ever be imagined!!! You have been committed to Bill!!! We all love you and so appreciate your care!!! In Jesus Holy Name! Amen!!!

Elaine Odegaard - July 04, 2016 at 03:05 PM

AT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Anna Tanksley - July 04, 2016 at 11:00 AM

AT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Anna Tanksley - July 04, 2016 at 10:59 AM

EO

“ It came time for me to present my two bits worth of memories of our childhood days on the playground at Spearman Grade School! I was standing before my classmates at the 50th Reunion in Amarillo and in my hand was a sack of Buffalo Beans that I had searched Hansford County over trying to find the little beauties!!! I finally found them in the Windmill Park thriving there beautifully!!! Having finished my remarks, it was Bill who asked me to come to him so that he could touch and feel the little round familiar pieces of "artillery" from the playground that was so loved by us kids!!! This was my payback for days of hunting the little "play things"!!! My ears were tuned to always listen for Bill's wisecracking in any class gathering!!! He came looking for me at the last time I say him to tell me "GoodBye"!!!
Goodbye, My Friend!!!

Elaine Odegaard - July 04, 2016 at 08:49 AM

LI

“ Bill, "Willum" was one of those people that you just wanted to know more about from the first hello. He was the perfect combination of ornery and genteel. You had to listen hard to hear him, but what he had to say was usually something you didn't want to miss. I loved his stories and the mischievous twinkle in his eyes. Even though I've only had the privilege of knowing Bill for a few years, I feel like I got to know what made him who he is. I think it's his spirit of determination, strength, character, humor, dedication, work ethic, ingenuity and love for his life and the lives of the people and animals who shared it with him. I'm glad to have had a little time on this earth to meet up with such a remarkable man. Here's skinning you, "Willum!"



Linda - July 04, 2016 at 01:41 AM

LI

“ Linda lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Bill Wilmeth



Linda - July 03, 2016 at 11:47 PM

LI

“ Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Walter E. Bill Wilmeth.



July 03, 2016 at 07:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter E. Bill Wilmeth.*



July 03, 2016 at 06:18 PM



“ *Bill was a man filled with laughter, wit and humor. As a cousin, he was always pulling pranks on me. He was a man of many talents. Whether he was training his homing pigeons in high school or raising or training his palominos for the State Fair of Texas or raising his Australian Shepherds, Bill never lacked for knowledge in any field.*

My favorite memory of Bill was the fresh fir tree he would cut for each member of the Wilmeth clan each Christmas from the Steele Ranch. Bill always made me feel special and I loved him for it. He will truly be missed.

May his family know how truly blessed he felt about each one of them.

*Our love to the family,
Jim and Nancy McGhee*

Nancy McGhee - July 03, 2016 at 09:29 AM

BK

“ My name is Buddy King. I first met Bill before my family moved to Spearman. I was a friend of Wesley Garnett who lived next door to Bill on Roland street. We played touch football in their yards Wes, Bill and me. I was a year older than Bill but he was bigger than Wesley and I put together. Our game got a little rough at times. I moved to Spearman a couple of years later. I was a second semester Freshman. Bill was an 8th grader and Wesley was a 7th grader. I started playing high school football my sophomore year. Bill was a freshman and he played Center and I played Quarterback. Well this resulted in Bill and I becoming quite familiar with each other. Our offense was the split T with the QB under the Center. Later on my Junior year and Bill was a Sophomore Chunky Blackburn was a Senior and went with Carolyn Bill's older sister, They had just put up the water tower in the south part of Spearman It was not enclosed for several years like it is now. We climbed that tower pretty often. We had great fun avoiding the one town policeman by climbing the tower and then got down before the Police came. I know we put a few gray hairs in the his hair responding to calls from the neighborhood calling and reporting we were on the water tower again. Never did catch us. We shared many other exciting times which I will not describe. PEACE TO YOU BILL. A good friend.

Buddy King - July 02, 2016 at 09:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter E. Bill Wilmeth.



July 02, 2016 at 07:11 PM

CL

“ Bill was famous for his ornery tricks. Of course, he had help! Ask Tom White about some of the more creative happenings. Our grandparents came to Hansford County about the same time so we had that history connection. My last memory and maybe my favorite one was at our 50th reunion. As usual he was clean cut and dressed in his jeans and long-sleeved shirt. He wanted to help me unload my car. I was worried because I knew he had not been well; but I didn't want to hurt his feelings. He carried the light things and I carried the heavier things. When we got it all in, he thanked me for letting him help! I still get teary when I think about our last time we visited.

Judy, you have been a godsend and all of Bill's classmates appreciate you.

Carolyne (Collard) Long

Carolyne Long - July 02, 2016 at 04:19 PM

BD

“ I considered Bill a friend from 2nd grade on. He was always kind and considerate of others. Usually in on the ornery stuff that the boys did but was so quiet that no one really suspected him. He will be missed at the future reunions. Prayers for your family Bill.

Betty Davis - July 02, 2016 at 01:35 PM

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“ Spearman HS Class of 1959 purchased the Violets And Butterflies for the family of Walter E. Bill Wilmeth.



Spearman HS Class of 1959 - July 02, 2016 at 12:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter E. Bill Wilmeth.*



July 02, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ *Judy, our SHS Class of '59 is sharing your sorrow in the loss of Bill. He was a part of our lives for many of us from the time we were 6 years old. We share your loss in many ways because he was "one of ours," and we treasure the memories. Please know we are thinking of you and your family and covering you with love and prayers.*
Carol Anne and Bill's classmates.

Carol A Pack - July 02, 2016 at 11:42 AM



“ *Judy and family,
Some of our favorite memories of you and Bill were made when we all spent time together enjoying and sharing our grandchildren*

His wit and that contagious smile is what we will miss the most

We love you all 💕

Danny & Gwen Moffeit - July 02, 2016 at 08:57 AM

TJ

“ Tom and Judy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Walter E. Bill Wilmeth.



Tom and Judy - July 01, 2016 at 09:47 PM

TR

“ A man who lived his life exactly liked he planned and wanted.....and it was good for everyone

tom richards - July 01, 2016 at 08:57 PM

GH

I told my family this morning that one of the pains of growing old is that too often we are required to say goodbye to the people and things that we have known all of our lives. And so, we say farewell to Bill who was there from the beginning to help make our lives special. He will live on in the hearts of all who recall the Class of '59 as we share the loss with all of his family.

~~ Gerald H.

Gerald H. - July 04, 2016 at 01:54 PM