



William "Bill" David Mullins

August 23, 1948 - April 23, 2015

Services for William D. Mullins, 66, of Bullard, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015 at West Erwin Church of Christ in Tyler, Texas with Danny Snell and Don Crawford officiating. Visitation will be Sunday evening, April 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. A graveside memorial will take place immediately following the services at the Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler.

William David Mullins ("Bill") passed away on April 23, 2015 at his home in Bullard surrounded by loving family members. Bill was born August 23, 1948, in Kilgore, Texas, to Dave and Betty Mullins and grew up in Gladewater with his two younger brothers. Upon graduation from University of Texas at Austin, Bill married Donna Ruth Cox on December 31, 1971. He began his career as a certified petroleum landman in Corpus Christi with Mobil Oil. He also worked in Houston and Oklahoma City with Tenaco Oil, Ranger Oil, and Prairie Producing Company. In 1982, Bill and his family moved to Bullard, and there he started his independent petroleum company, Bois D'Arc Exploration. Bill continued his career as a petroleum landman up until his retirement in July 2014. Bill held leadership positions in different churches as an elder or deacon (most recently as an elder with West Erwin Church of Christ). He also was a former president of East Texas Association of Petroleum Landmen, member of the American Association of Petroleum Landmen, and served on the Bullard City Council and School Board.

Bill met Donna on a blind date in the summer of 1971. She was the love of his life and his best friend for all their 43 years of marriage. The two of them raised five God-fearing sons. Besides being committed to his family, Bill devoted his life in service to God and towards improving the lives of each person he touched. He will be remembered as a wise, devout, loving, humble and compassionate individual to those that knew and admired him. He loved life with his family and friends and always maintained an adventurous spirit, often through hobbies, which included travel, fly-fishing, snow skiing, and 4-wheeling. Bill was also known as a talented writer and storyteller, which could be seen from his “tongue-and-cheek” Christmas letters that detailed annual updates on Burning Bush Farm and the Brotherhood of the Sons of Mullins. Bill is survived by his mother, Betty, of Gladewater; his wife, Donna; his sons and their wives, Ryan and Amy Mullins, of Kansas City, KS; Kevin and Jessica Mullins, of Castle Rock, CO; Kyle and Marissa Mullins, of Castle Rock, CO; Jordan and Shelly Mullins, of Dallas; Alex and Rebecca Mullins, of Athens. Bill is also survived by 12 grandchildren and two brothers and their wives, Russell and Barbara Mullins, of Frisco; and Don and Rose Mullins, of Katy. In addition, Bill was a beloved brother-in-law, uncle, and cousin. He is preceded in death by his father, Dave Mullins.

Special appreciation to Dr. Sasha Vukelja and Hospice of East Texas.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

APR 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

West Erwin Church of Christ
420 W. Erwin St
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall

WI

“ Absent from the body, but present with the Lord. We mourn the loss to this world, but know, through faith, we will join him again in our Father's house.

Wintters - April 30, 2015 at 09:15 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



April 27, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



April 26, 2015 at 08:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



April 26, 2015 at 08:10 PM

MA

“ Thank you for being a Godly man and making a difference in our lives.



Marsha - April 26, 2015 at 06:20 PM

SA

“ Bill was a gentile giant of a man, he will be greatly missed.



Samantha - April 26, 2015 at 06:17 PM

CC

“ Carter & Sue Cline purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



Carter & Sue Cline - April 26, 2015 at 10:30 AM

CC

“ A great friend, landman and gentleman. We will miss you.

Carter & Sue Cline

CARTER CLINE - April 26, 2015 at 09:37 AM

MM

“ *"How we walk with the broken speaks louder than how we sit with the great". ~B. Bennett*
I always appreciated Bill's ability to relate to & serve people regardless of their station in life - broken or great. I am thankful for his godly influence. Praying for the family.

M. Moriole' - April 25, 2015 at 11:45 PM

JS

“ *Our dear friends, Bill & Donna, were so amazing and wonderful during the illness (cancer) and subsequent death of my Father-in-law, several years ago. We live in Colorado and could only get down to Texas every so often, but Bill and Donna were always there to help him and he loved them too - they kept us posted on things that we needed to know and that needed to be taken care of. Bill was actually there the night that my Father-in-law passed away and he is the one who called to tell us and then they both shared in our sadness.*
We also spent time with them and their sons when all our kids were young. They would come over to my in-law's home and the kids would play or swim in the lake and we enjoyed being in their beautiful home several times. They were so welcoming, caring, kind, and great friends. Bill was a fine man - one who showed and shared his Christianity in many giving ways - he will be missed. God be with you, Donna, and kids and grandkids and bless you all with comfort and peace. We are praying for you.

Jan S - April 25, 2015 at 11:05 PM

MC

“ Michael and Crystal Carnes purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



Michael and Crystal Carnes - April 25, 2015 at 06:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



April 25, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



April 25, 2015 at 04:28 PM

RH

“ Rick and Sherry Hodges purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



Rick and Sherry Hodges - April 25, 2015 at 03:43 PM

LW

“ Love, Charlie, Jan, Kaela, and Erin Weeks purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



Love, Charlie, Jan, Kaela, and Erin Weeks - April 25, 2015 at 03:36 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



April 25, 2015 at 02:38 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



April 25, 2015 at 02:36 PM

DW

“ Darlene Whitehorn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



Darlene Whitehorn - April 25, 2015 at 12:29 PM

DW

“ My prayers go out to Bill's family...Bill even as a young boy was a wonderful obedient son and a caring brother. My two sons Stan and Gary thought of him as a role model. He will forever be a part of our most precious memories. I will be there for Donna and Betty in any way I can. Don and Russell I grieve with you.
Darlene Whitehorn

Darlene Whitehorn - April 25, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



April 25, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



April 24, 2015 at 10:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.



April 24, 2015 at 06:04 PM

TG

“ *The Swepeco Land Minerals Group purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.*



The Swepeco Land Minerals Group - April 24, 2015 at 02:36 PM

TT

“ *Terry Collier, The Woodlands, Texas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.*



Terry Collier, The Woodlands, Texas - April 24, 2015 at 01:14 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" David Mullins.*



April 24, 2015 at 12:42 PM

TC

“ Over the years, I have often thought about the days that Bill and I spent together at Tenneco Oil Company and the fun times we had hacking up the golf courses in the HAPL Golf Tournaments. We were young, eager to learn, and very excited to be in the oil business. I truly miss those times. Bill was a true inspiration to us all and tremendous credit to the land profession. He was a remarkable gentleman, husband and father and experienced the joy of a wonderful family that I know he was very proud of. Over my years, I have met many people through both personal and professional encounters. But only a few stand out as people of integrity, honesty, sincerity and genuine kindness, and that I can truly call “my friend”. Bill was and always will be at the very top of that list. Terry Collier, The Woodlands, Texas

Terry Collier - April 24, 2015 at 12:23 PM