



William B. Plunkett

December 29, 1943 - August 4, 2022

William Boyd (Hoppy) Plunkett, passed from this life to eternal peace and joy on August 4, 2022 after suffering multiple health issues. He was born on December 29, 1943 in Jacksonville, TX, the second of two sons of Joe Bob and Helen Plunkett of Overton, TX. His older brother, Bob, tagged him with the nick name "Hoppy" early on after the popular western cowboy star, Hopalong Cassidy. He spent his first 8 years in Overton and attended Overton grade school. The family moved to Gregton in 1951 where the boys attended Pine Tree Schools. After a year in Ft. Worth, TX they moved to Lubbock, TX where he lived until 1960. By now "Hoppy" had become "Bill" when the family moved to Andrews, Texas. Bill graduated from Andrews High School in 1963.

Bill attended Odessa Junior College and then joined the U.S. Navy. Following Boot Camp, he was assigned to Cubic Point Naval Base in the Philippines. He was promoted to Petty Officer - Aircraft Mechanic (Jet Engine) 921, received the National Defense Service Medal and faithfully served until he was honorably discharged in 1971. He was recommended for re-enlistment.

After returning home, he was hired by Pan American Petroleum, which later became Amoco Oil Production and worked until he retired in 1994.

Bill was known for his mechanical and artistic skills. He knew how to work and make things work. He loved to go dove and quail hunting with his son, Jaylon

and dog “Blue”. Most of all he loved the Lord, his children/family and was a good neighbor, always willing to help those in need.

Bill always attended his children’s sports events. It was a teaspoon full of honey before each event. His whistle was defining and like none other. We always knew where dad was in the stadium, till the end of the competition. His whistle kept us on pace and inspired each of us to be a champ.

Daddy always had the best yard on the block. He loved performing yard work and had the best “green thumb.” He and his son, Jaylon, had their own yard business. He worked tirelessly throughout the day only to come home and run the business with his son. He would take avocado seeds and nurture them into trees on his back patio. Bill always had an ear just to listen and give great advice. We loved his orange and white Ford pickup truck, especially when he let each of us kids sit in his lap and drive. If we ever needed anything, he would do his best to take care of us. He had the biggest, kindest, and most loving heart. He would give the shirt off his back to protect us all. But also, was strict in our upbringing to ensure that we had the best chance at life!

Daddy would run errands, here and there, and would have the uncanny eye to pick something off the ground in a parking lot saying, “I could use this...” He never let anything go to waste. He always re-purposed everything. Daddy was an inventor and an amazing artist; not to mention a loving father and instrumental in our up bringing.

Dad was the pillar in teaching life lessons to all his children. Whether it was about being a good steward of the community, becoming a great athlete, a beautiful ballerina, being a husband, wife, father and/or mother. Always teaching us how to overcome adversity, working on engines, taking care of our things, making right decisions, loving on one another, being patient, telling us to drive defensively (a lot) and above all teaching us to love one another!

Something he often said throughout the years, “make good decisions, because that decision will come back to you tomorrow, next week or maybe years from now...” When we were young, we had no idea what he meant. As we grew older, his words were gold and truly understood what he was telling us.

Visitation is scheduled from 4:00 PM to 5:00PM on Tuesday August 9, 2022 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

Graveside services for William Boyd Plunkett, 78, will be held Wednesday August 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Mason Cemetery in Arp, TX with Mark Fulks officiating.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Bob and Helen Plunkett.

He is survived by his loving family including his brother, Bob Plunkett, and wife, Judy, of Tyler, TX; son, Jaylon Plunkett and wife, Rachel; grandsons, Johnathan and Jaxon of Cedar Park, TX; daughters, Julie Plunkett of Dallas, TX and Jami Sibert and husband, CJ; grandchildren, Brant, Graci, Lanee and Parker of Dallas, TX; nephew, Joe Plunkett and wife, Reyna, of Tulsa, OK; niece, Brandi Plunkett of College Station, TX; aunt, Joyce King; cousins, Don King and Sue Walker and husband, Buddy Walker.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jaylon Plunkett, Joe Plunkett, CJ Sibert, Johnathan Permenter, Jaxon Plunkett.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Pointe at Cedar Park, 450 Discovery Blvd, Cedar Park, TX 78613.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mason Cemetery
21800 CR 252
Arp, TX 75750

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William B. Plunkett*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 09, 2022 at 04:50 PM

JP

“ *Merry Christmas dad! Miss you and love you so much. Wish you were here. We watched some videos from about 10 years ago when we were all in the hotel for Christmas and your Birthday. Boy howdy, sure wish you were here to visit some more!*



Merry Christmas and we love you!

Jaylon Plunkett - December 23, 2025 at 01:56 PM

JP

“ Morning, Dad...



Fall is in full swing, and I sure miss our coffee talks. The other day, I was in a meeting and someone asked, “If you could have dinner with anyone in history, who would it be?” I broke down a little and said, “My dad.” Just to have one more conversation with you—an hour over dinner—would be amazing.

I miss you so much. There are still so many questions I wish I could ask as I go through life and your things. Some of your personal items have been passed down to the girls and the boys, and others have found good homes through some of the programs you supported.

There are still a few boxes that carry your scent, and I can’t bring myself to open them too often—or let them go.

Love you, Dad.

Thank you for everything. ❤️

PS: Jaxon ended up placing 4th in the 400m Hurdles as a freshman! What an amazing young man he has become. He's ready to break the record and go even higher.

And get this, I'm a grandad now. Total shocker, but Johnathan is an amazing dad. "Her name is Tatum. She is beautiful, and I know that this will totally change him. Rachel and I both hope that this is the turning point for him and Courtney. We can only pray and hope.

Love them both so much and want the best for them. So proud of their accomplishments!

Jaylon Plunkett - October 21, 2025 at 11:11 AM

JP

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jaylon Plunkett - March 06, 2025 at 12:12 PM

JP

“ Hey Dad, to catch you and others up, Jaxon is doing great in his freshman year in college. He made the Dean's list and is 20th in the nation, as of right now, in the 400m hurdles. We are excited to watch him run in the coming weeks as he prepares for the Conference championship in OK. Aunt Judy is doing well. Joyce just turned 101 and still has a smile and a great laugh. Don is doing a great job in taking care of her.

Rachel and I are at a quandry right now in this time of our life, and I wish you were here to talk to about it. I try to have daily devotionals before my day starts, and I learned many lessons from you when I was young. At the end of the day, I need guidance. When I left for college and was not there, did you go through a struggle? Did you have to find things to do? I do. My little guy is not here to help me. Not a little guy anymore. I love ya, Dad, and can't wait to see you again someday!

Jaylon Plunkett - Personal - March 06, 2025 at 12:02 PM

JP

“ Oh, Dad, Jaxon made it to the State Track meet again this year! Senior year! Its this Friday, in Austin at UT. Super proud of him as I know you would be. We have one more college athletic visit at Utah State. He is hoping that they give him a good ride. It would be between Southern Arkansas and Utah State. Doesnt matter. He said that God is leading the way and he trust the process. Love you



J Plunkett - May 01, 2024 at 11:55 AM

JP

“ Morning Dad... I'm still going through your things a year later. So many questions, laughs, and smiles. I've found a few of your recorders and also old tapes. Got a treat and one has Papa on it. In 1986, he was working and recapped a disciplinary action he took with an employee. Good to hear his voice as well after 20+ years. Did find your dog tags, and a few other things that you mentioned that you were hunting for. I sure wish you would have come to storage while you were here to run through stuff with me. Love you and will see you again someday! WWJD-080422-JLY



J Plunkett - May 01, 2024 at 11:52 AM

JP

“ Miss you dad. Not a day goes by that I'd love one more time to chat with you. Jaxon made it to State in the 300mH and I sure do hope that you get to watch from up there. I can hear your whistle now just like the boys know my whistle. Love you so much. I know, I know, drive defensively and I love you dearly too!

Jaylon Plunkett - May 05, 2023 at 01:11 PM

JP

Hey dad,

Jaxon, Rachel and I stopped by last Thursday. We are doing college visits for Jaxon. He's had many track offers and is particularly interested in SFA and UT Tyler. If he does attend one of the two, just know he will be around to visit. Love you dad!

J Plunkett - November 06, 2023 at 11:10 AM

SO

Dad, I continue to go through your things. I laugh, ask why, and cry still to this day as I go through it all. It's always an adventure. Your talking clock goes off in the garage and when it does hit the top of the hour, it's like you're saying hello. I always talk back and either say Good morning Dad or I love you. I miss you so much.

I have so many questions about the items I find. Boy, how I wish we could have gone through these boxes before you left.

I know you're in a better place and hopefully have a good seat to watch Jaxon compete and Johnathan become a great young man! Watch your back Dad... See you again someday!

Son - February 16, 2024 at 11:54 AM



“ 18 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 09, 2022 at 04:45 PM

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My condolences to the Plunkett family. May our Heavenly Father Comfort all your hearts in knowing that he is in the Lord's loving arms. Thank you for sharing your beautiful & loving memories and may they continue to live on in your hearts.

We Love you my brother in-law Jaylon & my sister Rachel Plunkett.

John 16:22

"Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

Rosa Linda Fuentes Esquivel - August 10, 2022 at 09:27 AM

 Jay Plunkett

Miss our daily visits dad. Love ya!

Jay Plunkett - September 14, 2022 at 02:45 PM

RP

I miss our talks. I miss you! Love you Dad

Rachel Plunkett - November 04, 2022 at 09:28 AM

JS

Dad, it's 02-16-2024. Miss you dearly! You left me the best message on 08-19-2021. Oh, I found all of your mini cassettes. Including a few from PaPa. Love working in the garage and listening to them, as I continue to go through all of your boxes. I wish I had more! Quite interesting the things that were discussed in years past. Mostly work and some family voicemails. from the early 80's through early 2000's. Love you and will see you again someday! Be patient as its going to be a while! :)

J Plunkett - Son - February 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM