



William Henley Sammons

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William Henley Bill Sammons, 73, of Ore City went home to be with his Lord on July 14, 2003. Left to treasure his memory is his wife of 50 years Betty L. Ratley Sammons. Two sons and wives, David and Teresa Sammons of Burleson, TX.; Danny and Wanda Sammons of Ore City, TX., two daughters and husbands, Donna and Jamie McConnell of Tomball, TX., and Debbie and Kevin Hill of Krugerville, TX., Nine grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Two brothers W. Marland Sammons of Ashland, OR., and George Sammons of Lithia, Fl., two sisters, Beuton Hudgins of Woodville, TX., and Helen Brown of Anchorage, AK, several nieces, nephews, cousins and great host of friends.

Bill was born July 17, 1929 in Logan, Texas to George Henley Sammons and Betty Johnson Sammons. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Holly Campbell, Christine Hartman, and Lyndall Eyrick.

Bill was a retired bi-vocational pastor, having served in churches in East Texas and Oklahoma for 36 years. Previous employers include Brown and Root, H. B. Zachary, LTV, Chance Vought and General Dynamics.

He served two years in Japan in the Korean War in mine demolitions. He loved his country and was proud to serve in the Army to protect it.

Bill loved his Lord and loved people. He was a "grand-dad" to many young people and will be greatly missed.

Services will be held at Two O'clock pm Thursday July 17, 2003 at the First Baptist Church of Diana with Brother Gary May officiating. Internment will be at Crossroads Cemetery in Harrison



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Pallbearers will be Barrett McConnell, Jamie McConnell, Kevin Hill, C. G. Hudgins, Harvey Lewis Campbell, Charity Sammons, and Mindy Sammons Kim Brown. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Men's 111 SS class of First Baptist Church of Diana, the 578th Combat Engineers, Co. and area pastors.

Many thanks to Greater Hospice of Texas, Ilene, Jackie, Kathy and Cassity.

Memorials may be made to Greater Hospice of Texas 814 Gilmer Road., Suite #1 Longview, Texas 75604 or to First Baptist Church of Diana P.O. Box 96 Diana, TX. 75640.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday July 16, 2003 from 6pm until 8 pm.



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Anonymous posted:

hey mr Bill i know you are not suffering now like you was well i hope you like it up in heaven###imported-begin###Stephanie Hicks###imported-end##

July 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

###imported-begin###Don christie###imported-end##

July 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We remember Bill and your family fondly from our days at Calvary Baptist and theSo.Green Mission VBS and just wanted to let you know we love you and care.###imported-begin###Pat & Cliff DeSain###imported-end##

July 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU IN OUR PRAYERS! LOVE, YOLANDA AND DON###imported-begin###YOLANDA AND DON MCCARTY###imported-end##

July 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

###imported-begin###Andrew -Nancy Daniel###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Brother Bill was a great man and I remember the days at Cedar Springs Baptist Church. He Baptized me in 1966. He was the best pastor we ever had at that little church. Many years have passed since then, but I have always said and will continue to say the Brother Bill was the best pastor, and nicest person, along with his family, that I ever had the pleasure of knowing. He will be greatly missed. Heaven is receiving a Great Gift. My sincere Condolences to his family. Denise Tucker Coon Ore City, Texas

July 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We would like to express our deepest, heart-felt sympathies for the family of Mr. Sammons. His son Danny is our youth minister at Calvary in Longview. It was very apparent from the many times Bro. Danny has mentioned his dad, that he was a much loved and respected man. We pray God's deepest comfort and peace during this time of grief for the family. The Lord bless each one of you. Joe & Kathy Adams

July 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Sammons Family during this time of sorrow....we did not have the honor of knowing Mr. Sammons, but Danny spoke so sweetly of his father. May God's love pour over your family during the days ahead.

July 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

David & Theresa, I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your father. You both meant a lot to me when you were serving at FBC Hallsville and we will be keeping you in our prayers.

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Anonymous posted:

My sympathies on your loss. Brother Bill was a great man to whom I was fortunate to help guide my young adult Christian life. His love of the Lord guided him in giving advise and widsom of the bumpy roads that life can sometimes give us. God Bless You All.##imported-begin##Carolyn Phillips Guin##imported-end##

July 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry to hear about Bro. Sammons death. He touched our lives in so many ways. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your families during this time.Patty Cauthen ScarboroughKenneth and Dortha CauthenPaul and Kathy DouganKim and Anthony Bradburry##imported-begin##Patty Scarborough##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Gary @ Paula Scott Wilkins##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

God bless your family##imported-begin##Thomas & Orita Beloney##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Danny and David,You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time in your lives. We are sorry we were unable to make visitation or the funeral.##imported-begin##Sam and Deb Robey##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Mr. W. H. Sammons, a brother in Christ and a good friend to those less fortunate, will be missed by many who received his ministering in word and deed. I will miss the words we shared when he would come to my office. Bill was able to share with me his pain in being able to provide only modestly for his family while he served as a bi-vocational lay pastor in several venues. His love for the Lord transcended the comforts of this world. He never wore a new pair of shoes or fancy clothes any time I saw him over the past 7-8 years--it was important to him as he would often apologise for his appearance--but it wasn't as important as the true love of his giving himself sacrificially to Jesus. As Bill's family doctor during the last years of his life, it was my pleasure to serve so fine a bondservant of Christ. He told me tales of teaching Bible stories to a lot of little "rascals" who needed both the milk of human kindness and the firmness of a tough disciplinarian. He gave up the comfort of worshipping in a pleasant, large church to teach unwashed, underprivileged children or lead a rural congregation as a lay pastor. The openness with which Bill was able to speak about his joys and tribulations in dragging his family to one small church after another to serve without great recognition or even thanks opened for me opportunity to hear the vibrant testimony of an unsung saint of christianity. I counted it a high privilege. When Bill was diagnosed with an incurable illness, one which would in all likelihood cause pain in the last months, he was undaunted. He asked a few questions about the illness and then ... wondered out loud how the Lord could use him.##imported-begin##Rob & Phyllis Cary##imported-end##

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