



William A. Bickham

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Funeral services for William A. Bill Bickham, of Longview, Texas are scheduled for 12:00 P.M. on Monday, April 24, 2006, at Rader Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Laney Johnson and Rev. Dale Perkins officiating. Mr. Bickham died on Friday, April 21, at Good Shepherd Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Born on June 3, 1931, in Shreveport, Louisiana, the youngest son of James F., Sr., and Ollie Bickham, Bill attended schools in East Texas before moving with his family to West Texas. He was a member of the 1947 state championship Levelland football team, and graduated from Benevides High School in 1948. He was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps in 1952, proudly serving his country for two years. He was employed by Eastman Kodak for 36 years, retiring in 1990. Following his retirement, he served on the South High Beautification Project, and helped organize and served with the Citizens On Patrol program. He was a member of Mobberly Baptist Church.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 53 years, JoAnn Ward Bickham; one daughter, Valerie Allen and husband Ron of Longview; two sons, Kent Bickham of Houston and Kyle Bickham of Longview; five grandchildren: Shane Allen, U.S. Army, stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado; Whitney Allen of Denton; Deidra Allen of Gainesville; Alex and Madison Bickham of Longview; one brother, Al Bickham, of New Braunfels; one brother-in-law, Robert Ward and wife Mary Ann of Henderson; niece, Paula Bickham, and nephew, Bob Bickham, of New Braunfels, and a host of relatives and friends.



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Anonymous posted:

I was out of town and did not read the weekend papers until Mon. nite and would like to have been there to support you all in such a difficult time. You have been such wonderful neighbors to the Thompsons. Thank you for your support of my mom when we all moved away. I last saw Bill this year at a volleyball game at LHS and enjoyed visiting with him and serving him popcorn. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love to all of you, Lee-Ann Thompson Hunt##imported-begin##Lee-Ann Hunt##imported-end##

April 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

JoAnn and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find comfort during your time of sorrow. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14##imported-begin##Vernon & Barbra Vance##imported-end##

April 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mrs. Bickham, Valerie, Kent, Kyle and families,I am so sorry about your loss. I so enjoyed visiting with Mr and Mrs Bickham at the church luncheon back in November. We sat across the table from them during lunch. May God comfort each of you."Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4##imported-begin##Lauri McGaughey##imported-end##

April 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

JoAnn and family, my prayers are with you. Be assured that God will give you the strength and comfort you need now and in the future.Love,Helen Murry##imported-begin##Helen Murry##imported-end##

April 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Bill through PAR and COP and it was always a pleasure to be with him. The National Night Out parties were always great. May the Lord bless you all and you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Clay Whittenberg##imported-end##

April 23 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to your family. I am a cousin of Mary Ann, & we are thrilled to have Robert in our family now. Since Fred Stahl is also married to another cousin & our daughter works at Eastman, I almost feel that Bill is part of our family as well. May God grant you comfort in your memories. God bless you. Preston & Toni Combest Lucille Hawkins Childers###imported-begin###Preston & Toni Combest,###imported-end###

April 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I didn't know Mr. Bickham, but I knew Val from work and Kyle from school. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss. Remember to celebrate his life and to cherish all the good times you had with your Dad.###imported-begin###Kelly Kinsey###imported-end###

April 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Really enjoyed working with him at Eastman. I never was on his shift, but everytime I worked over on that shift he always made me feel welcome. Just loved his smile.###imported-begin###Max Vinson###imported-end###

April 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time. I am a cousin of Mary Ann and Robert and know how special Bill was to them.###imported-begin###Kay Magee###imported-end###

April 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We send you our thoughts and prayers and we appreciate all Bill did for Citizen's on Patrol. Dawn Sutton Cathy Nunley Kay Anders Michelle York from beat 10 C.O.P.###imported-begin###C.O.P.###imported-end###

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Anonymous posted:

To all the Bickham family, My prayers and sympathy are with you all during this time of sorrow. The last time I saw Mr. Bickham was in Lupe's. You all have a very special place in my heart. May God give you an abundance of grace and peace in the days and weeks ahead. Love, Mandy Johnson-Hensell

April 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry for your loss, we didn't know Bill directly, but were dear friends with Al and Minnie. Sincerely, H. L. Sonny Porter Martha Porter

April 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Mike and June Renfro Troy and Shannon Parlin Josh and Melissa Renfro

April 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Bill many years at Eastman on the same shift. He was a wonderful man. Sorry for your loss.

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Anonymous posted:

Billy and Jerri Palmer

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Anonymous posted:

Please accept our condolences for your loss of Bill--your husband, father, grandfather and friend. We are sorry that we cannot attend the funeral services due to Billy's medical condition. May God bless your family with the peace that passes our understanding.##imported-begin##Billy and Jerri Palmer##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bill was one of my favorite cousins. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Ronnie & Eva Sue Bickham##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bill was my first foreman when I went to work at Eastman. I was twenty-three and had just got married two months earlier. I had no father, so I listened to him as I would my own father. He was a very good man. He was a very good leader also.##imported-begin##Pete and Brenda Smith##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Through the pain of this loss, may you feel blessed having known such love. May your treasured memories bring you comfort during this time.##imported-begin##Sonny & Brenda Bickham##imported-end##

April 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joann& family so sorry for your lost,I will remember you in my prayers##imported-begin##Jerry Brown##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Bill was my forman from 1981 until he retired in 1990. He was very easy to work with and work for.##imported-begin##Curtis Chapman##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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