



Billy Ray Bruton

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Billy Ray Bruton, longtime resident of Longview, passed away January 14, 2012 at Good Shepherd Hospital at the age of 85. Billy was born on November 1, 1926 in Ft. Worth, Texas. He attended Milby High School in Houston, Texas, but at the age of 16 he enlisted in the US Navy by deceiving the recruitment officer. After the end of WWII he attended East Texas Baptist College in Marshall and the University of Houston and was ordained from Manchester Baptist Church. Billy worked for Axelson, Inc. for 37 years, starting as a test engineer and ending his career as Vice President of the Engineering Division. He traveled worldwide on behalf of the company. Billy was the inventor and co-inventor of numerous devices and parts for which Axelson holds the patents.

However, Billy's true calling in life was to be a minister of the Lord. He was unmistakably the spiritual leader of his family; he served as a Sunday School teacher and Deacon for many years and went on numerous mission trips. He worked tirelessly within Longview's Christian community volunteering for house building and repair work. He also officiated at funerals for several family members. Billy's faith in Christ was exuberant, and he never missed an opportunity to tell others what Jesus had done for him. Billy was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church for 37 years.

Billy met the love of his life, Bobbie Louise Howell, when he was 16 and she was 13, when he shot down her kite with his BB-gun. They attended the same high school and married when he was 19 and she was 17, and they enjoyed a 65 year marriage. Billy is survived by his wife, Bobbie; his son, Rex; and his daughter, Kathy; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. We rejoice that he is now home in heaven with his Savior.

The family will receive friends this evening, January 16, 2012 from 6-8 PM at Rader Funeral Home of Longview. A memorial service will be held at 10 AM on Tuesday,



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January 17, 2012 at Calvary Baptist Church with Brother Richard Jones officiating. The family requests that memorial donations be made to the building fund of Calvary Baptist Church, 4715 Tenneryville Road Longview, TX 75604. A memorial guestbook may be signed online at www.raderfh.com.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

I love you Honey###imported-begin###kristi bacon###imported-end##

November 2 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Bobbi,My heart goes out to you and your family. May god go with you during this time of sorrow and may you be smiling remembering all the wonderful memeries you shared together. Love,Mary Hayes###imported-begin###Mary Hayes###imported-end##

January 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I can remember my time with Billy with a tremendous respect and very good memories of the whole family. I will pray for the whole family requesting God's peace and loving arms around all.###imported-begin###William Roberts###imported-end##

January 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

May God give you peace and comfort at this time of need, and know that he was loved and respected by all who knew him.###imported-begin###Agnes Few###imported-end##

January 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Bruton and family,I am very sorry for your loss. Mr. Bruton was a fine man and was such a witness for the Lord.I appreciate the friendship from your family to mine for many years and remember how kind-hearted he was when we went to church together at Calvary. My dad will be shaking his hand in Heaven.My prayers are with you all at this time.###imported-begin###Ruth Sullivan Kay###imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Bobbie, I hold you in my heart during this sad time. Like so many others who worked at Axelson, I consider it a distinct privilege to have known Bill. He was an inspiration in so many ways, as you are, Bobbie. My deepest sympathy and love to you, Rex, and Kathy.##imported-begin##Gloria Plant##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with and for Billy at Axelson from the field and at the Longview office for many years. There are so many memories from those years-and I can't think of a bad one. My prayers go out to all of Billy's family and friends.##imported-begin##Dwight Duplantis##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I loved and respected Mr. Bruton for everything he said and did. He was truly a man of faith and I am happy for him to be with his Saviour. Wish I could be with you Bobbie.Gayle##imported-begin##Gayle Tedford##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathies and Condolences to the family. I knew Billy from my days at Axelson, he was a very dedicated individual.##imported-begin##Ronnie Northcutt##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bill Bruton was a mighty fine individual. Axelson brought together a bunch of fine people and Bill was one of the bunch.##imported-begin##Gene Adams##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Knew Billy for several years at Axelson. He will be missed by all.##imported-begin##Kenneth Uselton##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was associated with Bill the 37 years he was at Axelson and have nothing but praise for the spirit, determination and dedication he had for his work. He will be missed, but I know he is glad to be in the place for which he dedicated a great part of his life. We offer our deepest sympathy to Bobbie, Rex, Kathy and the extended family members.Luis and Etheleen Celerier##imported-begin##Luis & Etheleen Celerier##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Bill was a wonderful boss and friend. In his passing we can reflect on his sharing of his time and talents with the Axelson family and celebrate the wonderful memories he left for all. Peace be with the family during this time of grieving.Respectfully,John Norton##imported-begin##John Norton##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bill left a lot of memories, all good. Rest in peace forever.##imported-begin##Wayne & Janet Perkins##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A good man now rests in eternity with his Saviour.##imported-begin##Kathy Griffiths Somer##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Met Billy & Bobbie in 1969 when I went to work for AXELSON. Billy was very hard working and helpful to all the people he worked with. We remember all the good times & fun we had together. May he rest in peace. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Bobbie, Rex, Kathy and all the kids. Bill and Sylvia Brabits###imported-begin##William Brabits###imported-end##

January 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Uncle Billy - your smile will be missed. Go play with the Angels. Love Vicki, Scott, Melissa & Sarah###imported-begin##Vicki Laudig###imported-end##

January 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bill will be missed all that knew him. My thoughts & prayers are with the family.###imported-begin##Charlie Alread###imported-end##

January 14 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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