



# William Russell Dexter II

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**W**illiam (Bill) Russell Dexter II, age 82, of Longview Texas, was called home to God's warm embrace on January 16, 2016. He was our beloved husband, dad, poppa, brother, uncle, friend, co-worker, neighbor, Sunday school class teacher, and wonderful child of God.

Bill was born in Independence, Missouri on May 15, 1933 to Paul Eugene and Eliza Hedrick Dexter. He was the middle son of older brother Paul and younger brother Jim. A sister, Dorothy, joined the family after the death of his mother, and his dad's marriage to Deanne Reagan. He graduated from William Chrisman High School in 1950. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1956 domestically and abroad, and then with help from the G.I. Bill he graduated from the University of Tulsa with a degree in Industrial Psychology.

He married Mary Ann McCluhan in 1956 and they began their lifetime partnership as parents with the birth of Dee Anna in 1957 and Mike in 1960. Bill worked in a variety of positions with a number of organizations in Personnel and Human Resources. He was strong advocate for working people throughout his diverse career. He dearly loved his family and so cherished the time spent with them, extended family, and friends. He was lifetime learner of Biblical teachings and worked to share his faith with others in all he did. He was a great lover of music and would share that with others often – particularly the opening of the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Truly now...his eyes have seen the Glory!

Bill and Mary Ann relocated to Longview in 1990 where Bill became the Human Resources Director for Gregg County. They enjoyed many wonderful years here before and after retirement. They are members of First United Methodist Church of Longview and the Henry Foster Sunday School Class where Bill was a frequent teacher.

Bill is survived by his wife of 59 years, his daughter Dee Anna Dexter-Wright and her husband Randy of Melbourne, Florida, grandchild Noah and his wife Tamsin of Melbourne, great-grandchildren Ruby and Scarlet. Also by son Mike and his wife Necia of Plano, Texas, and



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grandchildren Erin Dexter of Washington DC, and Allison Dexter of Atlanta, Georgia. Brother Jim Dexter and wife Patricia of Osage Beach, Missouri, and sister Dorothy Allen of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Asbury House Child Enrichment Center in Longview, Texas.

Friends and family are invited to join in a celebration of Bill's life at First United Methodist Church of Longview on Saturday, January 23, 2016. Visitation will be at 1PM and the service will follow at 2PM.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com).





# Events


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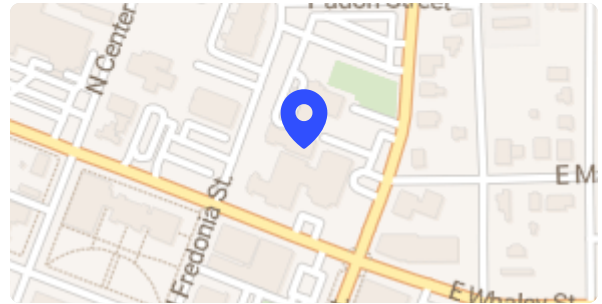
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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, January 23, 2016

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT


 **First United Methodist Church**  
400 N. Fredonia St., Longview TX

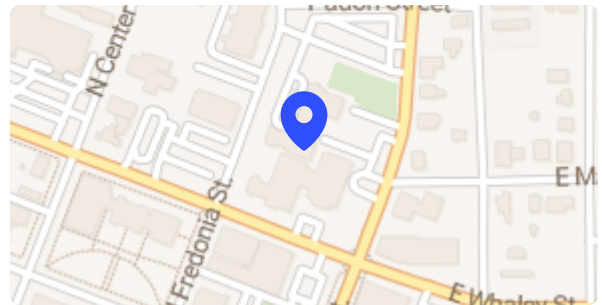


## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, January 23, 2016

 2:00 PM CT

 **First United Methodist Church**  
400 N. Fredonia St., Longview TX





## Tribute Wall

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**Toby Abney** posted:

Our prayers are with you. We pray the Lords richest blessing come to you and yours..Toby & Eleanor Abney

January 23 at 12:05 PM



- **Cumc Discoveries Class** sent an Enduring Grace to the Dexter family.

January 22 at 2:14 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Dexter family.

January 22 at 3:37 AM



**Mary Aileen Young** posted:

Mary Ann and rest of family,What a joy he was to be around. He was so out-going and friendly with all. I know you will all miss him terribly.Aunt Mary Aileen

January 21 at 2:50 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Dexter family.

January 21 at 9:54 AM



**Billie Padgett** posted:

Mary Ann, I am so sorry to hear the news of Bills death. I have thought about you all this week, my good intentions again gone awry! Know that I love you and please get in touch as soon as you have a spare moment. I am out of town this week, quilt show. But I will be home Sunday evening. Blessings, strength, and peace to you and yours, Billie Padgett

January 21 at 5:25 AM



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**Noah & Tamsin** shared an album called **Bill Dexter**.



January 19 at 2:26 PM



**Penny & Allen Weiner** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Dexter family.



January 20 at 1:13 PM



**Allen Weiner** posted:

Being the best man at William's daughter Dee-Anna's wedding to Randy Wright

January 20 at 12:16 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Dexter family.



January 20 at 5:01 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Dexter family.



January 20 at 4:51 AM



**Love - The Heacock Family** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Dexter family.



January 19 at 2:26 PM



# Media

## William Russell Dexter II

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Noah & Tamsin shared 4 photos to the **Bill Dexter** album.

January 20 at 3:13 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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