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Billy Ralph Nelson, age 79, resided in Longview, TX. He was born on October 20, 1941, in Portland, Oregon and passed away on March 1, 2021, at UT Health Hospital in Tyler, TX.

Billy was survived by his wife, Carolyn Nelson of Longview, daughter, Monica and son-in-law, Wendell Elms, and granddaughter, Madison Westbrooke of Flower Mound, TX, brother Gary and sister-in-law Doris Nelson of Lake Cherokee, several in-laws, nieces, nephews and many friends. Billy is also preceded in death by his father, Ralph Nelson, mother, Anna Nelson Kerley and sister, Marie Nelson Patterson.

Billy was a perfect husband, loving father, father-in-law and adored PaPa. His beautiful smile, laugh and wonderful personality charmed all who knew him. He was the rock of the family and always had an amazing sense of humor. In fact, you could always expect Billy to joke around when you were with him. He was a gentle soul who loved the Lord and often shared his faith with others. He leaves us with a legacy of love, compassion, strength, joy and a man of integrity.

Billy was elected Vice President of Central High School in Grand Junction, Colorado. For those who knew Billy, you knew he was athletic. He was the ace pitcher on his High School baseball team and once threw a changeup after two fastballs that had the batter swinging so early, he almost fell down. Billy had to turn around to keep from laughing at the befuddled batter. In the 6th & 7th grades at Lone Pine middle school in Medford, Oregon, Billy was the star basketball player. One game, he scored 12 of the 16 points to win the game, which the opposing coach protested stating that "Billy wasn't eligible"...they had just moved into that area. Regardless of the schools he attended, he was always one of the most popular students.

Billy and his family moved to Longview his senior year of high school where he met his wife Carolyn. After graduating high school, he attended LeTourneau College and worked as a building contractor with his dad. Billy married the love of his life Carolyn in 1966 and in 1970 they gave birth to their beautiful daughter Monica. In 1970, Billy also began a 30 year career at Exxon



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Pipeline as an Electronic Technician before retiring in 2001. As a dad, he supported his daughter throughout her school years and all of her activities. Monica often referred to Billy as her true hero.

Billy had a passion for the Lord and his family, and made those his highest priorities throughout life. He was a faithful church goer and served as a Royal Ambassador Leader for the young boys group at Calavary Baptist Church. He loved fishing, camping, playing golf and had a passion for corvettes. In 2017, Billy finally purchased the corvette of his dreams which was a 2012 Grand Sport with only 7,400 original miles.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution can be made to Woodland Hills Baptist Church, 2105 East Loop 281 Longview TX 75605 or at <https://whbchurch.com/onlinegiving/>.

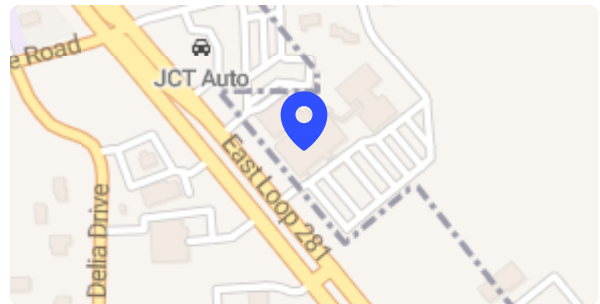


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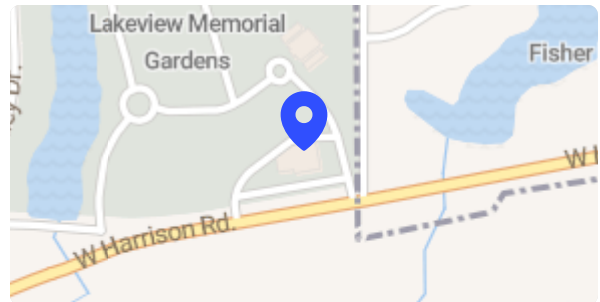
Funeral Service

- Friday**, March 5, 2021
- 1:00 PM CT
- Woodland Hills Baptist Church**
2105 E. Loop 281, Longview TX



Cemetery Details

- Lakeview Memorial Gardens**
5000 W Harrison Rd, Longview TX 75604-5230
- (903) 759-9493**



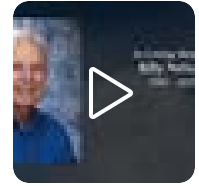


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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



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Sharon Gregory March 4 at 11:16 AM
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Armaan Premjee posted:

I need to get in touch with Bill's family. It's an urgent and important matter regarding a property he owned. Can someone please send me contact information of someone Bill is related to? Thank you in advance for your help.

June 3 at 7:50 AM



Bubba Mccutcheon posted:

Billy and his father built a home for us in the late 1960s. Billy would throw me up in the air, to crash on the bed. So fun. I thought he was so cool. What a nice man

March 6 at 8:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Nelson family.



March 5 at 7:03 AM



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Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Nelson family.

March 5 at 5:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Nelson family.

March 4 at 7:29 PM



Melvin McBride posted:
I am sorry for your loss.

March 4 at 2:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Nelson family.

March 4 at 11:26 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Nelson family.

March 4 at 11:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Nelson family.

March 4 at 10:34 AM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Nelson family.

March 4 at 7:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Nelson family.

March 4 at 6:43 AM



Anonymous sent a Reflections of Glory Wreath to the Nelson family.

March 4 at 3:11 AM





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March 3 at 5:51 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Nelson family.

March 3 at 1:37 PM



Roger & Nelda, Ronnie, Kelly & Blake, Todd & Maggie sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Nelson family.

March 3 at 10:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Nelson family.

March 3 at 10:52 AM



Cyndy Harkins Hardwick lit a candle in honor of Billy.

I have very fond memories of Uncle Billy that go back to when he was dating Aunt Carolyn. I pray for Aunt Carolyn, Wendell, and Madison to find peace and comfort knowing you will be reunited one day. Love you all ❤️🙏❤️

March 3 at 10:40 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

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



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