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William “Bill” Leonard Gilmore, born April 16, 1941, age 83, passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, August 31, 2024, at home surrounded by love and his family. He was a 1959 graduate from Pine Tree High School then attended Kilgore College and The University of North Texas. He met the love of his life and married Sandra Kay Courtney. They were married for a beautiful 54 years in Longview Tx. He was a talented draftsman and also left a legacy with his company Precious Memories and Legal Video Specialists that he passed on to his daughter, Melanie and Son-In-Law, Doug. First and foremost Bill was a man of God and a light in this world. To know him was to love him. He made sure to instill the teachings and his love of God in his family and friends, and even a stranger. Bill lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; chatting with friends, praying over friends and loved ones and anyone in need from home and his church. He along side his wife loved supporting their grandchildren and great grandchildren at multiple sports events, cheer and dance & twirling competitions and recitals. He enjoyed ice cream, old timey candy, and keeping his yard and pool pristine. Bill loved to be outside, he enjoyed a good round of golf with his grandchildren. Bill loved to study scripture with his wife and pray over their friends and family. As an ordained minister, Bill has performed multiple weddings over the years, but he was extremely proud to perform both of his daughter’s weddings, and two of his grandsons; Nathan & Linda's and Luke & Lexy’s wedding and baptize his granddaughter Lauren. He loved to be surrounded by his family. Bill had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and profound way; he touched every life he came into contact with by providing the perfect example of unwavering faith, how to be a devout Christian and loving husband, son and father. The world has been left a brighter place with the impact he has made with his life. We know our Lord is pleased and has said to him, “Well Done, my good and faithful servant.”



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Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife Sandra, his daughter Pam Hinch, with her husband Todd, Daughter Melanie Rankin, with her husband Doug, Grandchildren Nathan, Josh, Luke, Lauren & Katie and 5 Great-Grandchildren Walker, Macee, Amaylee, Brooklyn and Avery, Sister, Linda Peterson, Sister in Law Judy Johns and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Bill touched are invited on Friday, September 6, 2024, to attend the visitation at 2:00 pm and Service at 3 pm at Pathway Church located at 1600 Blueridge Parkway, Longview, TX 75605. Immediately following will be a committal service at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Longview, TX.

In Lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Mercy Manor in honor of Bill Gilmore. Your generosity will continue his legacy of compassion and care. Checks can be mailed to Mercy Manor PO Box 1019 White Oak, TX 75693 or donations can be made online at MercyManor.com

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at www.raderfh.com.



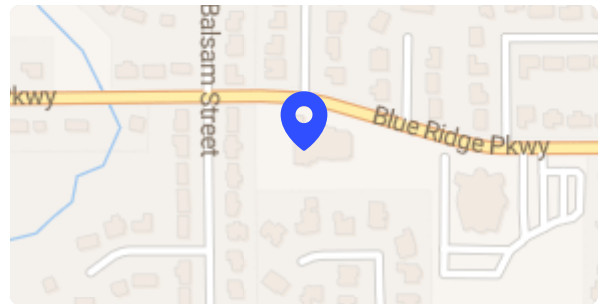
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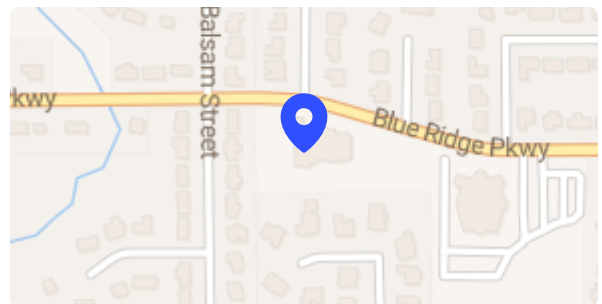
Visitation

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- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT
- Pathway Church**
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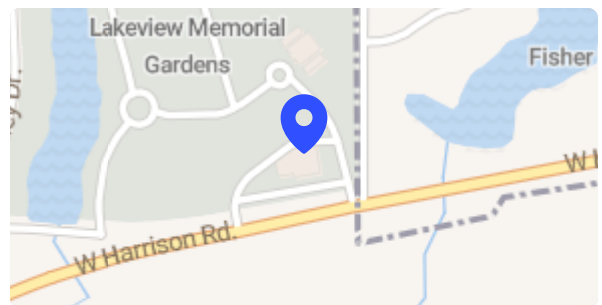
Celebration of Life

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Cemetery Details

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





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Melanie Rankin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I love you Daddy! ❤️👍



September 16 at 7:13 PM



Lisa Diaz February 7 at 3:24 PM

I'm so sorry Melanie.



Michele Hunt Wood posted:

So many "Precious Memories" Bill has been in my life almost as long as I can remember. Always faithful, always encouraging, always excited to catch up and see what the new year would bring. He will forever be remembered fondly. Love to his family.

September 6 at 8:15 AM



Melanie A Rankin November 13 at 7:59 PM

Thank you Michele! ❤️



Vanderwater Pat posted:

My memory of BILL is how he was such a loving son and wonderful caretaker for his mother whom I worked with for many years. Pat Vanderwater

September 6 at 7:19 AM



Melanie Rankin posted:

11:11 :heart:Love you Dad! 😊

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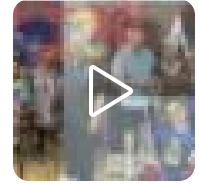
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September 5 at 8:43 AM



Magaret (Fanning) Musslewhite September 15 at 2:57 PM

So precious and dear memories! Enjoyed working weddings with you two and seeing such a precious couple you two have been!



Billy And Winky Foote sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Gilmore family.



September 4 at 4:55 PM



Terri Burks Fletcher lit a candle in honor of William.



September 4 at 7:49 AM



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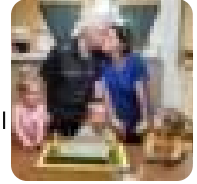
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:kissing_heart:



September 4 at 7:11 AM



Lisa Gilmore Diaz February 7 at 3:49 PM

I saw of your passing today. I will remember you with love. I wish things had been different between us. I do believe you were a great husband, and s wonderful father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Family was important to you and that showed clearly. I'm kind of in shock right now. I've loved you always. ❤️. I'm so sad to know you are no longer know you were here, though far away. Love to the family.



Lacy Rader September 5 at 5:00 AM

This is so precious.



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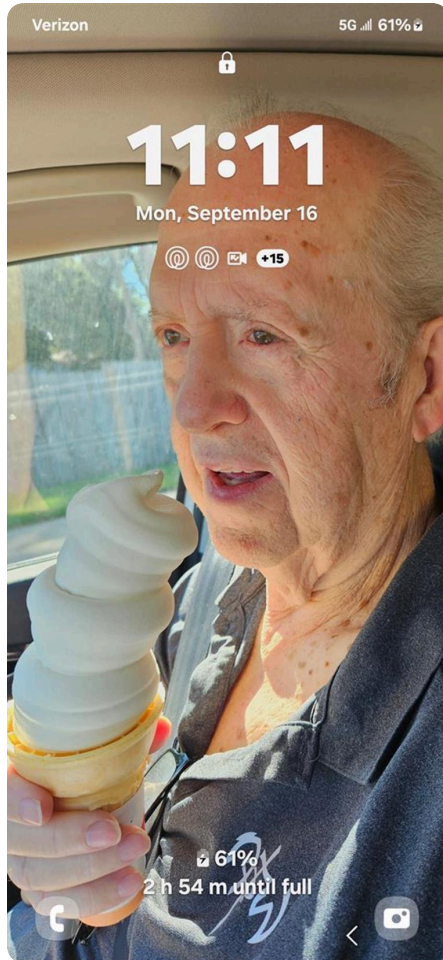
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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