



## Mr. Bill Holder

December 7, 1946 - September 19, 2019

Funeral services for Mr. Bill Holder, 72, of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at Central Baptist Church with Dr. Monty Pierce, Rev. Steve Jackson, and Rev. Newt Hembrick officiating. Burial will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, September 23, 2019 at Hawthorn Funeral Home. Mr. Billy Royal "Bill" Holder was born December 7, 1946 in Carthage, Texas and passed this life September 19, 2019 in Longview, Texas. Bill was the oldest of two sons born to the marriage of the late Royal William and Janie Marie English Holder. He was raised in the Snap Community, graduating with the class of 1965, and graduated Panola College in 1967. Bill married Pat Vaden and together they would raise a daughter and celebrate 31 years of marriage before she preceded him in death on April 6, 1998. Mr. Holder managed Ben Franklin stores throughout East Texas and Louisiana, and owned Bill's Superette in Carthage. His career in journalism would begin as an advertising salesman in 1989. The sale of the paper lead to his promotion to publisher and then in 1998, he was promoted to vice president of East Texas Community Newspapers.

Holder oversaw the operation of 15 newspapers in the East Texas group until they were sold. When Longview based Texas Community Media assumed ownership, they expanded with the Longview News-Journal and The Marshall News Messenger in 2012. Holder would spend a total of 20 years as publisher. Bill met Mary Sue Rountree Pippen, they married in 1998, and

celebrated almost 21 years of marriage. Bill and Mary Sue were active members of Central Baptist Church of Carthage, where he taught the Maranatha Sunday School Class. Bill Holder served as past president of the Carthage Noon Lions Club from 1999-2000, board member for the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, and elected Citizen of the Year in 2013 through the Panola County Chamber of Commerce. He was a respected, community minded businessman, editor and publisher, documenting the history of and serving the community he lived in and loved. Mr. Holder is survived by his loving wife, Mary Sue Holder of Carthage; daughter, Angie Holder Brumley and husband, Philip of McKinney and their children, Korey Gonzales and Katrina Gonzales; step-children, Susanna Crowder and husband, Chris and their son, Fitz, John Phippen and his children, Joshua and Jacob; brother, Jim Holder and wife, Judy of Snap Community; nephews, Joe Holder and wife, Melissa of Carthage, Jon Holder and wife, Tammy and their son, Kade of Carthage; a multitude of great-grandchildren, many other relatives and a host of friends. Serving as pallbearers will be; John Cain, Tom Stamper, Joe Holder, Jon Holder, Joshua Phippen, and Jacob Phippen. The family suggests memorials to Mission Carthage. Please leave online condolences at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Odd Fellows Cemtery

Carthage, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
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## Service

SEP **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Central Baptist Church  
220 W. Sabine  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall

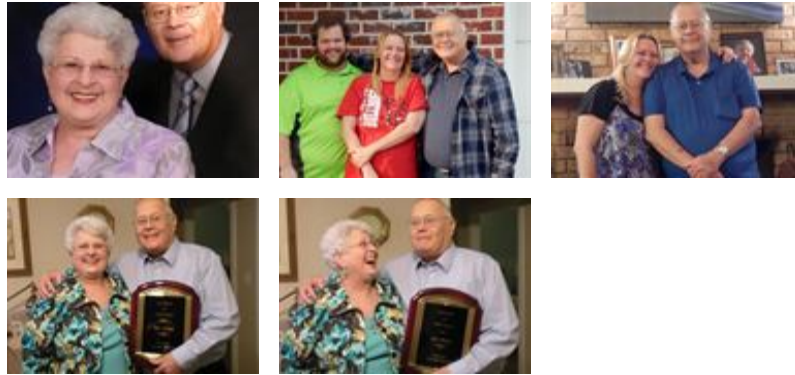
RH

“ *My deepest condolences to the Holder Family.*

Robert Hunter - September 25, 2019 at 07:19 AM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hawthorn Funeral Home - September 23, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Holder.*



September 23, 2019 at 11:31 AM

BB

“ *We send our love and prayers to all of Mr. Holder's family. What an amazing man! He will be remembered and missed by so many family and friends. 🙏❤️*

Brad and Becky Blair - September 22, 2019 at 06:43 PM

BB

“ *Brad And Becky Blair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill Holder*



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**Brad and Becky Blair** - September 22, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Holder.*



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September 22, 2019 at 05:16 PM

BB

“ *Our sympathy to the Holder family in the loss of Bill, a special friend and acquaintance, Buddy Betty Bankhead.*

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**Buddy Bankhead** - September 22, 2019 at 04:51 PM

GS

“ *Bill Holder was always so nice to us and When I found out he had Del Rio connections in his family, he and I struck up many a fun conversation because My father was raised in Del Rio. MarySue, you have been a God Send for Bill when you came into his life. Larry and I send our deepest condolences to you and the whole family. Love Georgia and Larry Shepherd*

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**georgia shepherd** - September 22, 2019 at 10:16 AM

CM

“ So sorry to hear this news about such a kind man. Prayers for Mary Sue and family.

*Amy Rountree and Chris Murphy*

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**Chris Murphy** - September 21, 2019 at 06:51 PM

KB

“ I remember Bill as a generous and good hearted person. Prayers for his family!!!



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**Kathy Brown** - September 21, 2019 at 11:21 AM

CR

“ Bill and Marysue will always be special to my family. They were wonderful neighbors to my parents. Marysue, my prayers are with you and your family. Carolyn S Reid.

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**Carolyn S Reid** - September 21, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Holder.



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September 21, 2019 at 08:42 AM

 Vickie Barker

“ Condolences to Bill's family & friends... He was a good man

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**Vickie Barker** - September 21, 2019 at 08:04 AM

IR

“*Sorry to see another friend gone. He will be missed.  
Ike and Chris Reeves*

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**Ike Reeves** - September 21, 2019 at 07:31 AM

BS

*Sorry to read this. Bill was always a very caring person and I feel proud to call him my friend. Praying for Mary Sue and family. He will be missed.*

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**Brenda Samford** - September 22, 2019 at 01:50 AM