



Mr. Billy Wayne Cockerham

November 24, 1949 - December 13, 2024

Billy Wayne Cockerham of Carthage passed away peacefully at his home with family by his side on December 13, 2024.

Billy was born November 24, 1949 in Beeville, Texas. He was the oldest of four children born to the marriage of Marjorie Belle Hubbert and William Grady Cockerham. He was raised in Mathis, Texas until the family relocated to Bonham, Texas where he graduated with the Bonham High School Class of 1968. Billy met and married the love of his life Gail Tadlock in 1972. Billy spent his career as a mechanic for Texas Utilities where he worked until he retired. Billy loved hunting and fishing, working on old cars, coaching youth sports, watching his grandchildren's sporting events, and spending time with his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents Marjorie and Grady Cockerham. Billy is survived by his wife of 52 years Gail Cockerham of Carthage; daughter Misty Boyd and husband Steve of Van Alstyne; son Cody Cockerham of Carthage; daughter Melanie Elsaesser and husband Scott of Carthage; four grandchildren whom he adored Abbi Boyd, Caroline and Christina Cockerham, and Levi Elsaesser; brother Mike Cockerham and wife Sherry of Carthage; sisters Carol Ellis and husband Rick of Bonham, and Kathryn Cockerham of Wylie; special family member Pam Cockerham of Carthage; cherished friends Chris Morris, Danny Harris, Ray Moraw, Paul Anzaldua, Brad Bryant, David Westbrook, Robert Barnes, Billy Hannah, Jeff Nichols, and Gene Haney; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, very close friends and his

sweet, devoted dog Remi who will miss him dearly.

A memorial Visitation will be held from 1 – 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, December 28, 2024 at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

We find comfort in knowing that Billy's legacy lives on through the lessons he taught us, the love he shared, and the memories we will cherish forever.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice in Billy's name.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 28. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
307 West Wellington Street, P.O. Box 188
Carthage, TX

Tribute Wall

TH

“ *Rest in peace Billy. May God bless you and your family. Tony*

Tony C Howard - January 08, 2025 at 11:02 AM

MS

“ *Billy was a very good friend. He was a heck of a basketball player. I saw him at the 50 year reunion and he look good prayers for the family. My God bless all all of you rest in peace Billy this is for Mike Sisk.*

mike sisk - December 29, 2024 at 11:51 PM

ET

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the family of Billy. Bobby has many fun and wonderful memories of his years working with Billy. I, Ann, have great memories of him watching his grandchildren perform as they excelled at sports, cheer, and other activities. He rarely missed a game or activity they were in. They knew that he was one of their greatest supporters. A grandfather like Billy is truly a great man! Bobby and Ann Tuttle*

Elizabeth Ann Tuttle - December 28, 2024 at 12:25 PM

DH

“ *1 file added to the album 1959*



Dennis J Hubbert - December 28, 2024 at 11:24 AM

DH

Saturday, I would be there today but the weather between Dallas and there is too bad. This is a captured video picture taken in 1959? by aunt Bernice Hubbert

Dennis J Hubbert - December 28, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Wayne Cockerham.*



December 27, 2024 at 10:03 AM

DS

“ *Dub, Jody, Calleigh and Kayden Swan purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Billy Wayne Cockerham.*



Dub, Jody, Calleigh and Kayden Swan - December 26, 2024 at 10:02 PM

ET

“ *Emily T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Billy Wayne Cockerham.*

Emily T. - December 23, 2024 at 11:23 AM

BB

“ Berle Jean, Joy, and Bobbie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Billy Wayne Cockerham.



Berle Jean, Joy, and Bobbie - December 21, 2024 at 08:02 PM

BC

“ I played baseball with the two boys. I had to had hit left handed when Billy pitched because he was left handed. In my memory, I may have actually hit the ball some. 💕love and prayers for all Berle Jean & David COMBEST

Berle Jean Hubbert Combest - December 20, 2024 at 01:49 PM

MP

“ Gail and family,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Billy. He was such a fun person with a kind soul. I know that he will be missed so much, but hold on to the memories and know that you will see him again. My prayers will be with you and your family in the days ahead. Love all of you.

MARCIA S POSS - December 19, 2024 at 07:38 PM

DC

“ Gail I did not know Billy well, but I do remember him. Thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this sad time.

Dave Craddock - December 19, 2024 at 03:04 PM

PD

“ Mike and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss of Billy. Cherish all those precious memories and keep them alive in your hearts. Our love and prayers,
The Jerry Don Dorman Family ~ Isaiah 40:31
Jerry, Pat, Jeremy, Lance, Allison and girls



Pat Dorman - December 19, 2024 at 01:24 PM

RC

“ It's with sadness that I hear of the passing of Billy. My thoughts and prayers are with the Cockerham family. Many fond memories of Billy back in the day, we had a lot of fun back then. Rest in peace Billy, I will always remember you. Reggie C. Winkles.

Reggie C.Winkles - December 19, 2024 at 12:57 PM

AC

“ Albert Cathey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Wayne Cockerham



Albert Cathey - December 18, 2024 at 12:17 PM

PJ

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Billy's passing. I didn't know him well, but he worked for my dad Bobby Sisson for a while at the Phillips 66 station on Sam Rayburn Drive in the late 60s. My prayers are with the family at this time.

Patricia Sisson St. John
Ravenna, TX

Patricia Sisson St. John - December 18, 2024 at 11:54 AM

JG

“ Carol and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Billy. I know he will be greatly missed by all. Prayers for peace and comfort. Jana Garner

Jana Garner - December 18, 2024 at 09:19 AM

DM

“ Darla Motaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Wayne Cockerham



Darla Motaw - December 17, 2024 at 10:56 PM

SE

“ Our prayers be with your family during this time. Steve and Kathy Ellis

Steve and Kathy Ellis - December 17, 2024 at 07:54 PM

DM

“ Gail, so sorry to hear this. Thoughts and prayers for this difficult time.

Donna Scrivner Mosley - December 17, 2024 at 06:02 PM

VA

“ Prayers for the Family. 🙏🙏🙏



Vernon Arthus - December 17, 2024 at 04:34 PM

JD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all right now, love you guys*



Jamie Deville - December 17, 2024 at 01:56 PM

CC

“ *Chris Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Wayne Cockerham*



Chris Cavaliere - December 17, 2024 at 01:45 PM

PG

“ *The family is in our thoughts and prayers. May God bring strength and comfort at this time of great loss in your lives.*



Phillip and Glenda Grimes - December 17, 2024 at 01:43 PM

HH

“ *Our love and condolences. HeartsWay Hospice*



HeartsWay Hospice - December 17, 2024 at 12:02 PM



MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Leon Washington - December 18, 2024 at 08:28 AM