



## William Arthur "Bill" Holt

October 20, 1935 - April 13, 2025

Funeral services for Reverend William Arthur "Bill" Holt, 89, of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th, 2025 at the Rehobeth Methodist Church with Michael Jones officiating. Burial will follow in the Walton Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th at Rehobeth Methodist Church. "Brother Bill" was born October 20, 1935 in Carthage, Texas. He passed this life peacefully April 13th, 2025 at his Carthage, Texas home. Bro. Bill was the cherished son of William Lively and Hettie Mae (Heard) Holt. He was raised in Carthage, graduating with the Bulldog class of 1955. He attended Lon Morris College, Centenary College, Stephen F. Austin State University and completed his seminary work at the Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology. He married his love, Margie Louise Gordy on November 15th, 1957, in Galveston, Texas and they celebrated 67 years of marriage and raised five daughters. Bro. Bill served many churches through his appointment in the Texas conference of the United Methodist Church. He served congregations in Geneva, Nacogdoches, Lufkin, Avinger, Hemphill, Tyler, Dickinson, Angleton, Humble and Beaumont from which he retired. Parishioners especially loved his chalk talks where he shared his artistry and message. He was a gardener, woodworker, fisherman and talented artist. He enjoyed country and western dancing, raising cattle, and fishing. Time with family was precious to Bro. Bill, so he built a camper from the ground up and they took family vacations to many beautiful locations over the years. Bro. Bill

is preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Jennie Mae Ballard, Catherine Gist, and Faye Cordray; and a grandson, Joseph Nakanishi. He is survived by his loving wife, Margie Holt of Carthage; devoted daughters, Virginia Kathleen Simpson and husband Scott of New York, Pamela Louise Madera and husband Mark of Houston, Karen Annette Holt of Brooklyn, Melinda Kay McMahon and husband David of Palestine, Susan Holt Jones and husband Michael of McKinney; grandchildren, Olivia Simpson and husband Kyle Mooney, Layla Connelly, Sara Simpson, Sean Madera, Stephen Nakanishi, Andrew Nakanishi, Courtney Matlack and husband Ryan, Garrett Jones, Lauren Jones, Matthew Jones, and Megan Jones; great grandchildren, Silas and Ethan Mooney; numerous nieces, nephews and host of friends. Serving as pallbearers will be David McMahon, Scott Simpson, Mark Madera, Dan Cole, Andrew Nakanishi, Sean Madera, Garrett Jones, and Matthew Jones.

An online guestbook may be signed at: [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Walton Cemetery

339 CR 227  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Rehobeth United Methodist Church  
2207 US Hwy 59 North  
Carthage, TX

## Funeral Service

APR 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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2207 US Hwy 59 North  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Arthur "Bill" Holt



Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 28, 2025 at 03:05 PM

DH

“ I'll always remember Brother Bill. He was among the best pastors I have had.

David Herren - April 20, 2025 at 05:12 PM

KH

Thank you, David. ❤️

Karen Holt - May 17, 2025 at 02:36 PM

MR

“ We are sorry we could not be there today for Bro. Holt's service...Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time...we have many good memories of good times at Cedar Street Methodist Church in Tyler while yall were there as our pastoral family. Bro. Holt lead the church with many unique and different ideas.. I will always remember him dressing up in biblical character to deliver his sermon. Though we are all apart now, we (earlier members of Cedar Street) will all be together again in heaven one day. May God bring you comfort and peace in the days to come...Kay Hilliard Ralson and Dee Ann Hilliard Tate

Melinda Kay Hilliard Ralson - April 19, 2025 at 07:49 PM

KH

*Thank you so much, Kay and Dee Ann. Very sweet and thoughtful.  
Brings back so many good memories. ☺☺☺*

**Karen Holt** - May 17, 2025 at 02:35 PM

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“ *Our love and condolences. HeartsWay  
Hospice staff.*



**Heartbreaking Hospice** - April 17, 2025 at 06:57 PM