



Billy Ray Lacy

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Billy Ray Lacy, loving husband, father and friend went to be with the Lord July 3, 2023. He was born April 6, 1938 to Henry G. and Lucy Lacy. Bill was raised in Arp, Texas with his two brothers, Robert (Bob) and Jackie and his sister Francis. After graduation, he attended Kilgore Junior College and was a Manager of the Kilgore Rangerettes. Upon completing his bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas, he served his country in the US Army. Once his service obligation was complete, he settled in Dallas and started attending Highland Park United Methodist Church. It is there, through the Singles Ministry, that he met the love of his life, Karen. They were married on June 24, 1967. Together they became lifelong members of HPUMC and went on to live and raise their son, Cory, in the Lake Highlands neighborhood of Dallas. Bill spent the majority of his career in economic development with the company now known as Oncor. He was one of the first Certified Economic Developers in the State of Texas, an Honorary Life member of the Texas Economic Development Council and was recognized by Governor Rick Perry with a Lifetime Service Award in 2006. Bill was caring, loving, and always thought of others before himself. He enjoyed volunteering and served



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for 15 years at Methodist Richardson Medical Center. He was well-known for his quick wit and sense of humor; conversations with him always led to a smile. Bill was a loyal Dallas Cowboys fan, and created lifelong memories watching the games together with his son.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Karen, his son Cory and wife Megan, his brother Jackie and wife Dianne, multiple nieces and nephews, and a host of extended family and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Bill's name to Highland Park United Methodist Church, St.

Jude's Children's Hospital or the SPCA.

A memorial service to honor Bill's life will be held at 3PM on Monday July 10, 2023 in the sanctuary at Highland Park United Methodist Church.




Events


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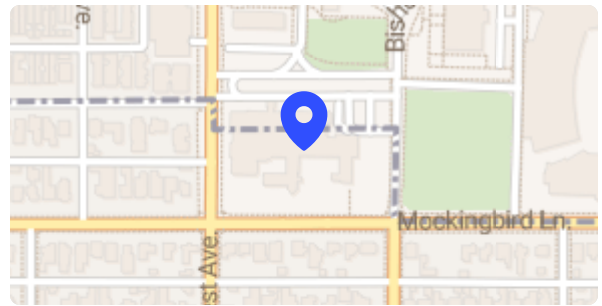
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Memorial Service

 **Monday**, July 10, 2023

 3:00 PM CT

 **Highland Park United Methodist Church**
3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas TX 75205





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RR

Ron R posted:

Our condolences to the family. He was always very nice to us at the Cowboy games with Cory, always taking the time to say hi, and share our Cowboys enthusiasm on Sunday afternoons. I know everyone will miss him. Ron Jr & Sr.

July 10 at 12:43 PM

CB

Charisse Bodisch posted:

Bill was such an inspiration. He was one of the first people I met in Economic Development and was always generous with his time, advice and leadership. He is truly missed and my thoughts and prayers are with his family. Charisse Bodisch

July 10 at 10:54 AM

JN

Joe Newman posted:

I too want to offer my heartfelt condolences to Bill's family and friends. He and I go back about 40 years and he is one of the few people I know that never had an enemy and was always quick to help anyone in need. He served on my board when I was ceo of the TexasEDC and he helped guide that organization with such care and grace. He will be deeply missed.

July 9 at 2:16 PM

GK

Gary W Kennedy posted:

I had the privilege to have worked with Bill at TXU for 20 years. He helped in my ED training and daily activities. He and Karen became good friends with my family. His knowledge and experience in Community Development helped many communities in their strategic planning. He will be missed by all who worked with him. RIP my friend. Gary w Kennedy

July 9 at 1:45 PM

KK

Kirk King posted:

Just seeing Bill's smile after leaving Oncor in 2004, not too long after he retired from Oncor, reminded me of his willingness to help those around him more than anyone I know. Bill always exhibited a professional persona; he was patient and approachable. He was humorous, trustworthy and kind. Most importantly he was a Christian and he was my friend. My condolence to all who loved him, he is no doubt with his Heavenly Father today. PTL

July 8 at 3:22 PM



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Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Lacy family.

July 7 at 8:28 AM



Karen Dickson sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lacy family.

July 6 at 9:43 AM



Gary L. Vest posted:

Bill was a great and humble man; a good friend and colleague in the economic development profession. I admired Bill and thought the world of him. He will be greatly missed on many fronts. What a privilege for me to have known Bill and called him friend.

July 6 at 9:25 AM



Mike Barnes posted:

Please allow me to offer that this is a significant loss to not only those of us that knew and worked with Bill in economic development; but to everyone. Bill made this world a better place. His trusted guidance, his keen sense of humor and his willingness to spend time with many of us that came into Texas from outside the state enhanced and touched our lives. My condolences to his family and friends as he was one of the greats. Sincerely, Mike Barnes

July 6 at 8:49 AM



Mario Hernandez posted:

My deepest condolences. Bill was one of my favorite people in the economic development business. A good professional and great person. Mario Hernandez

July 6 at 8:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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