



Dr. W. G. "Bill" Ross

December 22, 1953 - May 17, 2020

William Griff Ross (Bill) went home to be with the Lord, Sunday, May 17, 2020. Born December 22, 1953 in Dallas TX to Dr. William F. Ross and Elizabeth Jane Ross (nee Hagar), he retired to Nacogdoches, TX.

Bill had intelligence, compassion, humility, love of God and family and strove to be the best person he could be. Brother, partner, and friend, he was a remarkable man of character with a gentle presence, and incredible love of the great outdoors. He was a student and teacher of the Piney Woods of deep East Texas, checking out odd critters like leaf cutting ants, pine beetles and woodpeckers. But most likely you'd find him outside of the classroom, wetting a hook, or telling tall tales by a campfire. His love of nature eventually led him to achieve a doctorate degree in forestry which he taught with passion.

Bill treated every person he met with respect and dignity and anyone who knew him respected him, as well. Those of us who loved him knew him as a giving, loving and concerned brother, friend, and companion. We will never forget him and will always love and miss him. He is cherished in our memories.

Preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Terry Coker, he is survived by siblings Stephanie Ross Coker, Lauren Ross Baldwin, Jim Ross, Paula Ross Cogell, girlfriend Dolores Hoeber, dear friend Michelle Clendenin, 3 nieces and 2 nephews, numerous cousins, and many, many friends.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Attention In Memory of William G. (Bill) Ross Scholarship, P.O. Box 1190, Ruston, Louisiana 71273-1190.

Condolences may be made at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Comments



“ Love you, Bill.

Dolores Hoeber - May 29 at 10:37 PM



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Dolores Hoeber - May 29 at 10:34 PM



“ My companion, Bill, was going to come to Austin to visit me and celebrate our 2nd anniversary as a couple on May 20th. He suddenly passed to be with his Heavenly Father on May 17th. Words cannot describe the pain and loss I feel, but we were lucky to have had 2 happy years together. Bill was a gentle, patient, compassionate and loving partner. Heaven's gain is certainly our loss. I love you, Bill.

Dolores Hoeber - May 28 at 08:56 PM



“ When I think of Bill, I see his sweet smile & sparkling eyes. Although many years have passed, I still remember his gentle presence during my many days & nights spent with Lauren & all of you on North Shore Drive. He was always so kind to me, & had something funny & clever to say. I wish I could remember specifically what he said because I was always left with a sense he had just said something very profound!
My heart is with each one of you--Stephanie, Lauren, Jim, & Paula. I will keep you in my prayers each & every day.
All my love,
Rosie

Rosie Rodriguez - May 28 at 12:10 PM



“ My big brother Bill went to heaven on May 17th. I had just talked to him the day before about the summer. We were excited at the prospect of me using his apartment in Nac to teach online summer school. He was going to mail me a key to his apartment. After he died, I checked on his apartment to see what needed to be secured and my daughter, Shannon found a note he had started to me: Hey Lauren, how are you doing?" But he didn't finish the note. We found the envelope with my address and stamp already affixed. We had talked about how he would be in Austin with Dolores some and "home" in Nac. I thought it would be such a great time to go deeper with my Big Bro. I always didn't quite understand him, but I loved him. Hey Bill, see you in heaven, but clean up before I get there. Your sis, Lauren

Lauren Ross Baldwin - May 27 at 08:13 PM



“ I never had the privilege of meeting Bill, but knew he was a wonderful person because my good friend, Dolores, loved him.
My thoughts and prayers are with her, his family and all who loved him.

Shirley MacGregor - May 27 at 11:12 AM



“ Thank you, Shirley. You would have loved Bill's warmth and compassion.

Dolores Hoerber - May 27 at 08:25 PM



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Stephanie Ross Coker - May 26 at 05:48 PM



“ I will miss Bill, he was a sweet man !!

Mary Jelinek - May 27 at 12:54 PM



“ Thank you!

Lauren Ross Baldwin - May 27 at 08:19 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Bill I would like to offer my condolences to family and friends. I will always remember him as a really great person. Reed Parker



reed parker - May 21 at 12:41 PM



“ Thank you Reed, he talked fondly of you.

Lauren Ross Baldwin - May 27 at 08:16 PM



“ Marilyn Vaught lit a candle in memory of Dr. W. G. "Bill" Ross



Marilyn Vaught - May 20 at 01:07 PM



“ Thank you Cousin. We will have a Memorial Service when the Covid calms down.

Lauren Ross Baldwin - May 27 at 08:18 PM



“ A good man gone too soon. Our condolences to the family....

Tom & Marilyn Vaught



Tom Vaught - May 20 at 10:26 AM



“ Thank you Cousins, we all appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Lauren Ross Baldwin - May 27 at 08:18 PM