



Mr. Billy Ray Hardaway

March 19, 1939 - June 24, 2016

Billy Ray Hardaway, was born March 19, 1939 in Atlanta, Texas. He attended First Baptist Church of Tatum, served his country in the US National Guard, and was an electrician when he retired. Billy is preceded in death by his parents, Estelle and Atwood Hardaway, as well as many loved ones. Billy was married to Carolyn Hardaway. He has a son, Brant Hardaway, and grandchildren, Justin Hardaway and wife Katelyn, Mallori Hardaway, and Kaitlyn Hardaway; sister, Gayle Lewis and husband Don; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. He also had many family and friends to whom he loved visiting with. His talkative personality could make anyone feel at ease; stranger or not, he loved to talk and knew people wherever he went because he never forgot a face or name. He loved his football team, Tatum Eagles, and you could find him at most of the basketball games. He enjoyed keeping his yard as neat as a golf course.

Pallbearers are Don Hagood, Wilber Ingram, Gene Bennett, David Wilson, Jeff Lewis, and Justin Hardaway.

Billy passed away Friday, June 24, 2016. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Rusty Brady officiating. Interment will follow at Stewart Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Monday, June 27, 2016 at the funeral home.

Condolences may be made online at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Stewart Cemetery

FM 782

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Hardaway*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - June 27, 2016 at 11:22 AM

MH

“ *Ms Kitty Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Hardaway*



Ms Kitty Hayes - July 01, 2016 at 12:26 AM

SB

“ *Scherry Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Hardaway*



Scherry Barnes - June 29, 2016 at 05:04 PM

JM

“ Billy ray and I played football, basketball, and baseball together at Tatum High School during the late 1950's. Billy Ray was a good player and he dearly loved the Tatum Eagles. He always taught other players what he knew. He taught me how to hold a football to get a tight spiral when I threw it. Billy Ray and I were distant cousins as his mother and my mother were cousins. Billy Ray was indeed a good person and a good man. I moved away from Tatum after graduation in 1959. It was always so good to see Billy Ray around Tatum whenever I got back there. He was a devoted supporter of The Eagles and he will be dearly missed. I only found out about Billy Ray's death a few hours ago as Richard Matthews called to tell me.

Jackie Marhofer and I extend our deepest sympathy to all the family. Our prayer is that our Blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ cover you with his Love and Peace now and always.

Jimmy Matthews (Tatum Eagles-Class of 1959
and
Jackie Marhofer
Conroe, Texas

Jimmy Matthews - June 28, 2016 at 04:36 PM

JM

“ Billy Ray and I played football, basketball, and baseball together at Tatum High School in the late 1950's. Billy Ray was a very good player and he was always willing to help his fellow players. He was a very big help to me as he taught me how to grip a football to throw a tight spiral. We were actually 2nd cousins as my mother and his mother were first cousins. Richard Matthews just called me around 1:00 PM today to let me know of Billy Ray's death. He was indeed a good person and good man. We could always talk for long periods of time. I moved away from Tatum, but it was always so good to see Billy Ray around town on occasions. He loved the Tatum Eagles. The Eagles lost a huge supporter.

Jackie Marhofer and I want to extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

We pray for peace and comfort for each of you. May Our Blessed Lord and Savior

Jesus Christ comfort all of you at this time and in the days ,weeks, and years ahead.

Jimmy Matthews (Tatum Eagles-Class of 1959)

and

Jackie Marhofer

Jimmy Matthews - June 28, 2016 at 03:03 PM

GR

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. I am praying for strength and comfort for you at this time.



Glen Rogers - June 28, 2016 at 07:56 AM

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with ya'll.
Linda and Greg Smith, Erica and Cherylyn

Linda smith - June 27, 2016 at 11:42 PM

DC

“ Thoughts and prayers to Carolyn and Brant along with the entire family during this time. May God be with you and comfort you all.

Denise Bailey Capps - June 27, 2016 at 11:32 PM

SR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of your sorrow.
Love ,
Tex and Sue Prather Ritter
Fairfield, CA



Sue Ritter - June 27, 2016 at 09:00 PM

FP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for the entire family. 🙏



Felicia Swallers Pierce - June 27, 2016 at 06:50 PM

DC

“ Thoughts and prayers for Carolyn, Brant and the entire family during this sad time. Always cherish his memories!

Denise Bailey Capps - June 27, 2016 at 03:46 PM

KB

“ Dear Brant and family:
We are so sorry to hear about your father passing away recently. Please know that our prayers are with you and yours at this time because we will miss this sweet fellow.
Working around him for SO many years at Eastman was such a pleasure, he was missed dearly when he retired. Keep Jesus in your hearts as HE is the only way to have eternal "peace within" thru HIS salvation (Rom 10:9-13, John 3:3, John 3:16, John 6:44, Rev 1:5). To God be the Glory Forever,
in Jesus' precious and Holy Name,
Keith & Donna Blanton
White Oak, TX



Keith & Donna Blanton - June 27, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ My heart goes out to Carolyn & Gayle, Children & Grandchildren. Billy Ray was a great friend to me & many others. We did not start 1st grade together, he came in to THS either 3rd. or 4th. grade and were classmates from there until our Senior year. My parents moved to Marshall & I had to leave my classmates behind. We were raised about 3 miles apart & grew up together. He had a wonderful personality and never met a stranger. He was gentle & kind to all people. Our Heavenly Father picked a flower for the Master's Bouquet. Rest in peace Brother you have fought the good fight.

LaVerne Grant - June 27, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ What can I say about Billy except that for about 20 years I had the pleasure of working with him at Texas Eastman. He serviced my department's electrical needs during this entire period. He was consistently friendly and personable and would sit down with us at break time, when he could, before leaving our building. He made people feel special and could always make them feel better. My sympathy goes out to the family at this sad time.

Sincerely

Billy F. Martin

Longview

Billy Martin - June 27, 2016 at 12:16 PM



“ Many prayers for comfort as God wraps his arms around you.

Clea Childers - June 27, 2016 at 12:00 PM

KM

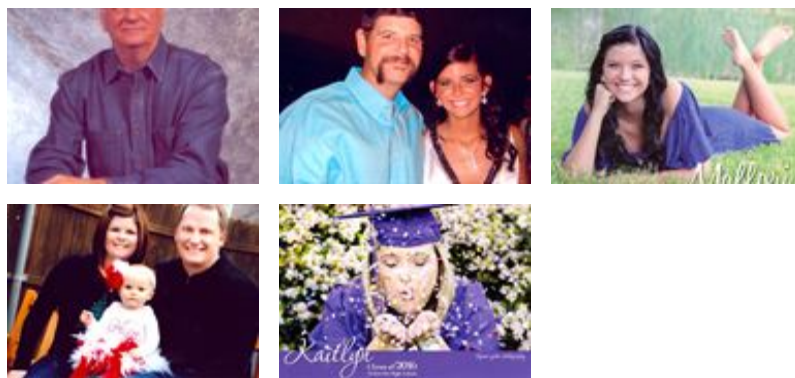
“ Karen Pepper McFarland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Hardaway



Karen Pepper McFarland - June 27, 2016 at 11:42 AM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - June 27, 2016 at 11:16 AM

CC

“ Many prayers for comfort as God wraps his arms around each of you..

Cleta Childers - June 27, 2016 at 10:16 AM

CC

“ Cleta Childers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Hardaway



Cleta Childers - June 27, 2016 at 10:14 AM

JE

“ *Our prayers are with your family at this time.
David, Jan, Charlye & Mason Edwards*



Jan Edwards - June 27, 2016 at 09:28 AM

AM

“ *Amy Miley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy
Ray Hardaway*



Amy Miley - June 26, 2016 at 01:30 PM



“ *Sherry Liles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy
Ray Hardaway*



Sherry Liles - June 26, 2016 at 01:34 AM



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LaVerne Grant - June 25, 2016 at 11:20 PM

LG

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La Verne Grant - June 25, 2016 at 11:15 PM

EM

“ *Elaine McCasland Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Hardaway*



Elaine mCcasland Martin - June 25, 2016 at 07:24 AM

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Hardaway*



Brent Hale - June 25, 2016 at 06:24 AM



“ *Kay Leonard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Hardaway*



Kay Leonard - June 25, 2016 at 12:16 AM

SL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God wrap his arms around you and bring you comfort that only he can do.*

Sherry Lee Liles - June 24, 2016 at 09:17 PM