



## Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy

October 14, 1947 - September 10, 2021

Billy Truman McLeroy "Bill" was born in Henderson, Texas to Truman and Ann McLeroy on October 14, 1947 and passed away on September 10, 2021 at his residence.

Bill grew up in Henderson and was a 1966 graduate of Henderson High School. After graduation he continued his education at Stephen F Austin University and received a Bachelor's of Arts in History and a minor in education. Shortly after graduation he began working at Crawford Clothiers in Henderson where he met many lifelong friends. Bill moved to Shreveport and began a career in education where he was a headmaster at a private school. This was not his calling he soon found out. He returned to the clothing industry and was a buyer for Palais Royal and traveled throughout the United States. Bill finished his career working for the State of Louisiana as a caseworker and retired after 20 years and returned to his roots, Henderson. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Henderson in the 70's, and one as well in Shreveport.

Bill lived a full life. His quick wit and endless supply of stories could brighten your day. He was an avid reader and read almost every best seller. He made weekly visits to the Rusk County Library and recommended books to his friends and family. He had a love for all animals - cats, dogs, and even the hummingbirds. He was a big supporter of the Henderson Animal Shelter.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, Truman McLeroy.

He is survived by his mother, Anne McLeroy; brother, Bobby McLeroy; sisters, Jan Crow (spouse David), and Nina Hodge; nephew, Cortney Crow and his son Cason; niece, Coli Huffty (spouse Kirk) and their boys Ethan, Lincoln, and Behr; and a very special lifelong friend, Joyce Hales.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the Rusk County Library at 106 East Main Street, Henderson, TX, and/or Henderson Animal Shelter at 1201 Highland Drive, Henderson, Tx.

A memorial service for Bill will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ David & Dianna K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy.



David & Dianna K. - September 22, 2021 at 03:23 AM

DK

“ David & Dianna Kelley



David & Dianna Kelley - September 22, 2021 at 03:17 AM

JA

“ Janie.Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Janie.Wilkins - September 21, 2021 at 07:30 AM

SS

“ Sending comfort and prayers to the family. Jan, I'm so sorry for the passing of your brother. He was a great guy. Had many friends! May he rest peacefully 🙏  
Susan Summers

susan summers - September 19, 2021 at 06:26 PM

TC

“ Tony And Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Tony and Anita Cavaliere - September 19, 2021 at 06:14 PM

MM

“ Sympathy to the McElroy family. Billy was a long time friend. Milton and Sharla McGee



Milton and Sharla McGee - September 19, 2021 at 01:42 PM

BH

“ Barbara & Joel Hale sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Barbara & Joel Hale - September 19, 2021 at 06:44 AM

CH

“ Billy lived across the street from my mom, Trixie Heath, and we could always count on Billy to assist her when she needed help. He was a great friend.

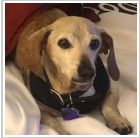
charles heath - September 18, 2021 at 02:44 PM

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy*



**Brent Hale** - September 17, 2021 at 06:48 AM



“ *I just learned of Billie's passing. Such sad news. We rarely saw each other since graduation, but he found the time to come to my Dad's viewing three years ago. I will always remember him for that graciousness. But that was Billie.*  
*Mike Hooks*

**Michael Hooks** - September 16, 2021 at 09:30 PM

VH

“ *Vicki Brooks Harper lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy*



**Vicki Brooks Harper** - September 16, 2021 at 07:15 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn And Bill Boren lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy*



**Carolyn and Bill Boren** - September 16, 2021 at 02:58 PM

LS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will miss Bill and his avid love for reading. He was always recommending books for us to order for the library and always wanted to read the newest best sellers.

*The staff at the Rusk County Library*

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**Library Staff** - September 16, 2021 at 12:59 PM

BB

“ Brandy Bridges lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



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**Brandy Bridges** - September 15, 2021 at 06:50 PM

MA

“ I spoke with Billy the night he passed and will always remember how we laughed and how excited he was for me becoming a grandmother soon. I will miss my dearest friend Billy!! My thoughts are with his family. May angels wrap their arms around each of you giving you peace and comfort.

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**Marilyn White Adam** - September 15, 2021 at 03:00 PM

JC

“ Heartbroken. He will always be a part of me and he will be missed. God bless him and the family. Jay Covington

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**Jay Covington** - September 15, 2021 at 09:57 AM

RG

*Thank you Jay have been trying to get in touch with you.*

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**Ranny Gunn** - September 17, 2021 at 04:53 PM

CS

“ Carol S lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman  
" Bill" McLeroy



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**Carol S** - September 15, 2021 at 09:27 AM

RG

“ Ranny Gunn lit a candle in memory of Billy  
Truman " Bill" McLeroy



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**Ranny Gunn** - September 15, 2021 at 08:56 AM

RG

“ Bill was my best friend and we talked everyday on the phone for  
hours and joked about all the good times we had. He was like a big  
brother to me. I will miss him very much.

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**Ranny Gunn** - September 15, 2021 at 08:53 AM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Billy  
Truman " Bill" McLeroy



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**pud patterson** - September 15, 2021 at 07:26 AM

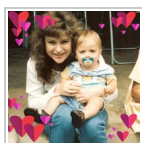
RY

“ *Jan, Bobby and Ann, I am so sorry to hear the news of Bill's passing. Since he moved from to Shreveport to Henderson we talked less and less, but I thought of him often. Please accept my sympathies may you all be well. Thanks Jan for letting me know of Bill's passing.*

*Russ Yarbrough*

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**Russ Yarbrough** - September 15, 2021 at 01:49 AM



“ *Cyndy Broadus lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman "Bill" McLeroy*



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**Cyndy Broadus** - September 15, 2021 at 12:36 AM

“ Bill was a classmate of my older brother, Randall. He came by our house almost daily. The Henderson Senior Class of 1966 was fun-loving, mischievous, magical, and created solid friendships. Many of us who were siblings to one of the class members, reaped the rewards and joy from knowing such a spectacular group of individuals. A rare gift to share time with any one of them was a privilege and an honor. Bill was one of these individuals and will be missed by all who knew him. The following is my tribute to his memory. I hope you feel his essence.

*There are those among us who make a difference in our lives. Those whose presence is so pervasive as to be taken for granted. We see them from day to day. We listen to their words. We laugh and cry with them. It does not occur to us that we can do without them. We cannot imagine the world without them.*

*Bill's character was real and recognizable. His integrity was strong and steady. His love of laughter was created by his keen ironic sense of humor. It touched us with a spirit that was uniquely his, and his alone. That spirit, his spirit, remains with us. It is his immortality.*

*Since all my words have been about Bill, I feel it is only fitting I say these words to him. Bill, may you know that legions of heavenly angels accompany you now. I ask that they watch over you well because you deserve such a guard. Your friends and family love you, Bill. We thank you for everything you did or did not do out of your love for us. Therefore, until we meet again—all of those of us who knew you could also say, thank you for ALL THE FUN-FILLED MEMORIES and MANY FABULOUS QUOTES!*

*My candle burns at both ends;  
It will not last the night:  
But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends—  
It gives such a lovely light!  
Edna St. Vincent Millay's poem Figs from Thistles-*

*First Fig.*

*Please remember, I am with you, I do not sleep.*

*I am a thousand winds that blow.*

*I am a thousand glints on snow.*

*I am the sunshine on your shoulders.*

*I am the gentle rain for all seasons.*

*I am the soft stars that shine all night.*

*Know, in one of the stars I shall be living.*

*In one of them, I shall be laughing.*

*Therefore, it will be as if all the stars are laughing...*

*When you look at the sky at night...*

*You-ONLY YOU-will have stars that laugh...*

*The Little Prince lines by Antonio de Saint-Exupery*

*In closing, if Bill had any words of wisdom for us all,*

*it might well be "Do what you love to do, stay active, stay engaged in life, vibrant, and spiritually enlightened".*

*Until the time comes-as his has-smile and remember him by his favorite Willie Nelson song lyric:*

*"Turn out the lights, the party's over".*

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**Joyce Hales** - September 14, 2021 at 09:54 PM

CY

*Jan, this says it all.*

*I hope he is watching over all of us.*

*Billy was the most loving and understanding friend I have ever had,*

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**Carol Young** - September 15, 2021 at 02:00 PM

NH

*Joyce, this is just beautiful. To know Bill was to love Bill.*

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**Nancy Herrington** - September 15, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



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**Donna Aaron** - September 14, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ Jim And Jeanie Dickeson lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



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**Jim and Jeanie Dickeson** - September 14, 2021 at 08:42 PM



“ Jan, Annevand Bobby I'm so sorry for your loss! 🙏

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**Mike Walters** - September 14, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ Roberta Vallantyne lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



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**Roberta Vallantyne** - September 14, 2021 at 03:16 PM

CT

“ Chuck & Lisa Towe lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



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**Chuck & Lisa Towe** - September 14, 2021 at 01:53 PM

SH

“ Kenny and I are saddened to hear of the passing of a good man and great classmate. Billy was the go to man to find out how our home town of "HENDERSON" was doing. His wit, charm and enthusiasm for "information" was vast and he could keep you entertained with his stories for hours. Class of 1966 has lost another outstanding alumni. God's speed to those that called him family and friend.

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**susan hensley** - September 14, 2021 at 01:10 PM

GA

“ Family,  
Going to the grocery store is a chore for me, but the days Billy was there to entertain me with a good chatter, I left in a better mood. The obituary was an excellent description of him, and with his varied experiences, I learned the reason for his wide range of topics in the aisles. Not that we needed one. I am one of the many who will miss him.

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**Gay Allen** - September 14, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Carol Phillips Harris lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy*



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**Carol Phillips Harris** - September 14, 2021 at 12:29 PM

MF

“ *Mary Fullen lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy*



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**Mary Fullen** - September 14, 2021 at 12:23 PM

JB

“ *So very sorry for your family's loss. Thoughts and prayers for all of you. Guy and Jessica Bridges*



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**Jessica Bridges** - September 14, 2021 at 10:32 AM

JT

“ *Jill Dulany Turner lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy*



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**Jill Dulany Turner** - September 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM

TF

“ So sad to hear this. Bill was such a gentle giant and the funniest person I ever knew. I will miss his laugh and quick wit. Prayers for his family



Treena Foster - September 14, 2021 at 09:50 AM

CK

“ Cathy Green Kovschak lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Cathy Green Kovschak - September 14, 2021 at 09:37 AM

BH

“ Barbara & Joel Hale sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Barbara & Joel Hale - September 14, 2021 at 08:49 AM

DN

“ Jan I'm so sorry for your lose Ann I am praying fof you during this time.



Debra Nichols - September 14, 2021 at 02:09 AM

SA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in our prayers!!!



Sheila. Alford - September 13, 2021 at 11:39 PM

JC

“ I am so very sorry. My heart-felt sympathy.

Jimmy Culp - September 13, 2021 at 09:52 PM

DF

“ Diane Flanagan lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Diane Flanagan - September 13, 2021 at 09:26 PM

JL

“ Judy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Judy Lewis - September 13, 2021 at 09:24 PM

CY

“ Billy was my true friend since 1958.  
He will be missed more than I can say.  
Jan, Bobby, and Ann I send you my comfort  
and love.  
He was a gifted man.



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**Carol Young** - September 13, 2021 at 07:14 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Billy will be missed. my prayers go out o  
the family.

*David Smith*

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**David Smith** - September 13, 2021 at 06:44 PM

JD

“ Billy was a truly good friend that will be greatly missed. Many great  
laughs were shared over the years, as were recommendations for  
the best books to be read next. Prayers for family and friends...

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**Jo Ann and Bob Dillon** - September 13, 2021 at 06:17 PM

DC

“ Dinah Crim lit a candle in memory of Billy  
Truman " Bill" McLeroy



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**Dinah Crim** - September 13, 2021 at 05:53 PM

EB

“ Elizabeth Buckner lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Elizabeth Buckner - September 13, 2021 at 05:10 PM

SS

“ Prayers and love to the family . Gaylord and Susan Smith



Susan Smith - September 13, 2021 at 04:15 PM

CL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bill. He will be missed.

Charlotte Lockridge - September 13, 2021 at 01:44 PM

SL

“ Jan and Ms Ann and family: I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️  
Susan and Fred Lingle



Susan Lingle - September 13, 2021 at 12:42 PM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - September 13, 2021 at 11:40 AM

MD

“ Mary Davis lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Mary Davis - September 13, 2021 at 08:44 AM

JL

“ Bill was a friend. I will miss him. He always made me laugh, my memories are good ones. RIP



Jan Lee - September 13, 2021 at 07:22 AM

MJ

“ Mark Johnson lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



mark johnson - September 13, 2021 at 06:24 AM



“ He was my neighbor. He was very special to my family! He was like family and my kids loved him and he loved them. He will be truly missed



Elizabeth Pardue - September 13, 2021 at 12:43 AM

AL

“ Alexia lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Alexia - September 13, 2021 at 12:39 AM

AL

“ Bill was a dear cousin. He was smart, whitty with an amazing sense of humor. He had style and loved to tell stories. He will be missed greatly, but I know he is keeping his "Aunt Ruth" company...

Alexia - September 13, 2021 at 12:38 AM

JC

“ Bill was a classmate of my older brother Donnie and he came over often. HE also became friends with our younger son "WALLY" when he was working at BLOCK BUSTER VIDEO in Henderson. Bill was a student teacher to my AMERICAN HISTORY class taught by Mrs. Weatherby at HHS. We would visit often whenever we were both at WALMART OR KROGER'S. OUR sentiments to his family.

Jim & Jeanne Cowart - September 13, 2021 at 12:01 AM

SR

“ *Stan & Connie Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy*



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**Stan & Connie Rodgers** - September 12, 2021 at 11:41 PM



“ *Ruth Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy*



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**Ruth Mitchell** - September 12, 2021 at 11:19 PM



“ *Just saw him the other night at Kroger making his late night run.  
Prayers  
Donna Dorsey Aaron*

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**Donna Aaron** - September 12, 2021 at 11:16 PM

RE

“ *Prayers for your family. We will miss Bill . He was a good friend.*



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**Robert & Dianne Everitt** - September 12, 2021 at 11:12 PM

AH

“ *Aubrey Hammett lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy*



Aubrey Hammett - September 12, 2021 at 10:47 PM



“ *Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy*



Barbara J Jolley - September 12, 2021 at 10:43 PM

DT

“ *Debbie Todd lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy*



Debbie Todd - September 12, 2021 at 10:22 PM

WS

“ *Wayne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy*



Wayne Sanders - September 12, 2021 at 09:59 PM

SR

“ I'm so sorry for everyone's loss. Billy was a special friend of mine over the last few years and he'll truly be missed by his family and friends. Suzanne Reed



Suzanne Reed - September 12, 2021 at 09:02 PM

AR

“ Alfred And Tami Ritter lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Alfred and Tami Ritter - September 12, 2021 at 08:12 PM

KH

“ Sympathy to all of the family.  
Ken and Mollie Hale



Ken and Mollie Hale - September 12, 2021 at 06:51 PM

KH

“ Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Kurt Hunt - September 12, 2021 at 05:58 PM

WR

“ Sincere sympathy to the family.



Winnie Ramey - September 12, 2021 at 04:22 PM

PD

“ Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Pat Davis - September 12, 2021 at 04:14 PM

CS

“ Carl & Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



Carl & Diane Smith - September 12, 2021 at 03:34 PM

NH

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. I will truly miss Bill.



Nancy Herrington - September 12, 2021 at 03:32 PM

BG

“ Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends.  
Bill will be missed.  
Ms. Ann, Jan and family you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Bonnie Geddie



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**Bonnie Geddie** - September 12, 2021 at 02:51 PM

RS

“ Ralph & Kay Scoggins lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



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**Ralph & Kay Scoggins** - September 12, 2021 at 02:36 PM

WC

“ WT And Kay Castleberry lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



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**WT and Kay Castleberry** - September 12, 2021 at 01:54 PM

DN

“ Donna Newman lit a candle in memory of Billy Truman " Bill" McLeroy



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**Donna Newman** - September 12, 2021 at 01:43 PM