



## Mr. Billy Gene Pannell

January 7, 1935 - October 19, 2023

Funeral services for Mr. Billy Gene Pannell, 88, of Henderson, will be at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Henderson with Rev. Johnny Newton, Rev. Gavin McAdam, and Greg Wood officiating. Interment with military honors will be at Union Grove Cemetery near Troup under the direction of Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson. Visitation will be from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Monday, Oct. 23, 2023 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson.

Billy Pannell, a man of God, husband, father, grandfather, pappy and friend. A man whose journey through 88 years was a testament to courage, dedication, and unwavering faith. Mr. Pannell passed away October 19, 2023 at his residence. He was born January 7, 1935 to the late Elmer and Bentley (Box) Pannell. He served his country in the US Marine Corps, retiring after 20 years of service as a Master Sergeant. He was a retired warehouse manager for TXU. Bill was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, where he also served as a Deacon, and former Sunday School teacher.

He danced though life even in his last moment; "I'm doing alright".

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Eugenia Pannell, and four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include: wife Shirley Pannell of Henderson; son Kenneth Pannell of St. Croix, Virgin Islands; daughters Rita Wood and husband Greg of New Braunfels, and Elizabeth Schultz of Oregon; eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Carlos Carrizales, Logan Commins, Matthew Carrizales, Marcos Carrizales, Greg Wood, and Clay Pannell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Union Grove Cemetery, c/o David and Alicia Toole, 20362 St. Hwy 110 South, Whitehouse, TX 75791.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Union Grove

20548 FM 15  
Troup, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
1406 S. Evenside  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - October 23, 2023 at 12:32 PM

VB

*Sending my condolences. Prayers and hugs to family and friends.*

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**Valda Boyd** - October 23, 2023 at 03:32 PM

JJ

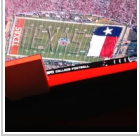
*Deepest condolences to your family. 🌹 Loved your picture tribute, what an amazing legacy.  
~ Jeannie Jury*

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**Jeannie Jury** - October 24, 2023 at 09:30 AM

HG

“ *I grew up with Bill in the Roquemore community. He will always be remembered as one of my best childhood friends. God Bless you Bill and I know you are happy in your new home.*

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**Haskell Gossett** - November 07, 2023 at 08:39 AM



“ *Ron Audas lit a candle in memory of Billy Pannell*



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**Ron Audas** - October 25, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ *Kay Bateman lit a candle in memory of Billy Pannell*



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**Kay Bateman** - October 24, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ *We had the privilege of boating through the Panama canal with Bill!  
Love to the family*💕💕

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**Darla Rydman** - October 22, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“ *I'll always very much appreciate Bill's response to my daughter Sara's wreck on 840, helping her out of the ditch and getting EMS to the scene. Wonderful guy.*

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**Stephen Sanders** - October 22, 2023 at 10:13 AM

NK

“ *Nancy Kniffen lit a candle in memory of Billy Pannell*



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**Nancy Ann Kniffen** - October 22, 2023 at 07:37 AM

RC

“ *You will be missed*



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**Rand and Judy Cates** - October 21, 2023 at 11:18 PM

LV

“ *Bill and Shirley were such great friends to our parents, Hugh and Opal Brownlee. They walked beside them through good times and eventually their illnesses and deaths. They were also there for us. When we think of Bill (and Shirley, too), we think of loyalty, commitment, laughter, gentle spirit, and devotion. There aren't enough words to adequately describe Bill. We know he will be missed on this earth but we know he is rejoicing in heaven with Jesus, and his family and friends that have gone before him. Prayers for Shirley and his family that are still here. Please be comforted that you will see him again.*

*Sincerely,*  
*The Brownlee family*  
*(Mike, Linda, Steve, Sherry, and Laurie)*

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**laurie vineyard** - October 21, 2023 at 10:42 PM

DS

“ Bill was a classmate of mine, a good student and a friend to everyone. He was also a very fine artist being recognized by his military officers and requested to paint a mural in one of the buildings there. More importantly, he loves the Lord serving Him faithfully and loyally throughout his life.  
*Margaret Sumrall*



**Doyle and Margaret Sumrall** - October 21, 2023 at 06:45 PM

SN

“ Condolences to the family and friends, Sissy Morriis Neill



**Sissy Neill** - October 21, 2023 at 06:35 AM

SP

“ Sonny Pannell lit a candle in memory of Billy Pannell



**Sonny Pannell** - October 20, 2023 at 05:27 PM

DP

“ Doug Tammi Pannell lit a candle in memory of Billy Pannell



**Doug & Tammi Pannell** - October 20, 2023 at 05:27 PM

LO

“ *Laura Ontiveros lit a candle in memory of Billy Pannell*



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**Laura A Ontiveros** - October 20, 2023 at 04:48 PM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Billy Pannell*



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**Gary Wilkerson** - October 20, 2023 at 02:54 PM

RN

“ *Randy Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Gene Pannell*



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**Randy Nichols** - October 20, 2023 at 09:24 AM