



## 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](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Tribute Wall

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K Echols - April 02, 2025 at 12:08 PM

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k echols - April 02, 2025 at 12:00 PM

SE

“ Dr. Ross was my advisor when I was a student at Louisiana Tech's Forestry Department. There, he gave me the opportunity to assist in his research projects related to forest pests. These experiences were extremely influential on my career path. After working with Dr. Ross, I recieved a MS degree in forest entomology and am now working as a forest entomologist in Kentucky. I am very grateful for all Dr. Ross did for me in my early academic career and wish I could have reached out to him before his passing to thank him for his guidance and encouragement. He is sincerely missed.

Seth - February 12, 2023 at 11:49 AM

DH

“ *Bill: You are so loved and missed. Love, Dolores*



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**Dolores Hoeber** - December 29, 2020 at 11:01 PM

DH

“ *I still miss you terribly, Bill. Love you.*

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**Dolores Hoeber** - November 09, 2020 at 04:06 PM

RC

“ *Bill was a quiet, smart and kind man. He didn't say much in school, but he was funny when approached.*

*I saw his posts on FB n he loved the outdoors and animals.*

*My condolences to the family for I just found out. Becky Cantu*

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**Rebecca Cantu** - June 24, 2020 at 04:20 AM

SJ

“ Dear Stephanie, Lauren, Jim, Paula, and Dolores ~~

*Bill ~~ such a brilliant and funny guy! My family goes back a long way with yours in little San Benito, Texas, and I have nothing but the fondest of memories. It is with deep sadness that I extend my heartfelt sympathy to you in the loss of your sweet brother and companion. My hope is that the love and support you have for one another is helping you through this difficult time.*

*May you be blessed in knowing that Bill is in the best "natural environment" of all ~~ Heaven! May he soar with the angels!*

*With all my love, thoughts, and prayers ~~*

*Susie Rodriguez Jones*

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**SUZANNE R JONES** - June 12, 2020 at 12:06 AM

DH

*Thank you, Susie. Bill and I were lucky enough to have reunited, if only for two years, but he made me very happy and I believe I made him happy as well. His death has been heart breaking. Thank you again for the kind words. He was an exceptional human being.*

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**Dolores Hoeber** - June 12, 2020 at 05:13 PM

DH

“ Love you, Bill. 💔

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**Dolores Hoeber** - May 29, 2020 at 10:37 PM

DH

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**Dolores Hoeber** - May 29, 2020 at 10:34 PM

DH

*Miss you terribly, Bill. Love you.*

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**Dolores Hoeber** - June 12, 2020 at 12:06 AM

DH

“ *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.*

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**Dolores Hoeber** - May 28, 2020 at 08:56 PM

RR

“ 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

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**Rosie Rodriguez** - May 28, 2020 at 12:10 PM

LB

“ 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

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**Lauren Ross Baldwin** - May 27, 2020 at 08:13 PM

SM

“ 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, 2020 at 11:12 AM

DH

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

Dolores Hoeber - May 27, 2020 at 08:25 PM

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Stephanie Ross Coker - May 26, 2020 at 05:48 PM

MJ

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

Mary Jelinek - May 27, 2020 at 12:54 PM

LB

Thank you!

Lauren Ross Baldwin - May 27, 2020 at 08:19 PM

RP

“ 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, 2020 at 12:41 PM

LB

Thank you Reed, he talked fondly of you.

Lauren Ross Baldwin - May 27, 2020 at 08:16 PM



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



Marilyn Vaught - May 20, 2020 at 01:07 PM

LB

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

Lauren Ross Baldwin - May 27, 2020 at 08:18 PM

TV

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

Tom & Marilyn Vaught



Tom Vaught - May 20, 2020 at 10:26 AM

LB

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

**Lauren Ross Baldwin** - May 27, 2020 at 08:18 PM

CR

*It is with great sorrow and sadness that I express my condolences to the family and friends of Bill's untimely passing. I have fond memories of our time together as students at the University of Texas at Austin and as young Galileans in the local church of Austin; living together; pray reading the word together; attending the church meetings and conferences of the ministry of Witness Lee; It was such a vibrant and formative time for both of us. I remember going fishing with Bill along the cliffs of Lake Travis or night fishing from the boat docks off Lohman's crossing and catching white bass one right after the other. I learned about using a black rod iron skillet from Bill and to this day use one and always remember the good ole days with Bill when I'm frying some chicken or fish in it. When we shared an apartment together, back in the day, he always had a bag packed by the door. I asked him about this and he said in case he needed to get up and go he was ready. I loved his fun loving jolly nature, that wonderful smile and those inquisitive, twinkling eyes, especially when he had just learned or discovered something new. The day after I learned of Bill's passing I received a word of assurance from the Lord, "this day, Bill is in paradise with me"! And what a paradise it must be, full of trees, lakes, fishing, books, new vistas of discovery, one right after the other, and plenty of warm and loving people to share his passion for life with; an eternity of love and life, that's for sure. One of the funniest stories Bill ever told me was his first day of school. He said, "I was going about my usual daily business when all of a sudden my mother starts getting me dressed; gets my lunch ready in a lunch pail, puts me in the car and off we go to this strange place; walks me to the classroom, introduces me to the teacher and kisses me goodbye. I figured this must be the next phase of life and so I settled in to a new routine. I quickly learned it wasn't all that bad, what with all the interesting stuff and toys etc. and I went about getting to know this new place. At the end of the day, I was surprised to see my mother arriving to the classroom as I said to her, 'what are you doing here? I didn't think I'd ever see you again.'" Apparently, Bill was caught of guard by his first day of school but quickly adjusted because of his endless curiosity and wonder about life. I certainly know that Bill was prepared this time to enter into the joy of the Lord. With all my love, Charlie Rodriguez*

**Charlie Rodriguez** - June 07, 2020 at 09:59 AM

DH

*Charlie: What a beautiful tribute to Bill. His sudden passing has broken my heart. We had planned to do so many things together and we loved each other so much. I know Bill was spiritually ready to meet Jesus whenever that moment arrived. Bill often spoke fondly of the time spent with you. Bill will always be remembered for the loving, accepting, humble, intelligent and compassionate person he was. I know he is with the Lord. I look forward to seeing him again.*

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**Dolores Hoerber** - June 16, 2020 at 09:53 AM

SC

*It's so comforting to read all these wonderful notes. Thank you, everyone.*

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**Stephanie Coker** - June 16, 2020 at 05:02 PM

CC

*My deepest condolences to the Ross family. I am Lauren's high school classmate. May God embrace his family and friends through this difficult time.*

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**Corina Cantu** - June 25, 2020 at 06:44 PM

LB

*Thank you Corina!*

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**Lauren R Baldwin** - July 08, 2020 at 05:58 PM