



## Mr. William Hugh 'Bill' Ross

July 29, 1926 - July 14, 2013

William Hugh Ross passed from this life on July 14, 2013. Bill, as known to many of his friends, was born July 29, 1926. He was born in the Liberty Community to William “Billy” and Anne Lou Ross.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife A. Marie Ross of 64.5 years; his son, Robert W. “Bob” Ross; his parents, and his sister, Lula Mae Strong; and his brother, B. Franklin Ross.

Mr. Ross spent his entire life of 86 years in Henderson. He graduated from Henderson High School and completed extensive study at Texas A&M University and Kilgore College during his years of employment as an engineer liaison at Texas Eastman Company in Longview. Mr. Ross served his country during World War II in the Pacific Theater and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant after his first year of service. He returned to Henderson after the cessation of World War II with the bombing of Japan. He then met and married his beloved wife Marie W. Ross upon his return to Henderson.

Mr. Ross loved working with young people, and he served many seasons as a Little League Coach. He served as the first President of the Henderson Optimist Club. He received several commendations from his superintendent during his career at Texas Eastman Company for service to disadvantaged youth. He also served as a Cub Scout leader and supported the local Camp

Fire Organization. Mr. Ross was a member of First Baptist Church of Henderson.

Mr. Ross had an undying love for his family and had a work ethic that allowed him to consistently be on time to his employment at Texas Eastman in Longview for 35 years. He had a zeal for any project he attempted and was known as "Uncle" to his nephews and was a father figure to many young men. Bill Ross grew up as a young man in the post-depression era and he as such was a man of strong character and principles. He will be missed immensely.

William Hugh Ross loved his family and he loved his Lord. He is survived by his daughter, Carol Ann Ross Young; and his grandchildren, Jeffrey A. Young and Aimee R. Young Burns and her husband Chris Burns, all of the Houston area. Mr. Ross is also survived by five great-grandchildren, Colleen Burns, Andrew Burns, Ethan Burns, Logan B. Griswold, and William Spencer Young.

He is also survived by his nephews, Tommy Strong of Henderson and Bill Strong of Killen, AL; and Bennie and Frank Ross and niece Debbie Ross of Louisiana and Arkansas; his life-long friend, Otis Brooks; and as he called "his best friend", Vaughn Merritt Sr. gave him support and aided him in his last years of life. William Hugh "Bill" Ross left a legacy that is seldom matched.

Pallbearers will be Jess Young, Harold Howell, Phil Pirtle, John Foster, Chris Dobbins, and Jim Young. Honorary pallbearers will be Otis Brooks, Tommy Strong, Bill Sitton, Donald Ross, Armel Williams, Tony Stone, Micah Howard, and Bill Strong.

Funeral services for Mr. Ross will be held at 11 am Wednesday, July 17, 2013 in the chapel of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. Dwayne Yates and Rev. Bill Tisdale officiating. Interment will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive

friends from 10 am until service time on Wednesday, July 17 at the funeral home.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memorial Park

Hwy 64 and 323  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Ann, What great times we had spending the night at your house and visiting with your mom and dad. Both VERY special people. What special memories you have to share with your grand children. God Bless you today and in the weeks to come, Susan Hensley

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**Susan Hensley** - July 17, 2013 at 12:32 PM

CW

“ Carol and family,  
I was so sorry to hear of your father's passing. God's comfort to you all at this sad time.  
Love, Cyndi Walker

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**Cyndi Walker** - July 17, 2013 at 11:18 AM

JH

“ Bill was perhaps the most conscientious person I worked with in my 33 years at Texas Eastman. I am saddened to hear of his passing.

*John Hill*

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**John Hill** - July 16, 2013 at 09:28 PM

PF

“ Very sorry to hear about Bill. I had the privilege of working with Bill at Eastman & getting to know Marie following Bob's accident. Wonderfull people. Bill was smart, wise, and a very capable strong leader. We never worried about his Eastman unit when Bill was on call.

*Paul Folzenlogen*

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**Paul Folzenlogen** - July 16, 2013 at 07:51 AM

PL

“ Dear Carol and family -- Steve and I are thinking of you and praying for you at this sad time. We cannot be with you but will be there in spirit. It was so good be meet your dad last year. I will always remember that he told your mother he would see her just "as soon as he could" when she was at the end of her life. I know you will miss him, but he is at peace with his true love. God be with you all. Our love, Paula and Steve

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**Paula and Steve Letbetter** - July 15, 2013 at 06:35 PM

BR

“ Bennie & Debbie Ross lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hugh 'Bill' Ross



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**Bennie & Debbie Ross** - July 15, 2013 at 12:46 PM

WY

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy. Just know that Bill is together with Marie once again.

*Jim & Wilma Young*

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**Wilma Young** - July 15, 2013 at 09:06 AM