



## Billy Joe Hall

September 14, 1937 - October 13, 2020

With his children at his side, Billy Joe Hall was called to his heavenly home on Tuesday Oct. 13, 2020. Billy was born on Sept. 14, 1937 in Taylor, Texas to W.L. (Bill) Hall and Jo Ella Baker Hall. He graduated from Rockdale High School in 1956, received his bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State College in 1960, and completed his master's degree in agricultural education from Texas A&M University in 1968. While at SWTSC in San Marcos, he met Ida Bess Robinson and they were married on November 23, 1961 in Tuleta, Texas. Billy's dad-W.L. (Bill) Hall-gave up his seat on the RISD Board of Trustees so Billy could be hired as a teacher in 1961. He taught one year of junior high science before moving to high school as an Ag teacher, where he would remain until his retirement in 1994. Billy was a member of Meadowbrook Baptist Church where he sang with the Meadowlarks, and Milam County Cowboy Church where he sang with the Silver Spurs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife Bess who passed away in May 2017.

Billy is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, David and Starla Hall of Thorndale, and his daughter and son-in-law Shelley and Kenneth Foudray of Brazoria. He is also survived by grandchildren, Allen Hall, Abby Foudray, Erin Loutfi and husband Fuad, and Jessee Lopes and husband Matt, three great grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews. Also survived by sister Linda Crane, brother Hal Hall, sister Martha Vance and husband Jim, Teresa Derickson, brother-in-law Ollie Morris, and Naomi Hall.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 18, 2020 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with Rev. Jack Gilliland and Rev. Mike Loftice officiating. Burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale. Visitation is Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers include Allen Hall, Doug Crane, Barton Crane, Jason Hall, John Hall, Clint Vance, Shane Vance, and Danny Morris.

Honorary pallbearers include Kenneth Foudray, Ollie Morris, Jim Vance, Larry Pipkin, Robert Moore, Walter Pond, and James Birkhead.

The family requests that any memorials be made to the charity of one's choosing.

# Cemetery

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## I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.

Rockdale, TX, 76567

# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**                      06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79, Rockdale, TX, US, 76567

**OCT**   **Chapel Service**    02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ We are sorry to learn that Billy Joe has passed. Condolences to Linda, Martha, and the Hall family. My memories of Billy Joe are from the Baker reunions as we were growing up. I remember him as a very jolly person, always with a smile. He will be missed. Our prayers are with you all during this sad time.  
Anna Raye (Pipkin) Manning

Anna Raye Manning - October 19, 2020 at 09:45 AM

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“ Our condolences and love to you David, Starland, and Allen. Your Mom and Dad were Special folks to my parents at Meadowbrook. Prayers of comfort and peace for you all.

Hector and Diane Hernandez - October 17, 2020 at 09:26 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the family of Billy Joe Hall. I was privileged to be a classmate of his and years later he and Bess were next-door neighbors. He was always kind, courteous and a truly nice person, not to mention how intelligent he was. I know he will be missed. I pray that God will comfort you in your grief, and I will remember you in my prayers.  
Lois Braun Noak  
Round Top, TX

Lois Noak - October 17, 2020 at 05:23 PM

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“ Jason/Amanda, John/Evie, Joanna/Shannon & Naomi purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Billy Joe Hall.



Jason/Amanda, John/Evie, Joanna/Shannon & Naomi - October 16, 2020 at 09:46 PM

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“ We were blessed to know Billy & Bess as part of Meadowbrook Church family. They were amazing partners in giving Children’s sermons as part of the Sunday service. We loved hearing them share the Gospel in that way. Billy and Bess also came to the hospital to sit with Doug when I had surgery. I still remember the sweetest, most comforting prayer before going into surgery. We are so thankful that God allowed our paths to cross in this life! Well done, good and faithful servants of the Lord! Til we meet again!  
Doug & Bea Williams

**Bea Williams** - October 16, 2020 at 06:38 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Hall family. Mr Hall was a good ag teacher we had a lot of fun times in his class also they were neighbors to my grandmother on fm 487 Ella Ottmer. May he Rest In Peace god bless. Terry L Mowdy



**Terry L Mowdy** - October 16, 2020 at 03:40 PM

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“ Mr. Hall was a good ag teacher he will be remembered for all his years of service to his students and for his fellow ag teachers. Our sincere sympathy, Renita Schroeder and John Mark Schroeder AST Normangee

**Renita H. Schroeder** - October 16, 2020 at 01:52 PM

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“ I worked with Billy at RHS in the 90's. He was always smiling and a pleasure to be around....RIP Mr. Hall.....Sherri Seale

**Sherri Seale** - October 16, 2020 at 01:37 PM

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“ Ah, the end of an era! Bill Joe Hall and Albert Timmerman taught together what was then called vocational agriculture for many, many years at Rockdale. The number of lives that they touched and the depth to which they influenced young people are a legacy that will live thru those of us who benefited from their mentorship, their friendship, their genuine love for students.

It's so fitting that a graduate of Rockdale H S and a former student of Mr Hall's (I believe!) Theresa Pesl (now Murphrey) was recognized just 30 minutes ago as the winner of a DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD from the Association of Former Students. There are only three of these awards given annually.

The excellence in teaching of Billy Joe Hall continues through his former students!

**Gary Briers** - October 16, 2020 at 12:42 PM

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“ I was in Mr. Hall's 6th grade Science class. He was a great teacher, and we enjoyed our science projects. And, later, my brother was in his Ag Science classes. Mr. Hall was a greatly respected member of our school community, and his legacy will live on as we honor his memory. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Lynette Bayless Waltisperger

**Lynette Waltisperger** - October 16, 2020 at 12:20 AM

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“ Our family loved him. He always had a smile on his face an gentle as a lamb. He will be missed, and will be in our hearts for ever.  
I know our kids love him an it was a honor to have known him.  
May you rest in peace.

**RAY AND LUCY COWARD** - October 15, 2020 at 11:42 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your dad passing away. Billy was very kind man and I always had great respect for him and your mom. Your dad was kind enough to let me grow hogs out on their place. Growing the hogs help put me through TSTI in Waco, Texas and helped while I was going to Rockdale High School. There was very few dull moments out there for we always had your neighbor James helping us. Your dad went out of his way to help James and my dad. I would give James some small pigs that we thought did not have much chance of making it, but he always brought them around and kept them or sold them. I am very sad to hear of his passing on.

**Jimmie Summers** - October 15, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ Thank you, Jimmie.

**David Hall** - December 31, 2020 at 10:40 AM

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“ He was a good friend and a wonderful teacher.  
Theresa Voelkel

**Theresa Voelkel** - October 15, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ Thank you, Theresa.

**David Hall** - December 31, 2020 at 10:41 AM

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“ Billy Joe and my paths crossed throughout the years in many ways. He and I both started our Rockdale teaching career in Rockdale Junior High School and then both were high school teachers. Later he was Landis' ag teacher. Along the way he and Fred were in the same Sunday School class at Meadowbrook Baptist Church and friends away from church; later he was my teacher.

How I admired Billy Joe all the years I have known him as did so many others! I always thought of him as an out-and-out super person. He will be missed.

**Joyce Bayless** - October 15, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ Thank you, Joyce.

**David Hall** - December 31, 2020 at 10:41 AM

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“ What a great Man!!!!!! Ag class was always fun with Mr. Hall. I remember on game days we would talk about the opponent we were going to be playing in football and baseball and at the end of class he would always say good luck to y'all tonight....Rest in Peace Mr. Hall.

**Johnny Stewart** - October 15, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ Thanks, Johnny.

**David Hall** - December 31, 2020 at 10:42 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. May God comfort all of Billy's family and surround you with His love.  
In Christ's love,  
Bob and Donna Melcher

**Bob Melcher** - October 15, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ Thank you so much.

**David Hall** - December 31, 2020 at 10:43 AM

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“ Wonderful man of God that I was able teach with my first year in Rockdale, was a great mentor to so many. Touched many lives.

**Glen Hughes** - October 15, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ Thanks for the kind words, Glen.

**David Hall** - December 31, 2020 at 10:43 AM

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“ David, Starla and Family, So sorry to hear about your dad. Sending our love and sympathy.



**Barton & Marcia Felton** - October 15, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ Condolences and prayers for the family.

**Pat Barcak** - October 15, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ David, Starla and family you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

**Iris Hogf** - October 17, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ Thank you all.

**David Hall** - December 31, 2020 at 10:43 AM