



Billy Lee Hill

June 27, 1931 - July 14, 2019

Billy Lee Hill, 88, of Somerville entered into his eternal rest on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at Copperas Hollow Health and Rehabilitation Center in Caldwell. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Phillip & Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell with Rev. Terry Bage and Donny Wood officiating. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

Billy was born June 27, 1931 in Canute, Oklahoma to Arlo and Mildred (Arnold) Hill. On March 28, 1953, he married the love of his life, Joanne Bancroft, a union that was to last more than 66 years.

During the Korean war, he served in the US Marine Corps and reenlisted afterwards to serve a total of 8 years 7 months 12 days. In 1956, he was seriously injured in a training accident and was later retired on disability from those injuries. After many months of rehabilitation, he attended mortuary school and received a license to practice in the State of California. He was employed for several years by Pierce Brothers Colonial Mortuary in Las Angeles before moving to Texas to become a cook/chef on a Brown & Root work barge and later was a baker for Skaggs-Albertson's in College Station. He and Joanne owned and operated Somerville Bakery for several years until the work load became too great and they sold the business.

Billy reciprocated his California morticians license for a Texas License and was employed by Strickland Funeral Home in Somerville and Caldwell and later by Nobles Funeral Home in Navasota then back to Strickland Funeral Home where he retired in 1996.

After a long trip to Alaska, he accepted a part-time position with Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell and retired for a final time in 2009.

Billy and Joanne enjoyed traveling and would take long trips in their R. V. to all parts of the United States. Billy was a people person and enjoyed meeting new people along the way. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and telling stories. He was extremely

proud of his great-grandsons, Eric Wayne Poehl who has enlisted in the US Army and Cody Tyler Poehl who is a pre-med student. Serving others brought him much joy.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Deanville.

Billy was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, Joanne (Bancroft) Hill; his parents; a brother, Walter E. Hill and a sister, Mollie Carter.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Mae Beth Hill of Kelso, WA; a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Kevin Poehl of Somerville; a sister, Faye Jones of Cambria, CA; a grandson, Fritz Eric Poehl and wife, Traci; two great-grandsons, Eric Wayne Poehl and Cody Tyler Poehl and many friends that he considered as family.

Arrangements by Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home of Caldwell.

Cemetery

Texas State Veterans Cemetery

11463 State Highway 195

Killeen, TX, 76542-4945

Events

JUL **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Caldwell
404 W. Buck St., Caldwell, TX, US, 77836

JUL **Chapel Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I am so glad we got to visit a few weeks ago. I will always remember the big smile you always had on your face.. I suppose you will be very busy visiting every one up there in Heaven, give them all a hug for me.. Until we meet again..

Love,
Cheryl

cheryl caddell - July 18 at 03:12 PM



“ Dad was a devoted husband, loving father, grand and great grandfather. He has many friends that he made along his journey, we know that he will be missed by those who knew him.

Steven and Mae Beth Hill

Mae Beth - July 17 at 04:12 PM