



Bill T. Avrett

May 15, 1932 - August 22, 2016

Bill T. Avrett, 84 of Rockdale, passed away the morning of Monday, August 22, 2016 in Lorena. Funeral services will be held at 11:00am, Thursday, August 25, 2016 at St. John's United Methodist Church with Rev. Adam Straznicky officiating and burial following at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home.

Bill was born May 15, 1932 in the Pleasant Hill Community to Ray and Elizabeth (Ralston) Avrett. He attended Thorndale High School where he graduated Valedictorian. Bill then received his BBA from the University of Texas and served in the United States Air Force for 4 ½ years during the Korean War, before being honorably discharged. He married Benalyn Cloudt in September of 1956 in Elgin, Texas. Bill worked for Chance Vought Aircraft in Grand Prairie as an Employment Interviewer. He then worked for Texas Instruments in Dallas in a variety of personnel services. Bill then went to work for Tracor, Inc. in Austin as the Personnel Director to the Director of Administrative Services where he dealt with safety, security, public relations, transportation, international consulting as well as taught management courses part time at the University of Texas. He owned and operated several small corporations such as a car dealership, farm implement dealership, mobile home sales lot and a leasing company rental agency just to name a few. Bill served as Division Manager for a high tech industrial cleaning company where

he was involved in coordination of crews and equipment to perform projects locally and nationwide. Bill retired from Veolia. He was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale.

Bill was very involved in his community and proudly served in many different organizations such as, President of the Rockdale Rotary Club, President of the Rockdale Country Club, President of the Babe Ruth League, Rockdale City Council, Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, St. John's United Methodist Church, Rockdale High School Vocational Committee, Rockdale Sandow & Southern Railroad, Rockdale Little League and Girls Softball, Rockdale Relays, VFW Post 6535, FFA, and President of the Rockdale Athletic Association. Bill served on the City Council for 3 years before becoming the City of Rockdale Mayor 18 years.

He is preceded in death by his wife 56 years, Benalyn Avrett; brother, James Avrett; and sister, Nell Elizabeth Avrett.

Bill is survived by his son, Truett Avrett and wife Karen of Conroe, Texas; daughter, Jennifer Kramer and husband Brett of Lorena, Texas; grandchildren, Teaghan Avrett of Magnolia, Texas Tiernan Avrett of Conroe, Texas, McKenna Kramer of Lorena, Texas and Chandler Kramer of Lorena, Texas; and sister, Mary Ruth Borges of Austin, Texas.

Bill was known for donating books in someone's memory to the Rockdale Library or the Rockdale Schools. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you do the same. Donate a book in Bill's memory to the Rockdale Elementary School, Intermediate School or to the Rockdale Library.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

County Road 312
Thorndale, TX 76577

Previous Events

Public Visitation

AUG 24. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Church Service

AUG 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's United Methodist Church
1700 Hillcrest Dr
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall

VR

“ Veolia- Rockdale purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Bill T. Avrett.



Veolia- Rockdale - August 24, 2016 at 11:51 AM

MB

“ Saying goodbye to a friend and neighbor is not easy. Thirty years of living side by side holds many memories, which we will cherish. He was a true friend to all who knew him and he always had a smile and a story. He was a walking encyclopedia of the history of Milam County. I doubt if there was a family or place that he did not know. Bill was one of the last of the "Old Breed." They don't make 'em like him anymore!

Mark and Sheila Brady

Mark Brady - August 24, 2016 at 08:55 AM

RH

“ Truitt & Jennifer you have my deepest sympathy. I worked for your dad for 10 years and I can honestly say he was the best and kindest boss I ever had. We had many laughs together. He will be missed by many people.

*Sincerely,
Rita Hughes*

Rita Hughes - August 23, 2016 at 04:20 PM

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“ *Your Friends at American Legion Carlyle Post 358 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bill T. Avrett.*



Your Friends at American Legion Carlyle Post 358 - August 23, 2016 at 12:50 PM

SB

“ *Bill was such a warm and caring person. We only knew him a short time as his new neighbors. He made us feel welcome right from the start. He had a smile that could light up a room. We will miss him and all the many funny stories he shared with us. We wish to express our deepest heartfelt sympathy to his family. Sincerely, Sharon and Chuck Bass.*

SHARON BASS - August 23, 2016 at 12:40 PM

WD

“ *Jennifer, my heart goes out to you during this time. Your Dad was loved by many and will be remembered by them. My prayers and love go out to you, Truitt, and your families.*

*Winnie Dyer
Temple, Texas*

Winnie Dyer - August 23, 2016 at 10:29 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of *Bill T. Avrett*.



August 22, 2016 at 06:18 PM