



## Bill Dessens

September 25, 1930 - June 16, 2014

Bill Dessens, precious husband, father, grandfather, talented musician and friend to many, was called Home on June 16th, 2014 by his Savior. He was born to Joseph and Dovia Dessens on September 25, 1930. He grew up in Rockdale, Texas and graduated from Rockdale High School in 1947. He and the love of his life, Norma Eulenfeld, were married on November 22, 1953. After serving in the United States Air Force, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Houston Police Department, Bill worked for seven years for Alcoa in Rockdale, and then made a career as an insurance agent with State Farm, Allstate, and finally as co-owner of Axis Insurance Agency in Houston. Bill was a proud member of the River Road Boys and the Texas Trio, where he entertained many with his musical talent, earning induction into the Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame, the Western Swing Society Hall of Fame (CA), the Northwest Western Swing Music Society Pioneers of Western Swing (WA), and the Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest Hall of Fame (OK). He and Norma spent much of their retired time traveling, visiting family and friends, and enjoying precious moments with their grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother Frank. He is survived by his wife, Norma; his son, Steven, son, David and wife, Lisa, and son, Mark and wife, Yvette; his grandchildren Adrien, Derek, Kyle and Sean; his brother Wayne; and many loving family members and friends. Visitation will be held at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home, 1041 W. Hwy. 79, Rockdale, Texas from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2014 with graveside services at

2:30 p.m. at the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Rockdale. A memorial service will be held at Tallowood Baptist Church, 555 Tallowood Rd., Houston, Texas 77024 at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 23, 2014. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Tallowood Baptist Church or to the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

- JL** “ *Bill Dessens*

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**JERRY LIGHTSEY** - June 23, 2014 at 10:57 AM
- DH** “ *Bill Dessens*

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**David & Phyllis Hagler** - June 21, 2014 at 09:00 AM
- JB** “ *Bill Dessens*

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**Jim Bates** - June 20, 2014 at 11:55 PM
- WF** “ *Bill Dessens*

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**Williams Family** - June 20, 2014 at 07:14 PM
- BR** “ *Bill Dessens*

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**Bert and Shirley Rivera** - June 20, 2014 at 01:10 PM
- DB** “ *Bill Dessens*

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**Don and Juanita Booth** - June 20, 2014 at 11:49 AM
- BM** “ *Bill Dessens*

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**Belinda Martin** - June 20, 2014 at 12:04 AM

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“ *Bill Dessens*

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**Paul Schlesinger** - June 19, 2014 at 12:37 PM

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“ *Bill Dessens*

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**Robin Maedgen** - June 18, 2014 at 10:53 AM

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“ *Bill Dessens*

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**Pixie Weige Grisham** - June 17, 2014 at 08:40 PM