



## William "Bill" Ballard Jr.

January 18, 1936 - August 7, 2022

Graveside services for William "Bill" Ballard Jr, 86 of Elgin, Texas, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 in the Giddings City Cemetery with Pastor Robert Oliver officiating. Military honors will be provided by Giddings American Legion York Post 276.

William "Bill" Dabney Ballard Jr. was born on January 18, 1936 in Charlottesville, Virginia to William Ballard Sr. and Dallas Ann (Lee) Ballard. Being a rambunctious child, for many years he believed that his name was "Damn-it Billy". After graduating high school, he attended Virginia Tech and received his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering. Bill also served in the U.S. Air Force, he was stationed state side during the Korea War era. After receiving his discharge, Bill continued to serve as a government defense engineer. In 1989, he was united in marriage to Diane Kelley in Rockwall, Texas. Bill loved to collect memorabilia from numerous domestic and international wars. He also enjoyed traveling, dancing, antiquing, and was always working on a project outside. Bill spent many hours putting together his miniature railroad. He will be remembered as a true southern gentleman and was a leader from his childhood. Bill looked forward to the time spent with his family and friends.

Bill passed away the morning of Sunday, August 7, 2022 at his home in Elgin.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William Ballard Sr. and Dallas Ballard.

Bill is survived by his wife of 33 years, Diane Ballard of Elgin; four children, Elizabeth & Michael Minchew of Plano, Katherine & George Poulsen of Keller, David Nichols & Robin Brockway-Nichols of Carrollton, and Kathryn Kelley of Buda; six grandchildren, Nick Poulsen of Keller, Will Minchew of Plano, Kelsey Poulsen of Keller, Tom Minchew of Plano, Matt Roiland of Buda, and Lillie Roiland of Buda, and one sister, Ann Van Eman of Houston.

Memorials may be made to a local VFW, St. Labre Indian School, or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Ballard Jr..*



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August 14, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Elizabeth and Katherine purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William "Bill" Ballard Jr..*



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**Elizabeth and Katherine** - August 13, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *Dave and Robin purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William "Bill" Ballard Jr..*



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**Dave and Robin** - August 12, 2022 at 01:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Ballard Jr..*



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August 10, 2022 at 07:30 PM

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“ *Family doesn't have to be blood related. Best man I've ever known. Miss you and will always love you. Dink*



Kathryn Kelley - August 09, 2022 at 11:07 PM

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“ *Jeff & I are very blessed to have known Bill. We loved how he could tell a good story and enjoy a good story. Praying for Diane & family to take comfort in the joy he brought to this world!*

Sabra & Jeff Clancy - August 09, 2022 at 06:08 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sabra Clancy - August 09, 2022 at 06:01 PM