



William "Billy" Murrell Bownds

September 5, 1937 - January 22, 2022

Funeral services for Billy Bownds, 84 of Lexington, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Joy Adimakkeel officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, January 27, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and a rosary will be held Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

William Murrell "Billy" Bownds was born on September 5, 1937 in Taylor, Texas to William Calvin Bownds and Valrie (Sorenson) Bownds. Billy married the love of his life, Gloria Jean Gratzek, on June 18, 1960 at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Houston, Texas. He and Gloria made their home in Houston for a while before moving to Lexington. Billy was a founding member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Lexington. Billy served as a mentor for the students teaching them the Dale Carnegie Methods. He was a very active person late into his life where he continued to train and show cuttings horses until his body just wouldn't let him any more at the age of 82. He was a member of the American Cutting Horse Association, the National Cutting Horse Association, and the American Quarter Horse Association. Billy also enjoyed going on vacations with the Austin Road Riders (a motorcycle club) and playing with his band "Billy Bownds and the Night Hawks". Whenever Billy wasn't enjoying one of his other pastimes, he was a true outdoorsman, he

always watched the sunrise, worked with his animals, and enjoyed watching the sunsets. If you knew Billy you knew that he had a famous saying, "In life if you have a good wife, a good horse, a good truck, and good dogs, you are doing pretty well."

Billy passed away the morning of Saturday, January 22, 2022 at St. David's Medical Center in Austin, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Valrie Bownds, and two great grandchildren, Braxton Wayne Bownds and Carter Smith.

Billy is survived by his wife, Gloria Jean Bownds of Lexington; three sons, William M. Bownds Jr. and significant other Linda Sageser of Georgetown, Darrell and Olga Bownds of Round Rock, and Randall and Dewanna Bownds of Lexington; eleven grandchildren, Jonathan and Courtnee Bownds of Elgin, Laura and Eric Smith of Leander, Sarah and Jeremiah Bridges of Leander, Nicholas and Emilie Bownds of Elgin, Shayne and Alex Keay of Leander, Hayden Bownds of California, Holden Bownds of San Marcos, Kelly and Jose Acevedo of Manor, Spencer and Sarah Bownds of Rockdale, Cortland and Morgan Bownds of Lexington, and Laine Bownds and significant other Twyla Osborne of Lexington; sister-in-law, Dolores Gratzek of Sealy, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jonathan Bownds, Nicholas Bownds, Hayden Bownds, Holden Bownds, Spencer Bownds, Cortland Bownds, and Laine Bownds. Honorary pallbearers will be Randy Sherrill, Damon Burlin, Gary Clopton, and Bill Woodward.

Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church, Texas Tornados Mounted Drill Team, Texas Stars 4-H Equestrian Drill Team, or the charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Family Present for Visitation

JAN 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Rosary

JAN 26. 6:00 PM (CT)

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3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Visitation

JAN 27. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
1027 East FM 696
Lexington, TX 78947

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Billy" Murrell Bownds*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 25, 2022 at 12:18 PM

DO

Beautiful, so fitting to his life.

DOLORES - January 25, 2022 at 05:36 PM

LJ

“ *I remember Billy coming to Brenham those first shows we became friends. I'll miss Billy.*

Les Joiner - February 03, 2022 at 10:19 AM

RR

“ *Billy was such a kind gentleman in and out of the cutting pen. Our world is a better place for having him in it. He will be sorely missed.*

Rosemary Randolph - February 03, 2022 at 06:06 AM

DF

“ BILLY WAS A GOOD DECENT MAN WHO LOVED AND WAS PROUD OF HIS FAMILY! I CAME TO KNOW BILLY AND JEAN AND THEIR SONS THROUGH MOTORCYCLING. MY WIFE AND I WENT ON SOME ROAD TRIPS, INCLUDING A BIG BEND FAMILY TRIP ON EASTER WEEKEND OF 1982 WITH THEM. WHEN I FIRST MET THEM I WAS SINGLE. ON MOTORCYCLE CAMPOUTS THEY ALWAYS ALWAYS TREATED ME LIKE A MEMBER OF THEIR FAMILY! THE WORLD WAS BRIGHTENED BY BILLY AND HIS OUTGOING FRIENDLY, PERSONALITY AND MY LIFE WAS ENRICHED BY KNOWING THIS WONDERFUL MAN AND HIS FAMILY!! I WILL MISS MY FRIEND AND I KEEP HIS FAMILY IN MY PRAYERS. GOD BLESS YOU JEAN , BILLY JR. DARRELL, AND RANDALL! " TIL WE MEET AGAIN " DENNIS AND GLORIA FRIEDRICH

DENNS AND GLORIA FRIEDRICH - January 26, 2022 at 12:09 AM

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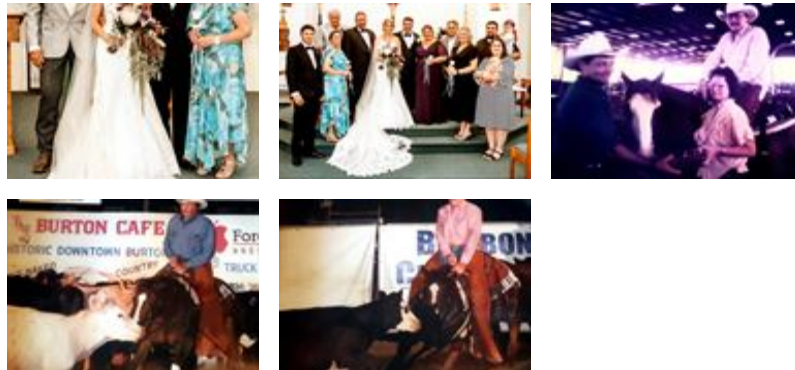
“ Randall, Dewanna and family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We're so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Bownds.



Curtis & Paula Worley - January 25, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 25, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Murrell Bownds.



January 25, 2022 at 08:42 AM



“ *Cheryl Sanders* lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Murrell Bownds



Cheryl Sanders - January 23, 2022 at 05:04 PM