



William Alford "Bill" Rhodes

August 17, 1938 - June 2, 2013

Announcing the Celebration of Life for William Alford "Bill" Rhodes at 11am on June 5 at Six Mile Cemetery in Carthage, TX. The viewing will be at Wallace-Thomson Funeral Home in Rusk from 5-7pm on Tuesday, June 4.

Bill was born on August 17, 1938. He passed away on June 2, 2013.

Bill graduated from Groesbeck High School in 1956 and later graduated from North Texas University in 1968 with a degree in Business Administration. Bill proudly served in the U.S. Air force, as a Military Air Police Officer until 1961. He worked for multiple organizations in Dallas, TX, including the Town North YMCA and as a Traffic Manager for Economics Laboratory before purchasing the Montgomery Wards store in Rusk, TX in the late 1970's. He later Co-founded B&R Builders with his friend, W.R. Bowden.

Bill loved to work outdoors. He was a park ranger at Jim Hogg State Park, in Rusk, TX, where he also co-authored a biography of Governor James Hogg. He also worked as a Park Ranger and Interpreter at multiple other Texas State parks. After he retired, he worked at the Cherokee County Solid Waste facility on a part time basis where he enjoyed visiting with everyone who came by.

Bill was a very active member of the community. He was a member of and avid volunteer to the Dialville United Methodist Church. He was a member of VFW Post 3406 in Rusk, TX. Bill was also involved with the Boy Scouts of America as scout master for Troop 397.

Bill's favorite things included seeing the mountains and oceans of Alaska with

Lucy Rhodes.

He is survived by his Loving Wife-Lucile, his sons-Johnathan and Justin, his daughter-Sarah Jessica, his Granddaughters-Lark Isabelle, Brinn Viola, and Scout Elizabeth, his grandson-Jake, Daughters-in-Law-Shelly and Angela, and his Son-in-Law- Jacob.

Raymond Vermillion will officiate and friends and family will serve as honorary pallbearers.

"Bill was a wonderful husband and father and I'll love him till the twelfth of never."

-Lucy

Tribute Wall



“ *William Alford "Bill" Rhodes*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Lucile my sweet sister. All of our lives are so closely weaved together. Such a big hole left in everyone's life with Bill gone. Tim and I will always remember all of the great times we shared together. Glad you found him to share your life with and had such a great life together. May God's peace spread over all the family at this hard time. Tim and I will always be there for all. Love You All, Bonita & Tim Cabaniss*

Bonita Cabaniss - June 07, 2013 at 08:52 AM



“ *Before I left for the funeral today, someone was teasing me about wearing cowboy boots to a funeral and how redneck it was to do so. All I could think about was the time when I came to Texas to interview for a coaching job, and I stayed with y'all. I had forgotten my dress shoes and all I had were my cowboy boots, and I was stressing it. Bill said, "Heck, Matt cowboy boots are dress shoes in Texas. No one will think anything of it." I got the job and thirteen years later, I am still in Texas coaching.*

Matt Rutz

Matt Rutz - June 05, 2013 at 04:18 PM

BE

“ Justin, may the love of God surround you during this time of sorrow. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Phil and Betty

Betty - June 05, 2013 at 02:15 PM

JO

“ Sincerest Condolences to the Family and friends of Bill Rhodes. May God and give you Strength and Peace during this difficult time.

Jo Ermel

Jo - June 05, 2013 at 07:14 AM

AJ

“ We Have The Rhodes Family and Friends In Our Thoughts and Prayers. Our Sincerest Condolences go out To You.

Adam Jarrett - June 04, 2013 at 11:48 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Alford "Bill" Rhodes.



June 04, 2013 at 11:07 AM

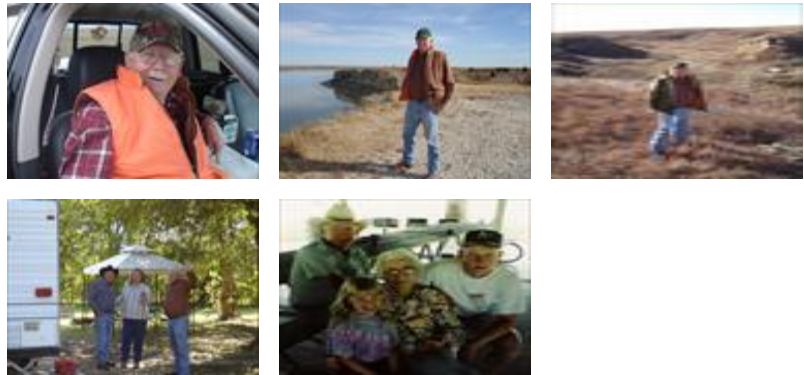
JS

“ Justin, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!

Jodi Swonke - June 04, 2013 at 09:56 AM

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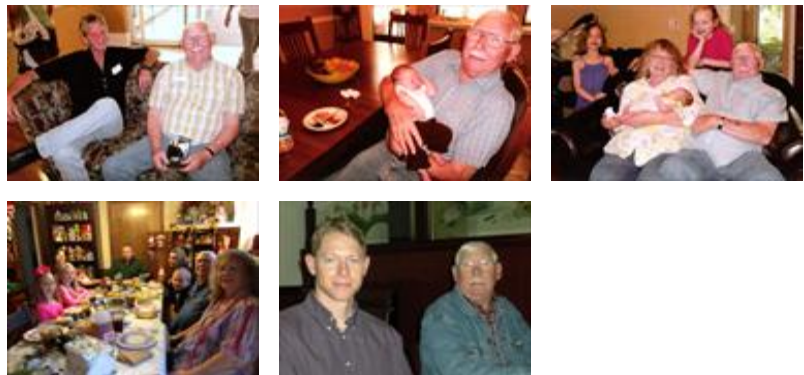
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Angela Rhodes - June 03, 2013 at 10:58 PM

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“ 20 files added to the album *Daddy Rhodes*



Angela Rhodes - June 03, 2013 at 10:49 PM

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“ Lucy and Boys, I am so sorry to hear about Bill. He was a great guy and friend. I have wonderful memories of Maydelle basketball games that we all attended together. I worked with Bill at Texas Parks and Wildlife for a number of years also. He will always be remembered with fondness.

Love,

Carolyn Thompson and the Thompson Clan

Carolyn Thompson - June 03, 2013 at 04:15 PM

LD

“ Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.



Lisa Dudley - June 03, 2013 at 04:00 PM

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“ On behalf of District 19, Veterans of Foreign Wars, our deepest condolences to the Rhodes family. Larry Hume, Chaplain.

Larry Hume - June 03, 2013 at 03:32 PM