



William Franklin Witt Sr.

April 18, 1958 - September 18, 2025

William (Bill) Witt, Sr, was born on April 18, 1958, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to John Bernard Witt and Robbie Lou Smith. Throughout his life, Bill lived in many places, meeting people and making connections wherever he went.

In 1985, Bill met Anna, and a lifetime romance was born. Married June 20, 1987, the couple briefly settled in Central Texas before eventually making Rusk their home.

Bill built a long and dedicated career with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, proudly serving for nearly 30 years. He was deeply respected and loved by his colleagues for his hard work, fairness, and steady character. Before his time with TDCJ, Bill worked at Todd's Shipyard, various construction companies, and finally served as a supervisor at Alcoa Aluminum, where he was admired for his leadership and work ethic. Bill liked to claim that he was a "Jack of all trades, but a master of none."

Bill had a rough childhood that was beset with hardship. He was forced to drop out of school prior to the completion of his 8th grade year. When he met the love of his life, he dedicated himself to earning his GED in hopes of providing a better future for his family. An achievement that reflected his determination and commitment to providing for his family. He was a man of many skills — not only a “shade tree” mechanic who could repair cars in the

yard but also a talented handyman who could fix almost anything around the house. If something was broken, Bill found a way to make it right.

Known for his quick wit and his ability to light up a room, Bill will be remembered for his kindness, humor, and the warmth he extended to everyone he met. He had the biggest heart and a remarkable gift for making people laugh. More than anything, Bill was devoted to his family, passing down a legacy of hard work, generosity, and love that will continue through them for generations to come.

He is survived by his loving wife, Anna Witt; his children, William Witt Jr. and wife Jessica, John Witt and wife Kasia, Justin Witt, and Katherine (Katie) Witt and fiancé Juan Lopez; and his cherished grandchildren Madalynn, Mason, and Serina Witt. Brothers Clem, David, and Dale Witt and sister Brett Marie Witt. He is also remembered by many extended family members, friends, and coworkers who will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Robbie Witt, step-mother Delpha Witt, and brother John (Jack) Witt.

Bill's life was a reminder that true wealth is found not in possessions but in laughter, kindness, and love shared with others. His memory will forever remain a source of comfort and inspiration to those who knew him.

Services: Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 6:00–8:00 PM at Wallace Thompson Funeral Home in Rusk, Texas. Funeral services will follow on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Wallace Thompson Funeral Home, with burial at Mt. Comfort Cemetery in Maydelle, Texas. After the services, family and friends are invited to gather for food and fellowship at Maydelle First Baptist Church.

Services are under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Comfort Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

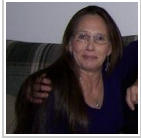
The Chapel of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home
221 5th St.
Rusk, TX 75785
info@wallacethompson.com

Funeral Service

SEP 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I only knew "Billy" as a kid. I never really knew him, but I know he had a tough upbringing. It's so wonderful to read this story about his life as an adult. He survived and flourished despite it all. So proud of him. Sending my condolences and love to the family and friends.

Dianne Miller - October 01, 2025 at 01:10 PM

DM

“ Loved talking with wm he was a really good supervisor with tdcj

Dennis Morris - September 26, 2025 at 12:12 PM

DM

“ No lol I as a great supervisor at TDCJ firm and fair

Dennis Morris - September 26, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Franklin Witt Sr..



September 26, 2025 at 11:52 AM

RF

“ Robin Franks lit a candle in memory of William Witt



Robin Franks - September 26, 2025 at 10:52 AM

JM

“ *Joe, Nicki, Matt and Martha purchased the Yellow & White Delight Bouquet for the family of William Franklin Witt Sr..*



Joe, Nicki, Matt and Martha - September 25, 2025 at 08:33 PM