



Billy Watkins

July 31, 1941 - July 4, 2012

Billy Don Watkins, 70, of Corsicana, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. He was born July 31, 1941 in Cryer Creek. Billy Don set a wonderful example for his children and grandchildren of honesty, dependability and the value of hard work. He began working at 12 years old at the Donut Shop and later worked as an electrician for Almos Thomas and Carl Wayne Morris. He began his own business, Watkins Electric and Air Conditioning, in 1964 at age of 22. He enjoyed being able to work alongside his family serving the needs of his community. He loved his family deeply and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. They will cherish memories of Sunday dinners, fishing at the Colorado River, hunting in Llano, and helping PawPaw out at the shop. Billy Don was preceded in death by his grandparents Gus and Eliza Littlejohn, father Leonard Watkins, mother Jaunita Bower, and step-father Rex Bower. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Martha Graham Watkins, son Terry Watkins and wife Ann, and son Lance Watkins and wife Damara, all of Corsicana. He is also survived by his grandchildren Grayson Watkins and Graham Watkins and step-grandson Ian Cunningham all of Corsicana. Billy Don is also survived by his sister Patsy Warren and husband Larry of Corsicana, brothers Ray Bower and wife Debbie of Katy, Texas and Rex Bower, Jr. of Philidelphia, Pennsylvania, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 6, 2012 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church of Corsicana at 4 p.m. on

Saturday, July 7, 2012 with internment following at Hamilton Beamon Cemetary. Pallbearers will be Mark Powell, Mark Hansen, Doug Hansen, Freddy Drew, Ray Bower and Alan Powell. Honorary Pallbearers are Charles Slate, Larry Daniel, Bill Register, John Smith. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Special Olympics c/o Eddie Ross 527 Lexington Dr. Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Watkins*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Billy Don was one of my first employers when I was just out of high school, worked in the office of Watkins electric the summer of 1970. He was very patient with a young girl and taught me many things about the working of a small office. I even learned enough about electrical work to know that is not what I was good at, but I did learn many of the different supplies needed to do a job. He was one of a kind... Judy Warren Gammill*

Judy (Warren) Gammill - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *B.D. will be greatly missed. I met him a few years ago and started taking care of the yards at his properties. He struck me right off as a good, fair man and we quickly became friends. I admired him for his wit and values and he came to replace, in my mind, my older brother who died in 1974. I guess my favorite memories of B.D. are his stories about life when he was growing up in Corsicana, and the day when i was doing the yard at the house when he came out on his walker carrying a bag of trash. I shut off the mower and hollered to him to put the bag down, that Martha would skin us both alive if she caught him doing it and me letting him!
I'll miss you B.D.. Hope you have plenty of chicken!
Love,
Larry*

Larry Daniels - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Martha and family,
Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Hold tight to all those memories. May all the love around you and your family right now help in the days ahead. May God be with you every moment to help you with all this hurt. Billy Don was a great classmate for our CHS Class of 1959 and truly supported all our efforts. He was such a genuine person. I know he had every hope he could conquer these health battles. He will be so dearly missed. I will miss his persistence on keeping our class connected. Martha, thank you for sharing yours and Billy Don's time with our class all these years. That is what I will remember. I am especially thankful I attended your Big 50 wedding anniversary.*

Lorraine Schriver - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Martha,*

I know you and my mom Elaine were great friends. I am so sorry for your loss. I know she was probably waiting for him at the pearly gates ready to show him everything.

Hugs and Love to you,

Cindy

Cindy Martin - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *BD was such a caring man. I would call him if someone had an issue at the Williamsburg Apartments and he would come. It didnt matter if it was day or night. He LOVED what he did. And more so, he was so passionate about his family, To the Family: You are in my prayers...*

Debra Roller - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Martha, Terry, Lance I am so saddened to hear about Billy Don. I am praying for God to give you the strength and comfort you need now. I am praying that God will give you all the Peace that passes all understanding as only he can give. Martha you have always been a part of my life since we were neighbors growing up on West 13th Avenue. You and my sister Elaine were close friends, and my sister Joyce was close friends with your sister Linda. You were there for us at times when we needed you most. I love you and all of your family. All of the memories you have made with Billy Don will help you through this time and in the days to come. I love you, Diane*

Diane Wing - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Billy Watkins*

Eben Dale Stover - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *Billy Don and I went through school and played sports. I have recently had surgery on my hand will not be able to attend visitation Friday. He will be missed by all his family and friends. My wife and I offer our prayers of sympathy and for your comfort. May God bless you.*

WT and Jerry

W. T. Gregory - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *To Billy Don's family: I am so very sorry for your loss. He will be very missed by all.*

*Sincerely,
Linda Darby
(Lynn Cooper Insurance)*

Linda Darby - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Billy Don was a great man. The house that I lived in that he build was the best on I ever lived in. He was a very talented and a great businessman. Sending my love & prayers to all of you,*
Paula Jordan

Paula Jordan - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ We are so very sorry for your loss and if there is anything at all we can do please don't hesitate to ask. We will forever hold Billy Don in our hearts with the utmost respect, love and gratitude for all he was to us. We will cherish the memories and know he is guided to a better place.

Gary & Becky Proffitt - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Martha, Terry Don and Lance,

My family and I send our love and condolences to you and your family. We are thinking of ya'll in this difficult time.

*Love,
Marcie Bower Fiedler*

Marcie Fiedler - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ billy don and the watkins family have always been family friends. billy don was always there when you needed him-- that is till he started pawning all the hard work off on terry. we will miss him and all the kidding we used to give each other. our thoughts are with you all.....

ronnie and mary jane wylie - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ he worked on my ac unit and i went to school with his grandson and he will be missed and god bless the family prayers go out to the family

shelly matthews kendall - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ We were so saddened and sorry to hear of Billy Don's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. May God comfort and bless you all.

The Bland Family

Raymond & Sharon Bland - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Martha and Family, I was terribly saddened to hear of Billy Don's passing. I can only imagine the depth of your sorrow. I know there are no words that will take away the pain you are feeling now. Martha know that I am praying for you and your family at this sad and difficult time.

Sandra Twomey Brunson - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Just want to say my prayers are with the family- I have waited on this family many years at Jack In The Box

Betty Whistler - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My prayers are with the family. Mr. Watkins was a good man and a good friend.

Bradley W. Blackman - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Martha, Terry, and Lance:*
I am so sorry to read about Billy Don's passing. He was a wonderful and kind man. I have many fond memories of him from when I worked at Corsicana National Bank. Billy Don and Terry would come and take care of the electrical problems for the bank or they would just stop by for a visit with the employees.
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
God Bless each of you.
Janet Magee

Janet Magee - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Martha, Terry, and Lance,*

I am truly saddened by the loss of B.D. What a great man. I thank God for letting me know him and share a few moments in our lives.

My prayers are with all of you and the family.

Respectfully,
Stephen G. Andrews

Stephen G. Andrews - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Very nice guy. And very knowledgeable about his work. Very honest. Will miss him.*

george stclair - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM