



Dr. Billy Walker Bramlett

December 20, 1934 - October 5, 2008

Billy Bramlett died in his sleep on October 2, 2008 after an extended illness. Billy was born to Thelma and Walker Bramlett in Lamar County, Texas on December 20, 1934. He served in the United State Army and the Texas National Guard. He is best known for his years of service at the College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University. Billy earned his Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee and began his teaching career at SHSU in 1970 where he remained until his retirement. His passion was his students, family, friends, home and pets. He was a renaissance man who helped many of his friends with their home projects as well as designing and doing most of the work himself in building a home where he and his wife have resided over the last ten years. He was a devoted son, father, grandfather and husband. He is survived by his wife, Ann, his son Bill Bramlett, his daughters, Christina Swenson and Dawn Chrane. His grandchildren Theron Chrane, Ann Chrane, Cary Swenson, Walker Swenson, Ava Bramlett, Audrey Bramlett and Ashley Bramlett. His son, Adam Chrane preceded him in death. He was a loving, generous and honorable man and has left us with so many good memories and experiences. A memorial service, celebrating his life, will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday, October 5, 2008 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Billy Walker Bramlett*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My heart is greatly saddened at your recent loss. Billy was my mentor all through college in the 1970s and someone I could always count on for encouragement when the times were rough. May God bless you and your family and give you His strength.*

Linda O'Daniel - December 28, 2008 at 03:48 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. It is hard to lose someone that we love under any circumstance as I have found out. I know that he was a wonderful man because he has a wonderful wife who cares also about people, and animals. You both are God's gift to us that you have touched in some manner or way of kindness, support, or just walking with us through a rough time.. May God Bless you and your family during this time... Vicki, Heather, Zara, and Maggie Pledger*

Vicki Pledger - October 25, 2008 at 09:15 PM



“ *Dear Bramlett Family, so sorry to read about Dr. Bramlett's death. SHSU lost a great teacher. Norma Dell Jones former SHSU Alumni Director 1977-1992*

Norma Dell Jones - October 09, 2008 at 01:02 PM

CA

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family. I was saddened to hear of Dr. Bramlett. He was one of my finest teachers, and a good friend. He will be missed but not forgotten for sure. He helped this "old" senior finally graduate.

clifford ashley - October 07, 2008 at 10:45 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry to here of Billys passing, I know he was very loved and will be greatly missed.
I lived next door to Thelma for several years and had the honor of meeting her family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dustie Malone - October 07, 2008 at 09:39 PM

AF

“ We were so sorry to hear about Bill. He was such a wonderful person; so witty and charming and just genuinely good hearted. He will be missed greatly. I know he and Pete will give 'em heck! God bless you all and know that you are in our thoughts and our prayers. We love you.

Allen and Rhonda Parham and family - October 07, 2008 at 05:08 PM

RP

“ *Christina and Bill and families:*

We are thinking of you at this time. We were in Ft. Worth this weekend attending Linda's elderly aunt and uncle, and we regret we could not attend the funeral service.

Your father was a gifted and resourceful and enjoyable man with gifts of craftsmanship and teaching, always finding inventive ways to meet challenges. We admired his work. Ralph sometimes had students who were taking one of Billy's classes, and the students spoke fondly of him and his strict, but good-natured manner.

We offer our sympathy to you, your mother, his widow and all the grandchildren. Bill was always a great host, always friendly when we met, and we will regret not having that opportunity again. We are thinking of you. May God bless you and all the other members of his extended family.

Sincerely,

Ralph and Linda Pease

Ralph and Linda Pease - October 06, 2008 at 08:44 PM

BB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I fondly remember the care and concern of Billy Walker when I was a first grader in a small country school who was scared to death. He and our cousin Tommy, both high schoolers, always took care of me when I was upset or even when I fell off the wooden side walk between buildings into the mud. Christine and Little Billy, I have not seen either of you since you were in elementary school but my prayers are with you and your families.*

I am a daughter of Enoch J. and Mattie Lou Bramlett.

Becky Bramlett Black - October 05, 2008 at 09:46 AM

DM

“ *All things pass; all that lives must die. All that we prize is but lent to us; and the time comes when we must surrender it. We are travelers on the same road that leads to the same end. My deepest sympathy goes out the the family.*

Delois Merchant - October 05, 2008 at 09:37 AM



“ *Ann, Bill, Christina, and family: We are praying for you during this time. Ann, you and Billy Walker have visited with my mom and dad in Paris several times, Aunt Mat and Uncle Enoch (Walker's brother). Billy Walker always had a special place in dad's heart. So sorry for Billy's extended illness. God Bless You. Ann Foster*

October 04, 2008 at 07:09 PM

KS

“ *Ann,
Billy was my cousin. My mother Alma Baer was his father's sister. My mother loved Billy Walker. He was older that I...but I remember my mother talking of Billy Walker fondly. My older sister Linda also thought a great deal of him. Blessings to you and the children.
Kathy Baer Skinner*

Kathy Skinner - October 04, 2008 at 06:47 PM

RD

“ *My sincere condolences to the Bramlett family. I knew Billy for many years as a colleague at Sam Houston and always appreciated his dedication to his students and the university community. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Robert Dunning, University Registrar-Retired

Robert Dunning - October 04, 2008 at 01:20 PM

SJ

“ Ann, although I don't know you personally, please know that my prayers are with you during your time of sorrow. I met Billy in the 70's and always considered him my friend. Each time we met he always had a smile on his face and that wonderful twinkle in his eyes. I feel very priveleged to have known him and he will be truly missed. Having known what ill health he's been in the past years; I now know that he's in a wonderful, peaceful place. Words cannot exmpress the sorrow that his passing will bring to so many who knew him. My son Ellis became a close friend to Adam and always enjoyed visiting with you and Billy. My love and thoughts are with you and your family. Sherry Powell Johnson

Sherry Powell Johnson - October 04, 2008 at 11:31 AM

ST

“ I met Billy Bramlett and his wife today Ann nearly 16 years ago. I can't tell you the date or any specific details. What I do remember is the conversation was engaging, stimulating, and humorous. We sat on the porch. We had cigars and petted a cat or two, or three, or four. What I can tell you is we were well feed and treated well. Then I asked his daughter's hand in marriage. A guy that who was a criminal justice college drop out with absolutely no future for himself or his daughter. After that day, it only got better. Christ says God has a mansion with many rooms and he will prepare one for each of us. I do believe this is not necessarily the case for Billy. I do believe God had waited for Billy to come and work side by side with another carpenter to build the room in God mansion for Billy. One day some day I expect a room in a mansion for all who knew Billy. What a room it will be knowing the love and enjoyment Billie had in building it. God bless you Billy Bramlett for being in my world and for the daughter Chris you brought into the world for me to love.

Steve - October 04, 2008 at 12:31 AM

BD

“ Ann,

Your relationship with Billy inspired me and so many others, because of the deep, rich way you nurtured each other. I learned a lot about what love could be from spending time with you and Billy. I hope those memories bring you comfort today and for the tough times ahead.

I love you, Betty

Betty DeRieux - October 03, 2008 at 04:59 PM

SF

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss, although I know that Billy had been ill. I always enjoyed Dr. Bramlett as a great teacher and I enjoyed him as a personal friend after he and Ann found each other so many years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Susan (Losack) Schumacher and Family - October 03, 2008 at 03:15 PM

PK

“ *Ann, We are so sorry to hear of Billy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Billy was a joy to be around when he use to visit us in the County Court at Law. He will be missed.*
Peggy Kroesche

Peggy & Milton Kroesche - October 03, 2008 at 10:28 AM

TF

“ *To Ann and Families:*
We are so thankful for the enrichment that Billy brought to the lives he touched and are praying for God's peace to be with those he left behind. With love and sorrow,

The Marks family - October 03, 2008 at 10:27 AM

KF

“ Mrs. Ann, We are so sorry for your loss. You are such a blessing to so many of us and we hold you dear to our hearts. May God bless and comfort you in this time of sorrow.

Kim and Rick

Kim & Rick Franklin - October 03, 2008 at 10:22 AM

RD

“ Ann, I am praying for you to have strength during this trying time. You are a woman who has endured much and yet, you still show genuine concern for others. May God be with you and your loved ones.

Renee Dugas - October 03, 2008 at 09:56 AM

DF

“ I was very sorry to hear of Billy's passing. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

David Fleming - October 03, 2008 at 09:13 AM

NG

“ Ann,

I am so sorry for your loss. Know that you are in my prayers during this difficult time.

Nancy Gray - October 03, 2008 at 09:06 AM

LA

“ Ann, Know that we love and think of you everyday. Mr Billy was very special to all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lee Ann - October 02, 2008 at 07:46 PM

AW

“ We are so very sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ann, Bill & Jack Wood - October 02, 2008 at 05:10 PM

RU

“ Chris,

I am sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Russell - October 02, 2008 at 12:52 PM

WS

“ I am so sorry for y'all's loss. There aren't enough words to lessen the pain. Just know that we love you and are thinking of you.

Wendy Skains - October 02, 2008 at 12:50 PM