



Billy Ray Cannon

October 6, 1932 - April 16, 2008

Billy Ray Cannon was born October 6, 1932 in Glendale, Texas to Ransom Pension Cannon and Burnice Lesser Cannon and passed away April 12, 2008 in Houston, Texas. Billy Ray was raised in Corsicana and graduated of the Corsicana State School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 – 1955; worked for W. K .M./ACF Industries for thirty seven years; and was a private store owner in Soda for five years. Throughout the years, Billy Ray's big enjoyments were being a big Astros and Texas Longhorn fan, raising cattle, relaxing outdoors, cooking, hunting and fishing and just enjoying being outside the daily office routine. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Louise Cannon of Riverside; son and wife, Mark and Sherry Cannon of Katy; daughter and husband, Cindy and John Petrosky of Needville; daughter, Roslyn White of Richmond; granddaughter, Cristina Cannon of New York City; granddaughter, Michelle Waltmon of Deer Park; granddaughter, Bridget Lagas of Needville; granddaughter, Morgan White of Rosenberg; great grandsons, Justin Waltmon, Joshua Lagas, Joseph Lagas, and Jonathan Holt; numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and seven brothers and sisters. Services will be held Wednesday, April 16, 2008 in the Chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home at 1:00PM with Otis Byers officiating. Memorial condolences may be made at ww.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Ray Cannon*

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Mark Cannon - April 06, 2016 at 07:58 AM

CP

“ Dear Dad- we all made it through the day it was one of the toughest days. I know hard you fought to stay with us all. Your body decided it was time to go. Just that last week you told me that everyone has to go away and you were right its just so hard to let go..I know you must be so happy now in Heaven with the angels- guessing you have got to see your Mom,Brothers,Sisters, and special friends.. You will be surely missed because you were the rock..We have had some really good times-fishing at Holiday Lakes looking for that one good bass-then all the cooking we did thats why we were so fat. Now everyone has lost some pounds and living on lettuce..Mom kept you on your diet. Hope you got your astro hat on tonight,Mom will probably talk you through each game. You know your at an advantage to watch over us and protect us especially all three of my little guys-they are my whole life and I love them so much I just want them to have a good life as we did. They were really sad today. All the way home Jonathan asked we see you Dad Nana and I say no he went to angels and he lets out that big si!Its gonna take me some time to be able to feel good about you being gone. I tried my very best not to fall apart at the seems I didn't think you would want us to feel such pain. The night before last I locked myself in my closet and cried and cried trying to get it all out. There will be many tears in the next few months. I hope you went safely when you crossed over and I hope it was everything you ever thought heaven to be. I'm so proud of you DAD!! that I was your daughter. When I was so-so sick you would come everyday to Hermann to see me that journey was a long year and I thought I would die the first few weeks but I made it through with You and Moms love and for Bridget. Love you Dad Always and give Grandma Bernice a kiss for me she was my favorite Granny thats at least what she told me..Plese find Mildred and Gaynell..Don't want you to be alone.
LOVE---CINDY

Cindy Petrosky - April 17, 2008 at 01:37 PM

BL

“ Yesterday was a very sad, tough day. I keep telling myself that this all a bad dream and you will be there. I want you to know that I was proud to be apart of you and your life. I know the pain will pass. I keep telling myself that you are in the heavens watching all of us. It was good to see everyone yesterday and you would have been proud. The service was beautiful. And nanny, she held up and kept telling Josh and Joey not to cry that you wouldn't want that. Family is so important and I am so sorry that over the last couple of years, we all kinda got off track. Maybe that will change. I am hoping Nanny will move closer. I want her to be closer to us and most of all the boys. They love her and kept asking if Great Nana was coming over.

I will keep the memories that we had in my heart forever. I want to live my life where you would be proud. You were so hardworking and giving. Your spirit will never be forgotten. I hope you and Grandpa Janczak are together now. Please tell him hello and I love him. We miss him to.

You guys are probaly catching up on old times now. Please watch over our family and let this pain and void heal in the days ahead. Give me the strength to be here for my Mom. She misses you so much. I love you and can only imagine when we will meet again. I love that song I can only Imagine a friend emailed it me the other day. Hugs and Kisses Papa.. love B

Bridget Lagas - April 17, 2008 at 09:21 AM

CW

“ Dear Cindy & Roz,

It's been years since we've seen one another but I've never forgotten either of you or your family. My heart goes out to all of you during this difficult time and you are in my prayers. While it's hard to see the blessing of times such as this I pray that you find peace in knowing that your dad has passed on to a better place.

Connie

Connie (Bialas) Wright - April 16, 2008 at 11:47 PM

DW

“ *bill,its a honor to have known you and to have the privilege to be a part of your family,thank for all your help and advice you gave. i know your proud of roz and morgan their one in a million just like you are.thanks again for the good times and rest in peace knowing they will be taken care of.*

daryl white - April 15, 2008 at 11:55 PM

JL

“ *hi it is me Joey. I will miss you. I love you. I know you are in heaven.*

JOSEPH LAGAS - April 15, 2008 at 07:23 PM

JL

“ *Hi!! will miss you for ever.I know you are in a better place with the angels and god. I LOVE YOU FROM JOSHUA LAGAS*

JOSHUA LAGAS - April 15, 2008 at 07:20 PM

BL

“ I was reading over what I wrote and meant to say we ate your barbeque gizzards. I miss you.
Love ya, Bridget

Bridget Lagas - April 15, 2008 at 07:01 PM

DP

“ To the Cannon Family, Roz and Morgan,
I know this has been tough for you all.
My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you right now. Just remember, he is in a better place with no suffering and he will be watching over all of you with love and pride.

Debbie Pantoja - April 15, 2008 at 03:13 PM

DN

“ Louise, Cindy, Mark & Roslyn,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Losing a father is very, very hard. They are the "rock" and the strength of the family unit. You will miss him a lot. I know through the last few years "us cousins" have failed each other and not kept in touch like we should and that is so sad. Family is THE most important thing in this lifetime. I have so many memories of all of us playing when we were kids just like it was yesterday. Your Dad had a hard childhood and it made him the special man he became for his adversities. His mother; my Aunt Bernice, was one of my favorite aunts. I really loved her. Now he is in heaven with her. I will see you Wednesday.
With love, Debbie Noviskie*

Debbie Noviskie - April 15, 2008 at 02:47 PM

LB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I know Roz hated seeing her daddy suffering and I hope knowing that he is at peace now and pain free will comfort you during the days to come. Losing someone so loved is devastating, but know that he will be watching over you until you see him again.*

Lori Bangs - April 15, 2008 at 09:03 AM

NT

“ *Mark, Sherry and Family,*

Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this trying time and may God be with you and guide you always.

The Taylor Family, Randy, Nona and Christopher

Nona Taylor - April 15, 2008 at 08:37 AM

MP

“ To the CannonFamily:

You and your family have my deepest, most sincere heart felt sympathy. I know at times like this words seem to mean the least or possibly the most. Knowing him As I did, I definitely know he was loved by all who encountered him.....especially his wife, children, children's spouse's and grandchildren. Your LOVE for each other will always be just as strong as ever. Your family will continue to remember and cherish his enormous spirit and soul till the end of time. There will always be those grand times when you see, hear. or think certain things about him. Only his body has been taken away, not his spirit, soul nor the enormous LOVE and closeness your family had and developed through him. He is, and always will be with you. Let his spirit and soul live forever.....he made many folks happy while he was here.....let that same happiness carry your family through this all today, and days to come by just knowing he had lived a loving life and was LOVED so much. For the Heavens just got them a real gem of a man. May my hugs and most sincerest sentiments and feelings be bestowed upon you all through this troubling time. May the higher powers from up above be with and remain with you all and grant a healing solemn peace.

*Mark Paweleck
Beasley, TX*

Mark Paweleck - April 14, 2008 at 11:15 PM

MW

“*Papa: I can't believe you're gone. I know it seems silly, but I really thought you would just be around forever. I never thought there'd be a day when you would not be around sitting in your chair and watching the Astros. I can't stop thinking of all the things we've done together. All the trips in the RV. All the fig picking and subsequent fig eating. The times we would go fishing and I would make you put the bait on the hook because I just couldn't bear to do it myself. And we'd sit and fish. Didn't one of us even catch a snapping turtle one time? The sight of the silvery minnows in that styrofoam bucket and the silver scales on my fingers is still so vivid. Remember also all the times we'd go swimming in the pools, lakes, and ponds everywhere around the area? You used to stand me up on your shoulders and catapult me through the air. Other kids would come around and want you to throw them up, too. And for a while you would grant their wishes but after a while you'd have them go their own way so that we could play again. I was so proud that I had the best grandpa. And the picnics we'd take. It seems like we did so much driving. And always Nanny had that big cup of ice water. And I'd always be cold, so we had to bring a towel with us so I could cover up wherever we went. And you know what? Even to this day the only time I've ever shot a gun was with you. I remember you were right behind me holding me, warning me that it would be loud. And who can forget those Skip-Bo days? You trained a champion, Papa. That's the best card game ever invented, and I wouldn't even know about it if it weren't for you. You were an amazing person. You were greater than any grandpa I could have ever dreamed up. I feel so lucky not only to have known you but to have been your granddaughter. I miss you. I love you so much Papa.*”

Morgan White - April 14, 2008 at 10:46 PM

BL

“ I was thinking more about you today. I realized that even in the hospital you were asking me about the boys. You were so ill at Hermann, but yet you wanted to know how they were and about their baseball and their teams. You seemed to think of them often. Today, Jonathan asked if we were going to the hospital to see great papa. I told him no it just made me so sad. I have told the boys you are with the angels and their other great grandpa. I told them you would be watching over us. I hope that the family will come together and realize that family is so important. I still remember you swinging me and us singing just a swinging and you telling me not to walk up on Uncle Mark, when we would play around. You and I always hate your barbeque gizzards and gave Dena some when Nanny wasn't looking. And every Friday, you asking how Nanny and my lunch was at Durans while you worked. I will never forget how you and nanny took care of me. All of the wonderful birthday parties. What about how you help me get the tar of my new shoes in Livingston, my mom was so mad. But, you got it off with the wd-40. We watched some many sports together and I think you even watched some of my shows with me. My heart is aching over this. I can remember you playing school with me. I would write on the chalk board and you would just keep pretending. I even remember the hurricane Alicia and you coming and getting me out of the room. You were so worried about me. Or what about you and I sitting in your recliner asking Nanny to let me stay up longer. I will always cherish these memories. I know you are at peace with no more pain or needles of medicines. I love you. I know we will meet again. Wednesday is going to be so hard to say goodbye... hugs and kisses papa...

Bridget Lagas - April 14, 2008 at 09:13 PM

RW

“ Dad,

I too miss you terribly and love you with all my heart. YOU are the Greatest Man I have ever known and you took such good care of all of us.

You were always there for us and you were our "Rock" and I am so proud to be your daughter.

I wanted to take your pain away each day I saw you in the hospital and could not. I tried hard to make you smile when I would arrive and before I would leave the room and you last said to me, "Bye Baby". Those words will never leave me.

*I will make sure Mom is taken care for the rest of her life...
Dad, I love you..*

Roz

Roz White - April 14, 2008 at 05:37 PM

TB

“ Tom, Sarah and I want to extend our heartfelt condolences to all of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Time will help the healing but those wonderful memories will always be stored in your hearts.

Love,

Tom, Mickey and Sarah

Tom, Mickey and Sarah Balcerowicz - April 14, 2008 at 09:49 AM

MC

“ Just 2 days have passed since the Lord decided that it was time for you to be with him. I miss you terribly and I am wondering how to patch the large chunk of me that is now missing. I have told you in the past 3 to 4 weeks how much I loved you but I wanted to also thank you for being the extraordinary man and extraordinary father that you were. Your father died when you were just a small child and you essentially did not have a father. This lack of a role model did not prevent you from becoming one of the finest fathers I ever saw or knew. Thanks Pop, I'll see you again some day. We'll go hunting and fishing together again! Love Mark.

Mark W. Canno - April 14, 2008 at 08:21 AM

BL

“ i miss you papa, we are all thinking of you.
you were so good to me over the years.. i have so many memories of us together.. you played and sung with me and were always there for me. you and nanny always made sure we had everything. rest in peace and watch over us..

i love you always.
bridget

Bridget Lagas - April 13, 2008 at 10:59 PM

CP

“ DAD- I OFTEN DID NOT TELL YOU HOW MUCH I LOVED AND NEEDED YOU. MY HEART JUST ACHES NOW. I WILL MISS YOU SO MUCH.. YOU ALWAYS MADE SURE THAT WE HAD A GOOD LIFE AND I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT I KNOW HOW HARD YOU WORKED AND WHAT A DEDCICATED PERSON YOU WERE. I LOVE YOU..

CINDY PETROSKY - April 13, 2008 at 10:55 PM