



## Billy Fred Crabb

December 7, 1946 - October 10, 2020

Billy Fred Crabb was born December 7, 1946 to Walter Presley Crabb and Lela Louise Hines Crabb.

Billy is survived by his wife of 51 years Peggy Richards Crabb, daughter Kristi Glasgow (Rory), daughter Kelly Brown (Lloyd), granddaughters Shelby Burns and Emily Burns, and grandson Bryan Glasgow. Billy is predeceased by his parents, his brothers Walter P. Crabb, Jr., Charles Ray Crabb, his daughter Karmyn Crabb, and his grandson Patrick Glasgow.

Billy grew up in the Crabb's Prairie Community and graduated from Huntsville High School. He worked at the Exxon for Cooter Galloway, managed the local KFC, drove a Lilly milk truck, was the office manager for Gaylord Construction, and retired in 1999 from Texas Department of Criminal Justice having worked in food service at the Wynne Unit.

History was important to Billy, especially local history. He imparted his love of history through storytelling. He was an excellent storyteller and loved to tell stories of childhood to anyone that would listen. His daughters fondly remember his stories of his dog Jeff, the time Santa left a bike in the hallway and he tripped over it and cussed it out, the time he shot the back out of his daddy's car with a brand-new gun, spending time with his grandpa (Mr. Chris) and going to eat BBQ in the Hopewell community.

Billy never met a stranger and could travel halfway across the country and find someone he knew or at least find out they knew someone in common. He

loved people and he loved talking to people. He spent a good part of his retirement on the benches at Walmart talking to anyone that would stop and listen. He caught up with old friends there and made new ones. He also enjoyed making his rounds around town to the courthouse, G&O Barbershop, the police station, and Pete Johnson's Towing Service.

He loved whittling and was never without a piece of wood and a sharp pocket knife. He was an excellent shot. He tried to teach his daughters how to shoot. Kelly was a good shot, but Kristi ending up shooting the tops out of the pine trees. Karmyn was too young the day he tried to teach them to shoot. He enjoyed fishing until his fishing buddies Orville Coburn and Homer Kendrick passed away.

He taught his girls to drive just by handing them the keys to an old car and telling them they could drive anywhere they wanted as long as they stayed in the pasture. Kristi was 10, Kelly 8, and Karmyn 5. He told them to not let Karmyn drive... He took his family to church and slept through plenty of Joe Barnes, Lloyd Bates, and Cloyce Johnson's sermons. He enjoyed listening to bluegrass music and occasionally pickin' the banjo and mandolin. He liked to watch MASH, Barney Miller, Andy Griffith, Gunsmoke, and John Wayne movies. He also liked to get a good price on meat at the grocery store and he made the best BBQ brisket and greasy hamburgers.

He made friends easily. He believed in finding the good in people. He loved his family and especially his grandchildren. He never called anyone by their given name, only by the nickname he gave them--tooter, mcdonald, boss, beano, buckaroo, rooster, and opie taylor, to name a few of his favorites.

We will miss him telling us that memaw put him in the corner, to hold on just a minute he had one more story to tell, be careful on your way home, and asking us if we knew how to get to Louisiana, or if memaw could see out the side of her window.

Visitation will be Friday, October 16th 12:00 at Sam Houston Funeral Home.

Memorial Service to follow at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to Shriner's Hospital, St. Jude, or Texas Children's Ronald McDonald House.

Condolences to family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
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## Memorial Celebration

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Fred Crabb*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *After reading Mr. Crabb's obituary, I wished I could have gotten to know him better.*

*I worked around Mr. Crabb at the Wynne Unit. He worked in the kitchen and I worked in Security in the building area. We would from time to time cross paths at work and he was always pleasant to be around.*

*After retirement, I do remember seeing him at Wal-Mart and we would talk and catch up on what was going on. Mr Crabb was kind and a good man. I know he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I pray for comfort for the family.*

**Mike Reeves** - October 13, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ *We have fond (and funny) memories of being very young married couples and taking a drive with Bill and Peggy in a Volkswagen Bug from Huntsville to Navasota to the dirt track car races. Wow - a FUN time. Love and prayers to all. Jerry and Beverly Brown*

**Beverly Brown** - October 13, 2020 at 09:05 AM

SB

“ For a number of years when I shopped at WalMart, I would sit by Mr. Crabb (the only name I knew him by), listen to his stories and watch him whittle on a piece of wood.. We always thought we might be distantly related since my maternal grandmother was a Crabb. I know that man will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. My thoughts and prayers for Mr. Crabb's family and friends.

Sara Hardy Bartee - October 12, 2020 at 08:48 PM

DP

When I worked at Walmart as a door greeter he would always come to my side of the store and sit on the bench and waited while his wife would go shopping he always had a little piece of wood that he had carved he was such a sweetheart and I know he will be deeply missed by his loved ones my deepest condolences to all of the Crabb family

Deborah Perez - October 12, 2020 at 09:09 PM

LR

“ Peggy,I will miss Bill sitting at the Walmart telling me stories and whittling on that piece of wood. He had such a beautiful smile and laugh. He used to come to the house to see Luke and Mom and would tell stories or just sit and talk to them. He was a great guy!!!!

Linda Rutledge - October 12, 2020 at 03:26 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy Fred Crabb



M. Hyvl - October 11, 2020 at 01:10 PM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you.



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**Lawanda walker morgan** - October 11, 2020 at 09:57 AM

MC

“ Peggy, I am shocked to hear Bill passed away.  
We had MANY a bull session from 1973 on up to every time we talked on the phone.  
Prayers go out for you & the girls.

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**Mark Chalker** - October 11, 2020 at 08:09 AM