



Billy Ray Rust

February 21, 1942 - October 29, 2023

Billy Ray Rust, of Montgomery, Texas age 81, passed away on October 29, 2023 with his family at his side, after a short battle with kidney cancer. He was born on February 21, 1942, in Houston, Texas.

Billy was the son of Arthur William Rust and Lorene Emma Rust of Houston, Texas.

Billy graduated from Reagan High School class of 1960.

After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army in March 1971. He served in the Vietnam War after his service he joined the Harris County Sheriff Department. He lived in Splendora, Texas for 27 years. After his retirement of 31 years, he and wife, Rebecca moved to Montgomery, Texas in 2001.

Billy is preceded in death by his parents Arthur William Rust and Lorene Emma Rust and only brother James Rust. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 55 years, Rebecca Rust.

His children and their spouses, Donna (Arthur) Preuss, Melanie (Michael) Harmon, Ginger Matthews and Tiffany (Timothy) Kostynick. He was a proud grandfather to Ryan Musick (deceased), Kayla (Hunter) Gasaway, Eric Preuss, Alyssa Preuss, Kaitlyn Matthews, Emily Matthews, Samuel Kostynick, Mirabella Harmon and Melia Harmon. Great-grandchildren, Boston Musick and Bella Alvarez. Nephews are James Rust of Dripping Springs and Arthur Rust of Corpus Christi, Texas.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 10:00 am. Funeral services will be conducted by Gary Shiflet of Splendora Church of Christ, at

the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Montgomery, Texas, 20850 Eva Street. Burial will follow at Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77038. You may leave written memorials at www.shmfh.com

Billy was a devoted Christian, husband, father and friend.

Cemetery Details

Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Dr
Houston, TX 77038
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.as
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Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery
20850 Eva St.
Montgomery, TX 77356

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy Ray Rust.

November 06, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ Carla, Bobby, Karlie, and Blake Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Ray Rust.

Carla, Bobby, Karlie, and Blake Williams - November 06, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Rust.



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“ *Dad, I will never forget all the love and funny stories we share. I love and miss you !*



Ginger - November 02, 2023 at 12:47 PM

BG

“ *Heaven Gained Another Beautiful Soul. My heart is broken for his entire family. This man was an amazing Husband, Father, and Friend! He was such a great example for all mankind. His smile and laughter could lift up anyone around him. May you Rest in Peace "Grandpa". Those of us left here on Earth, will miss you dearly.*



Bethany Stone & Girls - November 02, 2023 at 08:03 AM

MH

“ *Melanie Harmon lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Rust*



melanie harmon - November 01, 2023 at 10:45 PM

TK

“ *Tiffany Kostynick lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Rust*



Tiffany Kostynick - November 01, 2023 at 10:16 PM

TK

Love you Dad!!

Tiffany Kostynick - November 01, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Rust.* ”



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