



## William "Bill" Henry Hodges

August 6, 1933 - November 8, 2016

William Henry Hodges, age 83, went home to meet his Lord and Savior on November 8, 2016. He was born on August 6, 1933 in Lincoln, Nebraska, the third son of Raymond Earl and Margaret Thoemke Hodges.

Hodge, as he was known, grew up in Webster Groves, Missouri. He graduated from Webster Groves High School in 1953 where he was recognized as an outstanding athlete. He attended the University of Missouri, majoring in Business Administration. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. He spent two years in the US Army which included a tour of duty in Germany. He moved to Dallas in 1958 and was a salesman for Clarke & Courts. He married Ann Scarborough on February 24, 1961. They had two children, Leslie and Jim. He became a District Manager with Steelcase Office Furniture in 1964, and moved to Houston in 1968. In 1973 he moved his family to Huntsville and in 1975 opened Hodges Business Interiors. Hodge was appointed to an unexpired term on the Huntsville City Council in 1975 and was elected to 4 consecutive terms. He was elected Mayor of Huntsville and served from 1991 - 1995. He was active in the Huntsville/Walker County Chamber of Commerce, United Way Fund, Walker County Fair Association, Rotary Club, and University Heights Baptist Church.

Hodge was known by many and loved by all. His attitude and outlook on life were one of a kind. He loved God, his family and his community. He will be

missed by many.

Hodge was preceded in death by his mother, father, and brother Jack. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ann Hodges, daughter Leslie Whitmire and her husband Andrew, son Jim Hodges and his wife Melissa, grandchildren Katie Keil and her husband David, Bryce Whitmire and his wife Catherine, Austin, Tyler and Zandie Hodges, and his oldest brother Robert Hodges. Pallbearers will be Gene Barrett, Gene Blair, Bob Ernst, Tom Freeman, Ron Lange, Ralph Lawson, Jack OIsta and Joe Sandel.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home.

A celebration of his life will be on Friday, November 11, 2016. There will be a time of visitation at University Heights Baptist Church beginning at 1pm prior to the funeral service, which begins at 2pm with Rev. Richard Rogers officiating. A private family burial will follow at the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his memory to The Boys and Girls Club of Walker County, Capital Campaign, PO Box 8600, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church of Huntsville  
2400 Sycamore Avenue  
Huntsville, TX

## Service

NOV 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church of Huntsville  
2400 Sycamore Avenue  
Huntsville, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Henry Hodges*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Bill was a wonderful friend starting with our days in the Phi Psi House at Mizzou and continuing all through the years. We always looked forward to getting together with him. Bill was a fine man that will be greatly missed by many people. Don and Georgette James.*

**Don** - November 24, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ *To Jim and the entire family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss of Hodge. What a great man and always such a pleasure to talk with! I, along with so many other people, will miss having him in our community. We will always remember him. The funeral service today was a really nice tribute to a great life! Our prayers are with you at this difficult time. May God be with you all.*

*Sincerely,*

*Will & Kathy Durham*

**Will & Kathy Durham** - November 11, 2016 at 03:55 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Henry Hodges.



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November 11, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Hodge



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**Leslie Whitmire** - November 11, 2016 at 08:20 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Hodge



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**Leslie Whitmire** - November 11, 2016 at 07:59 AM

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“ 8 files added to the album Hodge



Leslie Whitmire - November 11, 2016 at 07:58 AM

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Leslie Whitmire - November 11, 2016 at 07:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Henry Hodges.



November 10, 2016 at 07:43 PM

PB

“ A great man that had a great outlook on life. I always appreciated anytime he would spend with me during my trips to HBi. He will be missed. Sending prayers of comfort.

Paige Barnett - November 10, 2016 at 06:27 PM

BA

“ Board, Managers & Staff, Trinity River Authority purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of William "Bill" Henry Hodges.



Board, Managers & Staff, Trinity River Authority - November 09, 2016 at 11:45 AM



Charlotte Efird

“ Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Henry Hodges



Charlotte Efird - November 09, 2016 at 09:25 AM

HJ

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the Hodges family. Praying God gives you all comfort and peace during this time.....



H Jones - November 09, 2016 at 08:56 AM

DH

“ *Bill was one of the good guys, a friend, in business and at church. God bless the family.* ”

David Henderson - November 09, 2016 at 07:35 AM

DB

“ *Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Hodges family.* ”

Dan Beto - November 09, 2016 at 07:02 AM



“ *Such a sweet man. He will be greatly missed. Prayers of comfort for his family.* ”

Christine Hennerich - November 09, 2016 at 06:19 AM

MW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Hodges' family. I was blessed to meet and know him while working at the former Huntsville Savings & Loan. He was such a nice and pleasant man to be around.* ”

*Mellicent Sikes Wiley*

Mellicent Sikes Wiley - November 09, 2016 at 01:46 AM



MH

“ My prayers and thoughts to the family of Bill Hodges. Bill was a personal person who I got to know almost immediately when I came to Huntsville. I enjoyed speaking and being around him. He was involved so much with this community and will be missed. He had such a cheerful attitude when around him that just told you he cared about you and others. May our Lord give you the comfort and strength during this time. Bill is with our Lord whom he loved and shared with others.

*Marvin Hyvl*

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**Marvin Hyvl** - November 09, 2016 at 12:25 AM

BL

“ Bill had a unique knack for making everyone feel as if they were important to him. He could converse on any subject with ease but he never dominated the conversation. I loved seeing him at so many local events. He simply was the type of person everyone loved to be around. I will miss him greatly. My condolences to all of his family and friends.

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**Bobby Lane** - November 08, 2016 at 11:18 PM

SM

“ Hodge would always come to the office and sit and visit for a while. ALWAYS he would tell me to get off that motorcycle. It's not a matter of "if" but "when" you drop it. How I loved our visits!!! Now I have an angel on my side.....rest comfortably Hodge...you will be missed. My prayers go out to his loving family for God's strength and comfort during this time.

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**Susan Mott** - November 08, 2016 at 08:32 PM

LG

“ *What an amazing man he was! Always had a story to share and a kind word as well! Huntsville will not be the same without him. Glenn and I send prayers of peace and understanding to the family, our thoughts are with you.*

*With deepest sympathy, Glenn and Laura Green*

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**Laura Green** - November 08, 2016 at 08:09 PM

CM

“ *"Hodge" was always one of my favorite Huntsville people. He always made me smile. I will miss him. Blessings to you Mrs. Hodges and family.*

*Cindy Morgan*

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**Cindy Morgan** - November 08, 2016 at 08:05 PM

WS

“ *Andrea and I send our sincerest condolences to the Hodges family. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Wayne and Andrea Scott*

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**Wayne Scott** - November 08, 2016 at 07:01 PM

JM

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Hodges family and especially our classmate, Jim. Praying for the peace of God for you in the days ahead brother.*

*O.B. and Anne (Hawke) Miller*

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**Jane Hawke Miller** - November 08, 2016 at 05:19 PM

MF

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

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**Michelle Spencer & Family** - November 08, 2016 at 04:59 PM

GG

“ *Dani and I send our thoughts and prayers to the family during this time.*

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**Greg Gathright** - November 08, 2016 at 03:43 PM