



William "Bill" Roy Pitts

October 23, 1956 - March 15, 2018

OBITUARY

William "Bill" Pitts, 61, of Huntsville, TX, passed away on March 15, 2018. The funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 2:00pm at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville, TX, Rev. Daniel Irving officiating. Burial will follow at Farris Cemetery. Family will return to receive friends at a reception in the FUMC Community Life Center immediately following burial. Bill was born in Houston, TX on October 23, 1956 to Kelly B. Pitts, Sr. and wife Thelma Jewel Gauntt. He graduated from Pearland High School in 1975 and continued on to receive a BBA in Finance from Sam Houston State University in 1979.

Bill was a loving husband, father and friend who stayed involved in the community. After college, he made his home in Huntsville, TX where he founded Advantage Specialties. Bill was a true and loyal Bearkat, contributing to University and athletic campaigns as well as being a Century Club Member of Sam Houston Alumni Association. Bill was a member of First United Methodist Church of Huntsville, a Silver Spur member of the Walker County Fair Association, former chairman of the Huntsville Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, and former director of the Huntsville/Walker County Chamber of Commerce. While at Sam Houston State University, he was a member of the Society of Social Independents fraternity. Bill was an avid hunter and fisherman with a special love for his time in Port O'Connor, TX.

Bill is survived by his wife of 19 years, Stephanie, daughters Ashlee Drake and Payton Pitts, son Will Pitts, mother Jewel Pitts, brother Kelly and sister-in-law Linda, nephew Kelly Ryan Pitts (Kim), niece Jaime Abshire (Donnie), mother-in-law Mary Gray, sister-in-law Crystal Owen (Mark), nephew Colton Owen (Kaleigh), nieces Caila Garcia (Kyle) and Cassidy Owen, and several great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by father Kelly B. Pitts, Sr., brother John "Bubba" Pitts, and father-in-law Joel Stephan Copley.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations should be given to First United Methodist Church CLC Programming Fund.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Farris Cemetery

West on 1791
Huntsville, TX

Previous Events

Service

MAR 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
1016 Sam Houston Ave
Huntsville, TX 77320-3999
(936) 295-5441

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Roy Pitts*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Bill was a special guy. I will pray for his family that they find piece.*

Tina Ortego Martin - March 20, 2018 at 03:44 PM



“ *Dear Stephanie - I am so, so sorry to learn of this news. Bill was such a kind and loving man. My heart aches for you and your family.*

With love and my deepest sympathies -

Mary and family

Mary Jones - March 20, 2018 at 03:16 PM



“ *Carolyn Baker lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Roy Pitts*



Carolyn Baker - March 20, 2018 at 12:39 PM

SF

“ *Scott A French lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Roy Pitts*



Scott A French - March 20, 2018 at 11:48 AM

SF

We are so sorry for your loss, everybody at Lakeshore Group is keeping the family in our thoughts.

Scott A French - March 20, 2018 at 11:49 AM

MG

“ *Stephanie - So sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. May your family, faith, friends and fond memories help you through the difficult days. Bill will be missed by the community and all who knew him.*

Barry and Mary Lynn Golden

Mary Lynn Golden - March 20, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Roy Pitts.*



March 20, 2018 at 10:40 AM

GE

“ Stephanie, our family's prayers are with you and your family. May God grant you all peace.

--Gene & Celeste Roberts

Gene - March 20, 2018 at 10:14 AM

MM

“ Wild Bill as I call him, a dear friend, hunting partner, fishing partner that I will miss. My prayers go with you my partner and we will watch over Stephanie and the kids for you.

Mike Murray - March 20, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Roy Pitts.



March 20, 2018 at 09:57 AM



“ Bill Pitts I am so gonna miss you....I cant believe your gone. You were always so nice to me and helped me when needed. Still, lovin our tent. Couldn't have gotten it without you. I will miss you lots. Stephanie, you know how much I love all you guys. Praying for you in the days ahead.

Susan Floyd - March 19, 2018 at 10:28 PM

RH

“ Bill Pitts, a true gentleman. I will miss you, my friend.-RetaHarris

Reta Harris - March 19, 2018 at 10:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Roy Pitts.*



March 19, 2018 at 10:10 PM



“ *Bill will always be that one that had that smile and you always knew you had a friend in him. Dale and I remember when he met the love of his life and cherished her and his family so much. Bill....we will miss you always and yes, he was one of the "good guys". Stephanie, Ashlee, Payton and Will...and family...we love you!*

Dale & Donna Story - March 19, 2018 at 09:57 PM



“ *Clayton & Kurt Stallings purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of William "Bill" Roy Pitts.*



Clayton & Kurt Stallings - March 19, 2018 at 06:01 PM



“ *Bill i will all ways remember playing little baseball with u and the old neighborhood we used to terrorize. EARL GREENE*

EARL GREENE - March 19, 2018 at 03:56 PM

MH

“ *M Hyvl lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Roy Pitts*



M Hyvl - March 19, 2018 at 02:19 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Roy Pitts.*



March 19, 2018 at 01:21 PM

MJ

“ *He was a great fisherman and a great friend. Fishing in Port O'Connor will never be the same.*

Marsh & Melinda Miller

Marsh Miller, Jr. - March 19, 2018 at 12:39 PM

RB

“ *My deepest and dearest sympathies!*

One of the truly "good guys" I knew. I am very proud to consider Bill one of my "good" friends!

I appreciate all that Bill did with, and for me. I will cherish the memories we made together... from family and fellowship, to sporting events, to fishing and hunting, to just doing what good friends do!

I will miss him dearly and I will always be a forever friend and support to his beautiful family... I'm just a phone call away.

RB

Russell Barnett - March 19, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Roy Pitts.*



March 19, 2018 at 11:52 AM

JO

“ *I was saddened to hear that Bill passed away. I have only wonderful memories of him from high school. Wishing you peace and comfort.*

Janice Olah



Janice Olah - March 19, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Roy Pitts.*



March 19, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Roy Pitts.*



March 19, 2018 at 09:51 AM



“ *Had the pleasure of knowing Bill since high school. My thoughts and prayers are with his family that he loved and cherished. Bill will be missed by all that were lucky enough to know him.*

Kathy LaFaso Park - March 19, 2018 at 08:12 AM



“ *Mike & Sherrill McDowell lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Roy Pitts*



Mike & Sherrill McDowell - March 18, 2018 at 09:32 PM



“ *Shana And Bill Cross lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Roy Pitts*



Shana and Bill Cross - March 18, 2018 at 08:32 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Roy Pitts.*



March 18, 2018 at 06:47 PM

DG

“ *There is nothing that can replace
the absence of someone dear to us,
and one should not even attempt to do so.
One must simply hold out and endure it.
At first that sounds very hard,
but at the same time it is also a great comfort.
For to the extent the emptiness truly remains unfilled
one remains connected to the other person through it.
It is wrong to say that God fills the emptiness.
God in no way fills it but much more
leaves it precisely unfilled
and thus helps us preserve — even in pain —
the authentic relationship.
Furthermore,
the more beautiful and full the remembrances,
the more difficult the separation.
But gratitude transforms
the torment of memory into silent joy.
One bears what was lovely in the past
not as a thorn but as a precious gift deep within,
a hidden treasure
of which one can always be certain.
— Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Dr. Randy Garner - March 18, 2018 at 05:29 PM



“ *Wayne and I are so sorry for this tragic loss. Our hearts ache for our
dear friend Kelly and for Stephanie and children. You are all in our
prayers.
Wyvonne Langford*

Wyvonne Langford - March 18, 2018 at 03:05 PM

HB

“ He was a lovely man and leaves us all too soon! So many fond memories for Harry and I! Our sincere condolences to all friends and family!!

harry and Grace Bohan - March 18, 2018 at 12:06 PM

BF

“ I had the good fortune of being a side kick to Bill for about a dozen years before he got married. He always made me laugh and I loved his spirit of adventure. Bill also could tell a story with the best of them. Each time a story was told, the plot grew much more exciting and the outcome became more shocking by design. I have never laughed so hard and enjoyed life like the times I spent with Mr. William Roy Pitts. I will forever cherish our time together and miss him like a brother. My deepest sympathies to Stephanie and the children.



Bruce Flanagan - March 18, 2018 at 11:55 AM

HT

My prayers are with the family. Sorry for your loss.

Helen Teetz-Visser - March 18, 2018 at 12:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Roy Pitts.



March 18, 2018 at 11:25 AM

CH

“ My continued thoughts and prayers to you all. May God keep you in his arms and fill you with comfort and peace. 🙏🙏

Cecile Hughes - March 18, 2018 at 09:47 AM

SB

“ Prayers for comfort and peace. 🙏💙

Mark Morgan & Stacy Buckner



Stacy Buckner - March 18, 2018 at 08:15 AM

LF

“ So many great memories with Bill during high school and college. Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to his wife and family.

Lisa Ankenbruck Frey

Lisa Frey - March 18, 2018 at 08:04 AM

JJ

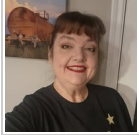
“ My heart is hurting for this beautiful family. My prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Jeannine Jacoby - March 18, 2018 at 07:22 AM

DB

“ We were shocked and saddened to read that our good friend Bill Pitts passed away. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife and family. Bill, truly, was one of "the good guys."

Dan Richard Beto - March 18, 2018 at 05:54 AM



“ I light this green candle for the Pitts family. My prayers of comfort and understanding are lifted for each of you. May you cling to one another, extended family, friends, and our Hornet community. If there is anything any of us can do, please lean on us in your times of need. Have the faith of a mustard seed that even when life seems to be beyond our control and understanding, God is in control. Hugs to each of you. Shelley Petkovsek



Shelley Petkovsek-Bleekman - March 18, 2018 at 01:27 AM



“ J.T. Langley lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Roy Pitts



J.T. Langley - March 18, 2018 at 01:06 AM



“ Never forget you Bill your whole family that I grew up knowing are all special and although I never met your wife and children I am sure they were as special as you were. Having known you for more than 55 years and knowing your mom and dad and Kelly and Bubba I can say you were a very special guy with a beautiful family. God Bless you Bill , your friend Brian

brian andrews - March 18, 2018 at 12:43 AM

SS

“ Bill Pitts you will be missed by not only your family but those of us fortunate to know you. I don't know when when actually first meet because it seems I have known you my entire life because that's just the kind of guy you were. You made everyone feel special, from seeing you at SHSU games, high school sports or down in POC you always spoke never turning your back on anyone. You raised 3 beautiful children that I love dearly and that will miss you. Stephanie, I am so sorry for your loss. Bill be at peace. Love Shari schultz

shari schultz - March 17, 2018 at 11:21 PM

DH

“ Bill was my dear friend and trusted confidante for many, many years. He was one of the ones who talked me into coming back to finish my college degree after I was hit by a car and was giving up on ever going back. Your passing leaves a hole in my heart, Bill.



Donna Sue Henry - March 17, 2018 at 11:17 PM

DH

Bill, we go back so far. We first met in Jr high. You loaned me your Honda 90 so I could get my motorcycle license. You just met me. Your mom was like my own and mine yours. College roommates and Fraternity brothers and much more. Too many memories to put down but man we had fun. Thank you for helping make so many memories in my life. I was so proud of your success in life. You will be missed by so many my friend. May God bless your wonderful family who I know you cherished. Love you man.

David Harris - March 18, 2018 at 06:28 PM

BS

My deepest sympathy and prayers go to my old friend Jewel, Bills mom and her family I thought Bill was such "good boy" and fine young man

Barbara Stack - March 19, 2018 at 08:06 PM

MG

“ with our deepest sympathies.



Martha Grisham - March 17, 2018 at 11:02 PM