



## William Ellis Earthman

March 19, 1939 - March 28, 2019

Bill Earthman, a lifelong resident of Conroe, passed peacefully on March 28, 2019 at the age of 80. An icon in the car business, Bill worked at Buckalew Chevrolet for more than 40 years, where his gift of gab entertained loyal customers for many years. During his tenure as a salesman, he was renowned for selling to generations of Montgomery County families and receiving many sales awards. He was beloved for his outgoing, jovial, teasing manner. Bill's uncanny ability for telling jokes and weaving a great story leaves family and friends with rich memories. He was no stranger to colloquial expressions, which he could recall at a moment's notice. He's likely beaming down on us saying "I haven't seen some of you since Moby Dick was a minnow."

Being one who enjoyed the outdoors, Bill cherished sharing the bounty of his garden with family and friends. His love of gardening spilled over into a love of cooking. His expertise with a barbecue pit was well known. He also enjoyed boating, fishing, attending car shows and watching football. Bill loved his alma mater, Conroe High School, serving as a spirit booster for the football team under Coach Buddy Moorehead. He was a member of the San Jacinto Masonic Lodge # 106 A.F.A.M.

Bill is predeceased by his parents, Noma Inez (Tiny) and Willoughby Emmett (Bill) Earthman. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Margaret; daughter Stephanie Baird and husband David; son Wade Earthman and wife Kim; daughter Brooke Hanna and husband Jon; stepson Fred Strahlman Jr.

and wife Angela; stepdaughter Cathy Reeves; grandchildren Alexis, Lake, and Anabelle Earthman; Jack and Andrew Hanna; B.J. Johnson; Brandon Johnson and wife Carrie; Bethany Bullock and husband Adam; Rachel Duncan and husband Michael; Sahra and Morgan Strahlman; Great Grandchildren Sophia Earthman; Chloe and Gracie Johnson; Colten and Shelbie Bullock; and Samantha and Jaxson Duncan. Bill is also survived by his sister Nancy Bergstrom; sister Lollie Duroy and husband Raymond; and many nieces and nephews.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Willis, Texas - visitation will take place Monday, April 1st 6-8 p.m.; the funeral will be held Tuesday, April 2nd at 10 a.m. William (Bill) Ellis Earthman 1939-2019 William (Bill) Ellis Earthman 1939-2019. You are invited to leave a written condolence on our website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd W.  
Willis, TX 77318  
(936) 890-0454  
greg@shmfh.com

## Funeral Service

APR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd W.  
Willis, TX 77318  
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## Interment following service

APR 2 (CT)

Oakwood Cemetery - Conroe  
Conroe, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Ellis Earthman*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Margaret and family,*

*We are so sorry! We just found out today that Bill passed away. He was a special man and we have fond memories of our years in Cape Conroe. Yes, he always had a story to tell or a saying!!*

*He will be missed by so many.*

*Derry & Fran Copland*

fran copland - April 09, 2019 at 04:00 PM



“ *Peace be with you Margaret and your family. I am sorry I was unable to attend service. Bill was a very respected man. He always brought smiles and fun where ever he was. He will be missed.*

Marilyn Noel - April 03, 2019 at 11:39 PM



“ *From all of us at Benton, Duroy & Ivey purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of William Ellis Earthman.*



From all of us at Benton, Duroy & Ivey - April 01, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Ellis Earthman.*



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April 01, 2019 at 02:43 AM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Ellis Earthman.*



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March 31, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Ellis Earthman.*



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March 30, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ *Butch Lowrance sent a virtual gift in memory of William Ellis Earthman*



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**Butch Lowrance** - March 29, 2019 at 05:43 PM

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*Nancy, Lollie, and family ~ Jan & I are praying for the peace that passes all understanding to flood your minds & hearts, as we know you are already missing Bill so much. "Butch" & Jan (Meares) Lowrance  
John 16:33*

**Butch Lowrance** - March 29, 2019 at 05:56 PM

MA

“ *Condolences from Lake Conroe Barber Shop.*

**Mahaffey** - March 29, 2019 at 03:15 PM

 Rachel  
Duncan

“ *You always loved us like we were your own grandchildren. I love you so dearly and we will miss you so much! RIP.*

*Duncan family*



**Rachel Duncan** - March 28, 2019 at 07:20 PM