



## William Maurice Ferguson

January 17, 1942 - April 18, 2018

William “Wild Bill” Maurice Ferguson who was born on January 17, 1942 passed away on April 18, 2018 in Birmingham, Alabama with his only daughter, April Ferguson McDougal, by his side. He was preceded in death by his sons, Scott Eugene Ford and William Kelly Ferguson, his mother, Ruth Bassett Miller, his father, James Ferguson and his brother Jim Ferguson. Bill is survived by daughter, April Ferguson McDougal, (Brian), grandchildren David Estes, Rachel Binford (David), Christian Estes, Rebekah Nordin and great-grandchildren Elora Jane Binford and Brantley Estes., sister Betty Ruth Fell, as well as Shannon Kelly Ferguson.

Born in Michigan and raised in Indiana until 13 years of age, Bill headed out to Chicago, first as Mr. Maurice, Hair Stylist, then as a Chef before he made his mark as an entrepreneur in the field of window washing. He moved to Houston, Texas where he started a window washing business called JOBS. He later sold this multi-million-dollar company to his friend of many years, LaRue Coleman. Retiring for the first time at 36 years old on the farm in Huntsville known as April Acres.

Being “Wild Bill” tearing up the roads on his Harley wasn’t enough, he was bored, so at this time he chose Dallas, Texas and started another business, April Building Services in 1988. April Building Services is as successful as his other endeavors and led to Bill holding offices for many years in BOMA, A120

Scaffolding Association, American National Standards Institute (ANSI), as well as other professional organizations.

Besides riding his Harley, Bill loved the game of tennis to the extent he coached Sam Houston University tennis teams and became a “second” father to those who came from countries outside of the US. In 2008, he retired AGAIN and took up “pickle ball”. Sailing a catamaran was also a favorite pastime and he could often be found taking friends and customers out for a sail.

Bill was known for his success in the field of Arabian horses from April Acres. Ironically, Bill did not ride nor did he particularly like horses; however, being anything but the “best” was not in his vocabulary.

Bill led a varied and interesting life. With a heart the size of Texas, he used his success to help others, in particular, the Alpha Omega Academy from which his son, Kelly, graduated. His support to the school continued even after the death of Kelly in 2014.

Perhaps the most important thing Bill said was two weeks prior to his death, “I’ve lived my life in the fullest. I can honestly say that there isn’t anything I haven’t done that I wanted to do”. Bill Ferguson was nothing if not loyal, consistent and determined – he finished his “bucket list”.

Visitation will be Monday April 23rd 5:50pm to 8:00pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral

Home. Services will be Tuesday April 24th at 11:00am at University Heights Baptist Church with interment to follow at Farris Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Kelly’s Kitchen @ Alpha Omega Academy, Huntsville, Texas.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Farris Cemetery

West on 1791  
Huntsville, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 23. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church  
2400 Sycamore Avenue  
Huntsville, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Maurice Ferguson*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ ~ ❤️ ~ *RIP Wild Bill* ~ ❤️ ~

*Thank you for the lessons in life, love & so many years of amazing memories from the very early 1980s on I as my family will cherish as well treasure always.*

*Though I am just finding out I know you are in a far better place with so many of our loved ones in heaven & I am so very happy April was right by your side.*

*See you on the next path where we'll all make even more happy memories to add to those we've already made on earth.*

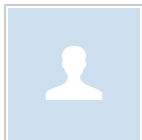


**Kimberley Elmore** - August 03, 2018 at 06:21 PM



*Yes, April was right by his side. Shannon was not.*

**Bren Bolster** - March 23, 2024 at 01:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Maurice Ferguson.*



April 24, 2018 at 04:28 PM

WW

“ There are people in our lives that we meet whose memories will last for the rest of our lives. Billy ( Wild Bill ) was one of the special ones. He faced recent tragedies with dignity and grace. Although short in stature, Bill was a giant of a man. We were truly fortunate to have known him. He is surely riding his heavenly Harley.  
Louisa & Warren

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**Warren Whittaker** - April 24, 2018 at 10:24 AM

BB

*Thank you. Yes, Bill faced those tragedies with dignity and grace.*

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**Bren Bolster** - March 23, 2024 at 01:51 AM

MS

“ Bill has left a legacy of wonderful memories and fun times with many friends who knew him and loved him and Shannon. They were loving friends, gracious and generous hosts, always ready for fun and adventure. If you were Bill's friend it was a gift to treasure, and I will treasure my friendship with Bill and Shannon forever. Missing Bill and all the adventures I had with him and the Fugauwees. "The only difference between an adventure and a disaster is your attitude". Bill's life was an adventure. Wish I could be there to share the heartache, but also to share all the happy memories we all have of our times with Bill and Shannon. Love,  
Maria Stevens

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**Maria Stevens** - April 24, 2018 at 05:45 AM

LW

*Bill was a gentleman on & off the tennis court- tennis courts is where I met him. He was friendly, thoughtful & wonderful man. I have missed him & Shannon at the courts in Huntsville! Love you, Shannon. So sorry for your heartache! Did not find out about Bill's passing until 9am today! So sorry to miss his sending off party. He is thought of with love & fondness!*

*Linda T Wright*

**Linda T Wright** - April 24, 2018 at 07:24 PM

CS

“ *Bill was one of the most gracious persons we have ever meet, always generous and kind. His home and heart were always open and welcoming. There is one more angel in heaven.*

*Errol, Carolyn, Alec, and Preston Stivender*

**Carolyn Stivender** - April 23, 2018 at 03:36 PM

KT

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



**Karen Tisdell** - April 23, 2018 at 03:36 PM

 April  
McDoug

*This was so fun !*

**April McDougal** - April 25, 2018 at 11:13 AM

BB

*God bless April for comforting her father in the last days of his life.*

**Bren Bolster** - March 23, 2024 at 01:26 AM

LK

“ Shannon, My condolences and prayers are with you and the family. Bill was an incredible man and "he did it his way". All my love to you. Laurie Kellar

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**Laurie Kellar** - April 23, 2018 at 01:35 PM

JW

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**Jim Wilson** - April 23, 2018 at 01:07 PM

DA

“ Shannon - what can we say? Bill was Bill and we enjoyed and cherished every trip (too many to mention!), party, gathering and time just spent at April Acres with the Fergusons! Bill was always a generous and giving host and his sense of humor was infectious. Truly magical times - Fugauwees one and all. We pray that the good Lord is with you and April and the entire Ferguson family during this time of sorrow. Bill led a full and wonderful life and his stories were both entertaining and awesome....he truly was his own man. Love to you. Debbie and Wayne Arrington

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**Debbie Arrington** - April 23, 2018 at 11:20 AM

JW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jim Wilson - April 23, 2018 at 11:14 AM

HW

“ Henry Adkins, Robert Dunlap and Jim Wilson purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of William Maurice Ferguson.



Henry Adkins, Robert Dunlap and Jim Wilson - April 23, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of William Maurice Ferguson.



April 22, 2018 at 10:31 PM

BB

“ Rest in peace Bill. He was such a loving, kind, giving person to family and friends. I would say...Bill, you look good! He would say, I can't help it and just chuckle. He worked hard and played hard. He will be missed dearly.

Bren Bolster - April 22, 2018 at 10:04 PM

TH

“ *Bill touched the hearts of all the people who knew him, he never made you feel less than, always greeted you with a smile. God called him home.*  
*Pastor Tommie Haley*

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**Tommie Haley** - April 22, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Maurice Ferguson.*



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April 21, 2018 at 03:34 PM

JJ

“ *My prayers are with the family during this difficult time. So very sorry for your loss.*

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**Jeannine Jacoby** - April 21, 2018 at 03:04 PM