



## William Leonard

November 26, 1923 - April 1, 2008

William Nathaniel Leonard, "Bill" for short, was born on November 26, 1923 in Waco, TX and passed away on April 1, 2008. He resided in Willis, TX for the past 34 years. He is survived by his wife Ruth R. Leonard of 64 years; his two daughters Billie R. Read and Susan C. Williams and spouse Orval H. Williams; and daughter-in-law Sheila Leonard. He is preceded in death by his son William N. Leonard, Jr. "Buddy". He was a wonderful PawPaw to his grandchildren Mike Read and spouse Alice; Mark Read and spouse Debbie; Cory Crofton and spouse Cheryl; Natasha Bashaw and spouse Rob; Kent Deusinger and Esmeralda; Rebecca Barrera and spouse Freddy; Kara Trotter and spouse Jonathan; Nicole Leonard; Cody Leonard; and Kendal Leonard. His great-grandchildren are Ryan, Reagan, Kyle and Rhett Read; Sydney and Connor Crofton; Chloe Walker, Ashley and Aubrey Barrera; Kaylee and Ryan Trotter; and Chloe Leonard. He was a loving husband, father, and PawPaw who will be missed deeply. He will always be remembered for his great sense of humor. He served in World War II, for the Bryan Police Department, and Conroe Police Department. He was also a contractor and enjoyed doing wood work. Visitation will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, TX on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 10 AM to 12 noon. His burial will immediately follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Willis, TX, where his grandsons will serve as pallbearers. You are invited to leave a written condolence to the family on our website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).



# Tribute Wall



“ *William Leonard*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Aunt Ruth, Billie, Susie and the entire family,*

*Uncle Bill was a special person. He loved to joke and he truly cared about people. I know there is a void in your lives with his passing. Please know my thoughts, prayers, and love are continuously with you.*

*I know he had a grand reunion with my dad and all the others that went before him.*

*I love you all so much. Lylene*

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**Lylene Pilkenton** - April 05, 2008 at 09:05 AM



“ *Dear Beki, Billie and Ruth and all of the family, Gene and I send our heartfelt condolences. I have enjoyed knowing and caring as a doctor for Bill and Ruth as well as for other family members. Bill was a fine man and in so many ways reminded me of my own father. Our prayers are with you. If we can be of any service please do not hesitate to call. Remember the good times and these will be a great solace for you. Our love, Linda and Gene Hyde*

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**linda and gene hyde** - April 04, 2008 at 09:32 PM

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“ For the past two days I have had uncle Bill on my mind and in my heart.He was one of the most charming men in my life. I loved his wit,energy,knowledge and humor. He had a natural gentleness about him but could be firm when he needed to be.I will always remember his smile. I am sending you my love and thoughts for your loss but joy for the arrival of Uncle Bill in heaven. Would have loved to been there sitting on a cloud just to watch his arrival. Will always be there for Aunt Ruth and all the family.  
Love you all,  
Rita Parsons

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**Rita Parsons** - April 03, 2008 at 10:45 PM

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“ Becky, my thought and prayers are with you and your mom and grandma...love ya

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**cheryl adams** - April 02, 2008 at 11:25 PM