



William A. "Bill" Traylor

October 24, 1943 - October 23, 2011

William A. "Bill" Traylor, Jr. of Montgomery, Texas died on October 23, 2011 at his home after a fight against pancreatic cancer.

Born in Huntsville on October 24, 1943 to William and Margaret Traylor, Bill was raised in New Waverly and received a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master's degree in education from Sam Houston State University. He was a steadfast Longhorn fan, regardless of the sport.

Bill spent the majority of his professional career as an educator, teaching math and computer science and coaching tennis at Conroe High School. He also served as an Assistant Principal at Magnolia and Oak Ridge High Schools. He later combined his love of teaching with his passion for travel by serving as a teacher of the children of military personnel on overseas bases in Scotland, England and the Azores Islands. He ended his teaching career at Sam Houston State University where he taught future teachers how to integrate computers into the classroom.

After retiring from teaching, Bill continued to be active in the community and to pursue his lifelong interest in politics. He worked tirelessly with the Montgomery County Democrats, contributing his superior organizational skills and his deep commitment to ethics and fairness.

In addition to raising Lowline Angus on his ranch in Montgomery, Bill loved to hike and explore new places. His favorite travel destinations included Big Bend, Colorado and the Grand Canyon. He traveled throughout the world visiting Europe, Canada, Russia, Egypt, Turkey, Jordan and Mexico, where he relished the chance to observe different people and cultures. He sought out opportunities to learn and to challenge his mind with problems to solve and ideas to ponder. Bill was an engaging person who found ways to help others when he saw that help was needed.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Gloria, his two children; daughter, Rebecca and her husband, Scott Dowd, and son, Jeff and his wife Pam. His legacy includes five grandchildren; Travis, Alex and Kendall Dowd, Jane and Robbie Traylor.

The visitation will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Montgomery on Tuesday, October 25th from 5 to 8 p.m. A private memorial service will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to support pancreatic cancer research at www.curepc.org, the Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association, or to a charity of choice.

You are invited to leave a memorial condolence to his family on our website at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *William A. "Bill" Traylor*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Gloria and family, I am so sorry to here about the loss of Bill. My heart and my prayers go out to you. God received a wonderful angel. Love, Tammy*

Tammy Anton Ninneman - November 26, 2011 at 09:30 AM



“ *Traylor Family:
Our family sends our love and prayers to you for the loss of Bill Traylor. I got to know him a few years ago when I introduced myself at the courthouse while he was in probating his Mother's will with his Dad. Margaret Traylor was my first grade writing teacher at Stephem F. Asustin Elementary and she and Mr. Traylor were later neighbors in Tanglewood. To receive a check mark from Mrs. Traylor on a paper was heaven. Speaking with Bill on political matters and sensing his passion for all things he was involved in was a real joy. I dearly loved Margaret Traylor and am honored to have been allowed to meet her son, even if for a brief time.*

Pam Little Williamson - November 04, 2011 at 12:11 PM



“ *I will always be grateful to Bill for sharing his love of the desert and mountains, and showing the beauty that can be found in the most desolate of places. I knew him only two short years, but what a rewarding experience it was. My deepest sympathies to all of the Traylor family on the loss of a wonderful man.*

Bruce G. Burton - November 03, 2011 at 08:35 PM

ML

“ To the Traylor family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I had only one class with Coach Traylor--trigonometry my junior year at Conroe High--but he had a tremendous impact on me. He taught me that not everything comes easy, so you have to work hard for it; that the hard work is more worthwhile than attaining perfection; and that it's okay to speak out, even when you're shy and scared. Coach Traylor will always be dear to me. I hope you can find comfort in the knowledge that his legacy lives on in the many lives he touched.

Michele Posey Love - November 02, 2011 at 09:01 AM

MS

“ Gloria and all, I was very sorry to hear of your loss. I enjoyed very much seeing, visiting, and discussing a variety of subjects with such a good and fair man. On many an occasion he and I had lunch together in the Training Room at C H S and thankfully the walls didn't have ears. It was definitely my pleasure to have known and worked with your husband and father. May the Good Lord take a liking to him.
Mike Saly

Mike Saly - October 27, 2011 at 09:06 AM

BE

“ Gloria and family,
I am deeply saddened by the loss of my friend, Bill.
Over a twenty-five year period, Bill and I worked together at four different schools. We often shared bits of our lives with each other. Those bits included stories about our families, about technology, about politics, and about education and teaching.
Bill Traylor was one the best men I've ever known and I count him among my closest friends.
My deepest sympathies are extended to you from both of us.
Love, Bobby and Patricia--

Bobby Ezell - October 26, 2011 at 10:39 AM

JA

“ Gloria,
I have been thinking about you all day. I am so sorry to hear about Bill. He was a good man, full of life and happiness. I remember the two of you with fondness.
As you and your family make your journey down this dark valley, lean on your faith in God and remember his promises. Yea, the Lord's rod and staff is our comfort.

Janis Allen - October 25, 2011 at 11:33 PM

DP

“ Dear Gloria, Rebecca and Jeff,
The members of MCARSP send their love and sympathy to you for this significant loss. Bill was highly regarded and respected as someone who gave his very best in every situation. Those of us who worked with him saw a passion for service and high standards for the teaching profession. We appreciated your membership in our organization and we will miss him. May God bless you and give you the strength in the days to come.

Doris Phelps - October 25, 2011 at 07:22 PM

EP

“ Dear Gloria, Rebecca, Jeff and the whole Traylor family
I am so sadden for the lost of a great friend. It was an honor to have known Bill for so many years. He was like a brother to me. He was so smart and yet so caring in many ways. Whether it was working on a campaign or doing computer work for our businesses he always gave his best.

I thank the Lord for bringing Bill into my life.

Prayer:

God our Father

We thank you that you have made each of us in your own image and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you. We thank you for William "Bill" Traylor, Jr.

The years we shared with him, the good we saw in him, the love we received from him,

Now give us strength and courage to leave him in your care, confident in your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

My thoughts and prayers will be with the family.

Adios mi Amigo,

Ernest Perales

Ernest Perales - October 25, 2011 at 01:50 PM

KV

“ Dear Gloria and Family,
I'm so sad to hear of Bill's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Please know that Bill is in a much better place and will be looking over you.
God Bless you all!

kermit vetter - October 25, 2011 at 01:10 PM

KM

“ Dear Gloria and Family,
My memories of Bill include so many times that he was helping others. Everything he did was with a spirit of generosity and fairness. I'm so glad I had the chance to know Bill and to learn from his example. Love to you all.

Karen Moeck - October 25, 2011 at 12:43 PM

JD

“ Every school administrator hopes to have a new teacher who is a true educator, a leader, and an outstanding role model. Bill filled that definition but how would one recognize him in a crowded Glasgow train station? Why, he's the handsome one wearing a cowboy hat, of course. He didn't wear a hat in school but he certainly stood out amongst his Scottish colleagues. He always had a group of students around him during class breaks and after school. American and Scot students learned to play American football together after classes ended. Bill always had time to pay attention to any student who needed it no matter what their nationality. He and Gloria, being the only Americans teaching in a 450 year old Scottish secondary school, were the best possible representatives of their country. The closing bell has rung for Bill's teaching career but his memory lives on in the minds of his students.

John and Patricia Derby - October 24, 2011 at 11:45 PM

LM

“ Gloria,
I was an administrator with Bill at Oak Ridge High School. He had an incredible work ethic and sense of fairness but maintained a great sense of humor through all situations. Bill had so many qualities that helped make our school a better place. He will be missed by all.
Deepest Regards,
Lisa

Lisa Martin - October 24, 2011 at 04:20 PM

VP

“ Dearest Gloria,
I am so sorry to hear of Bill's death. Lean on the Lord and your family for help during this time. You are in my thoughts. Virginia Pliler

Virginia Pliler - October 24, 2011 at 03:14 PM

CW

“ Gloria, my prayers are with you and your family at this time. May God wrap his arms around you and give you comfort.

Carol White - October 24, 2011 at 03:11 PM

RS

“ Dear Gloria, Jeff and Rebecca, Carol and I send our prayers to you at this time of Bill’s transition. I met Bill about six years ago and learned about his passion for improving our community’s, state’s and nation’s governance. He was truly dedicated to uniting individuals from diverse backgrounds into a community of voices that could effectively be heard by our elected officials. He knew how to organize and lead likeminded individuals to encourage and support those candidates who shared his values in support of quality education and opportunity for all. We will miss his tireless efforts to focus our vision on the goal of good governance and his profound wisdom and patience with the process. I am deeply touched by his heartfelt love of Gloria, their children and his passion for his TMac farm. Bill loved the land and invested his energy into nurturing its timber, meadows, gardens and breeding Angus. I for one will miss Bill’s guiding light in our community. Richard Stromatt

Richard Stromatt - October 24, 2011 at 01:01 PM

VH

“ Dear Gloria and family,

From the first time I met Bill there seemed some special quality about him, one that set him apart and above those around him. He leaves a void that cannot easily be filled, first and foremost in your family but also in any and all the organizations he chose to support. He was a person of quality, reliability, depth.

virginia hill - October 24, 2011 at 12:06 PM

SH

“Gloria, while I didn't know Bill extremely well, I did meet him when he taught adjunct for our department at SHSU, Curriculum and Instruction and my dealings with him is he was a kind and gentle man, I am so sorry for you loss and hope that Angels surround you and your family to help you make it through this trial in your life.

Susan Hayes - October 24, 2011 at 10:57 AM

CS

“Gloria, I'm so sad to hear that you have lost your beloved partner, and so glad that Bill is out of pain. We've lost a great, gentle spirit. I will miss his wisdom, patience, and long-term vision for our community and humanity. His honesty, fairness and caring were a great role model for me in all our interactions. I enjoyed our politicking together, visits around your kitchen table and walking in the pasture with the two of you. I pray for your comfort in your loss and support for the days ahead. I'm here if there is any way I can help. Peace, Carol

Carol Stromatt - October 24, 2011 at 12:18 AM

AS

“Gloria and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. I've been thinking today about how Bill influenced me. He was always there to help with a problem, full of knowledge and the epitome professionalism. Every time I worked with him I came away respecting him more. He gave me career advice and was a mentor in many ways. Bill was an effective leader and a teacher in the broadest sense of the word. The community will feel his loss immensely. I feel very grateful to have known Bill to have had the opportunity to learn from him.

Austin Stout - October 23, 2011 at 10:09 PM

SH

“Gloria and family, I am very saddened that Bill Jr. is gone. I was amazed at the wonderful, exiting life as I read his obituary. Bill followed in the footsteps of his parents, kind, helpful, a teacher's teacher and most importantly, a devoted Christian father and husband. I have so many wonderful memories of our high school class. We were more like a family than a class we were so small. His Mom and Dad and Mr. and Mrs. Underwood were more like another mom and dad. They opened their homes for gatherings as you and Bill have. A chip off the old block, I guess we would say. Our church and his former classmates have been faithfully praying for Bill and his family. Bill does not need our prayers now, but you and your family do. You have them. I am unable to attend the visitation as I will be attending my uncle's funeral out-of-town. I will make a donation to our Library in New Waverly in his honor. May God bless you and yours.

In deepest friendship

Sue

Sue Hardy - October 23, 2011 at 10:03 PM

BR

“Dear Gloria and Family:
From the first day I met Bill Traylor at a MoCo Democratic event, I could see what a kind and gentle man he was. He was a great leader, and, when you opened your home to events, many there spoke of what a great teacher was Bill Traylor, beloved by students and those with whom he taught side-by-side.
I have been praying for Bill these months that he would win the fight against this horrible disease. It's a sad day for this world, but a happy day in heaven with Bill Traylor in attendance.

Bea Rouse - October 23, 2011 at 09:24 PM

JR

“ *Gloria and family,
I taught with Bill at Oak Ridge High School in the math department.
He contributed much to the knowledge of the students at ORHS and
not just in mathematics. The last time I saw Bill you were selling
Blue Bell seeds in Montgomery among other things. He said for me
to come take a picture of my granddaughter in your blue bell field. I
did that and the picture turned out great. I will miss knowing that he
is not across the fence from me in Bentwater.*

Jeanie Rogerson

Jeanie Rogerson - October 23, 2011 at 06:56 PM

TP

“ *Gloria and the whole family, Mike and I will always hold Bill in a
place of special regard. He was a teacher in the finest degree--he
taught us to work to create the world we wanted. He showed us that
we should never give up, and that what was worth working for was
worth working HARD for! We loved him, and send you our love and
hopes for comfort at this time.*

Tomi Phillips - October 23, 2011 at 06:20 PM

DK

“ Dear Gloria,

My heart goes out to you, Rebecca, and Jeff and their families at this time. Chris and I will always remember the many ways that Bill touched the lives of others and worked so tirelessly to make the world a better place. His life and beliefs provided us all with an exemplary standard of decency, fairness, and wisdom. He will be missed.

Love you all,

Donna and Chris

Donna Kattner - October 23, 2011 at 05:04 PM