



Charles William "Bill" Lancaster

April 14, 1933 - September 11, 2021

Bill was born on April 14, 1933 in Kearney, Nebraska, the son of Bernice Louise (Pumphrey) and Ralph Hartew Lancaster. He has an older brother, James Ralph Lancaster. Bill attended the Kearney Public School System graduating in 1951. From there it was on to the University of Nebraska where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology in 1958. His university studies were interrupted by his being drafted into the U.S. Army for a 2-year stint ending in 1955.

Bill spent most of his time in service as a ground control radar intercept operator in Washington, D.C. After graduation from the U of N, he landed a job with Texas Instruments where he worked for over 30 years mostly explaining how it was that a man with a geology degree could survive in a technology company. It was tough but he did it.

Bill married Shirley Jean McWhorter of Gilmer, Texas in 1960 who gave birth to two boys. She passed away in April of 1999. Bill then married Melba Joy Mankin on November 13, 2004.

Bill is survived by his wife, Melba; son, Kevin Scott Lancaster of Rogers, Arkansas; Kevin's daughter, Kasey Lynne Lancaster, and her daughter Emma; and son, Christopher Todd Lancaster of Tucson, Arizona.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Bernice; brother, James and his wife, Patti, and by his previous wife Shirley. Pall bearers include Robert Elwell, John Harrelson, Robert Seal, Bry Sherrill, Braedyn Sherrill, Tim Oakes, and Brooks Parker. A funeral service celebrating the life of Charles William Lancaster will be held at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas on September 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. The service will also be live streamed at TJMfuneral.com on Bill's obituary page by clicking on the following link: <https://celebrationoflife.tv/blog/charles-william-bill-lancaster>. After the service, the recorded live stream will be available for viewing at the same link location.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in Bill's name.

Memorials

We consider ourselves very blessed and honored to have known Bill. We loved his beautiful smile, his kindness, his ability to make you feel special when visiting with him -- all of the attributes of a truly wonderful man who will be so missed. We send our love to all of your family at this difficult time. Please know you are always in our thoughts and prayers, and there is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you, because I have your fabulous gift of the beautiful colored marble eggs that sits on a shelf in our bedroom at the foot of our bed. It's a forever reminder of our friendship! Wishing you peace and love!

MARCI & KEITH MEYER, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

Dear Melba, How sorry I am to hear that Bill was not able to rally one more time, as it seemed he always did. You and Bill were an inspirational love story for grownups. You were so lucky to have him, and he was so lucky to have you.

CARLA GUTHRIE, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

Dear Melba and Family, We are so very sorry to hear about Your Bill. He was so very special. Always smiling, and always quick with a friendly joke. We will miss him at the bridge table, and as especially as part of our lives. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dave & Cyndi

DAVE & CYNDI THOMAS, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

Melba. I am so sorry to hear about Bill. He was a great host at the bridge parties and always made me feel welcome. Sam

SAM CROWE, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

Melba, I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I know he's celebrating in heaven, but it doesn't make it any easier for the ones he left behind. Especially you. Please know that I'm praying for you. I'm really going to miss "Brother Billy". It seems like yesterday when he was ministering to the seniors in his traveling preacher attire. It was an honor to play and sing with him at Day Spring. I'm looking forward to seeing my precious friend again. Love, Sherry

SHERRY SCOTT, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

I remember meeting you and Nola for the first time at the McKinney Senior Center in 2003 and hearing you excitedly talk about "Bill". I am very happy you were able to spend so many years together with such a wonderful man. Another light has gone out at the bridge table, he will be missed. I am keeping you and your family in my prayers.

SUSAN FLICK, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Melba, I was saddened to hear about the loss of your husband. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God fill you with His peace and wonderful memories of your beloved husband.

LINDA ENGELKING , SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

I'll always remember Bill's nice smile. Such a gentleman. Rest in peace.

KAREN ROLAND, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Our prayers and thoughts go out to you, Melba, and to all your and Bill's family. There will always be a big hole in life without Bill's big, warm smile and welcoming presence.

DICK AND KAY SCHLOUGH, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Melba. And, for The entire family. Big hugs and love!

TAMI BURKETT, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

God bless Bill and his family! Rest In Eternal Peace. Condolences to you all during this difficult time. Know that we are keeping you in our prayers.

FR SCOTT JAKUBOWSKI, CM, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Rest In Peace my dear friend. You brought so much joy into the lives of so many. Prayers being lifted for Melba and your sons and all the family... we will never forget you Bill. Love, Kathy

KATHLEEN WILKENS, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

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