Bill Morrison entered the presence of his Savior on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, after an 18-month battle with cancer. Beloved husband, father, and friend to so many, he will be missed by his wife, Dotty, his daughters, Cari Holbrook and her husband, Jared of San Antonio, Shelly Kepner and her husband Peter, of Frisco, and his sister, Janet Smith of Topeka, Kansas. He was born on March 21, 1940, in Charleston, West Virginia. His schooling included 3 years at Moody Bible Institute, a bachelor’s degree at Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois, a master’s degree from SIU Edwardsville, and an administrative certification from North Texas State. Bill was a special education teacher for 29 years, 24 years at Allen High School. His passion was motivating his students to achieve academically and in life. Other interests included teaching Sunday School classes, singing in adult choir, and working with sound equipment at local churches. He was an avid birder and loved to travel. His stay on this earth was too short, but the impact he made on the lives of those he touched will live on forever. The family would like to give special thanks to the caring staff at Medical Center of Plano, including the fifth floor nursing staff, many caring doctors, and the ICU nursing staff. The Memorial Service will be June 18, 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church Plano, 1300 East 15th St, Plano, TX 75074. In lieu of flowers, donations to First Baptist Church Plano, Bill Morrison Memorial Fund, will be appreciated.

Memorials

Dear Mrs. Morrison and family, I read of Mr. Morrison's passing in the newspaper and wanted to send our deepest sympathies. I don't know if he ever mentioned John Olchak to you, but my son John was in a car accident in 1998 and lost an arm. Mr. Morrison came and sat at the hospital and I don't think
John would have made it through 10th grade without him. He helped John not only academically, but emotionally as well. He was truly a wonderful, caring man and will be missed. Your family is in our prayers, Barbara

BARBARA OLCHAK, JULY 1, 2005

To the family, Although I never met you, I heard about you often when I worked at Allen High School with your father. He showed me many photos of his trips to Canada, and spoke lovingly of his family. As a sometimes confused substitute teacher, I often turned to Bill for help, and he kindly assisted me in any way he could. After I took a position at Lowery, I only saw him once in a while, but as someone said in another entry, Bill seemed to always have a smile on his face and a warm greeting. May God bless you, and give you strength during this difficult time.

ESTHER BUHIDAR, JUNE 18, 2005

I’ve known Bill and Doty for over 14 years. Bill and I worked together on sound systems, sang in choirs, and participated in productions at Hunter’s Glen Baptist Church and First Baptist Richardson. Through the years we shared birthdays, holidays, personal triumphs and tragedies, opinions and philosophies. Even though some times were tough, we always managed to laugh and enjoy ourselves. Our trip to Jefferson earlier this year will always be a moment of gold. It was a special time of friendship and fun. I shall miss Bill as I would a brother. I know that he is just waiting for us to once again be together laughing and singing.

RICK J ANDERSON, JUNE 18, 2005

Two and a half years ago, I was a "stranger in a strange land," having just moved from DC to Texas without my family. I may still be living in a strange land, but it wasn’t long after my move that I no longer felt like a stranger. This was due in large part to Bill and Doty, who quickly befriended me and made me feel at home because of their great gift of hospitality. I remember having my first Texas barbeque at Bill and Dotty’s, a meal complemented by wonderful conversation. I reveled in descriptions of their trip to Latvia and other cross-cultural experiences. I remember showing Bill through the house,
still under construction, which would eventually become home to my family. Bill, with his keen eye for detail, provided me with some insightful ideas for making the house more of a home for the family. I remember sitting in Jakes, where we shared lunch time over rich chocolate milkshakes and hamburgers, chatting about family and personal histories. I enjoyed then, as always, Bill’s sharp wit and his engaging dry sense of humor. I remember Bill inviting me to sit with him at the immense, daunting sound control panel at church. I don't remember a single thing about how to run the control panel, but I do remember Bill’s all-too-uncommon friendliness, his open-armed hospitality, his enthusiastic enjoyment of life, his genuine care for others, his keen wit, and his engaging sense of humor. This world has lost a truly wonderful person, but heaven has gained one in the process!

DON WEASENFORTH, JUNE 17, 2005

i remember most the quite, gentle spirit of my uncle bill. let there be no doubt: he was a strong man. but his strength revealed itself in quietness and confidence. uncle bill was a man of compassion. he understood that a broken heart was a whole heart; that true healing came from woundedness. and while, sadly, i let too many moments with him slip silently away, i raise my voice here, with all of the others, and affirm this: here is man who knew what it meant to love and beloved. my life is richer for the seeds love he planted there.

STEVE KELLER, JUNE 17, 2005

Dear Dotty, Cari, Shelly and family, Although it has been many years since I worked with Bill at Allen High School, I have thought of him from time to time and smiled. The words from George White really capture how Bill led his life. He made a difference in many lives by inspiring students to look beyond high school and strive to do their best. Bill welcomed me into the fold my first day at AHS and made me feel a part of that wonderful team. He always had a smile and a story to tell. Your faith that God has led your loved one home, will comfort you in this difficult time.

JENNIFER WITTE, JUNE 17, 2005
Dotty, I was one of the many nurses that took care of your husband at Medical Center of Plano. Just wanted you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Caron Cumbie, June 17, 2005

I will always remember a warm and forgiving man who put others first. As summer has it, I was gone the first week and leave again on the 16th, so I will miss the sounds of praise for this this very dear life that touched mine just as he did so many others. Gone but never forgotten...Hugs and Peace to you, Mr. Bill.

Nancy Penny, June 15, 2005

Dotty, I want you to know that I am going to miss Bill at Allen High School. Bill was always so friendly to everyone and made a point to reach out to me in my new profession as a teacher. Last year, I was fortunate enough to be moved to F hall where he officed. He was always there to lend a helping hand with the Rizo machine and to share a laugh. I respected Bill as a person and a teacher. Bill was the type of person who did not have to tell you that he was a Christian as his actions and words revealed that.

Kim W. Lane, June 15, 2005

I heard about Bill’s passing from Kathy Daley and am sorry for your loss. I've known him since I began working at AISD 13 years ago, and it will be hard to imagine the highschool special ed. dept. without him. We worked together to help many students over the years. I was impressed by his many experiences and interests, and could count on him to say something funny. My condolences to you and your family.

Ruth Ann Cummings, June 15, 2005

Dotty, I was so saddened when Jo Odom called to tell me about Bill’s passing. I did not know of his illness, but have fond memories of him as a loving, caring, and oh so effective MAP teacher at Arapahoe many years ago. We all learned so much from Bill with his patient way of reaching children that others had been unable to help. His time here was much too short. What a legacy he
leaves in his family and the lives of the many students he surely motivated and inspired through the years. I will be sorry to miss the service as we will be out of town. May your precious memories bring you comfort now that Bill is with his Lord.

JAN CASNER, JUNE 15, 2005

Hello Dotty, Yes, it has been many years since we have seen each other. Steve and I just wanted you to know that we were saddened to hear of your loss. We share many fond memories of you back in the Prairie Creek Days. Those were good days. We know that Bill is singing in heaven with the angels now. He had such a good voice and he loved to sing. Many people at Prairie Creek are lifting you up in prayer during this difficult time of lose. Hopefully that as we share in your grief it will lessen yours. Please give Cari and Shelly our condolences as well. Love in Christ, Steve and Patti Cable (residing in Plano again)

PATTI AND STEVE CABLE, JUNE 15, 2005

We are so sorry for your loss. Bill has been on the Gillam Sunday School prayer list for a long time. We pray now for peace and comfort for your family.

JEFF AND BARBARA MILLER, JUNE 14, 2005

Dotty, I had the privilege of working with Bill during his years at Allen. He was a Christian gentleman and a dedicated teacher. His students will continue to mature and be successful because of Bill’s caring attitude and his desire to help them reach their potential. Allen High School was blessed to have someone like Bill on their staff. Sincerely, Carlaena Chandler

CARLENA CHANDLER, JUNE 14, 2005

Dotty, You and Bill always know so much and you both have helped us with so many things. Bill will be greatly missed by us. Mr. Bill was very special to Andrew and Kayleigh as well and they will also miss him. Andrew has this knack of remembering people at the most unique times, so he will always be in his heart as well as ours. Please know that we will always be here for you.

Kim, Chris, Andrew, and Kayleigh Fowler

KIMBERLY FOWLER, JUNE 14, 2005
Hello, Dotty. I heard about Bill's passing from Jennifer Witte and want to let you know how sorry I am for your loss. From the day I started working at Allen High School as a brand new special ed. teacher, Bill made me feel welcome and supported. When I think of both of you, I think of your hospitality and friendship. I know your family and faith will sustain you, and I hope the thoughts and memories of friends, near and far, will help brighten the next weeks and months for you.

JEAN ANN LEWANDOWSKI, JUNE 14, 2005

Our prayers are with you now as they have been for Bill from his first early illness.

GEOGRE O TILLOTSON, JUNE 13, 2005

Dottie, I read about Bill in the paper and am so shocked and sad for you and the girls. Of course, I didn't know Bill as well as I did you, but I do remember when we worked on the activities for the Dallas paper many, many years ago, and Bill was there one day when we worked at your house. You and Bill knew my husband Bert before I did! I'm sorry we can't come to the memorial, but would like to send our love and care. Brenda and Bert Duckett

BRENDA DUCKETT, JUNE 13, 2005

Dotty, I'm so sorry that I will be unable to attend Bill's Memorial service for I will be out-of-town. I feel such sorrow for your loss but I'm grateful that I had the opportunity to get to know Bill. He was a loving husband and father and so giving to both of his son-in-laws. We will all miss him. Love, Pat

PATRICIA KEPNER, JUNE 13, 2005

Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Morrison was my high school math teacher from 1987 thru 1989. I have alot of fond memories of Mr. Morrison and I can proudly say that he was one of my most treasured teachers. I was once told that I would never go to college and at that time seemed to be content with that. Each passing year Mr. Morrison would be back teaching me and still breathing down the back of my neck to try harder. I can still hear him say "I am going to make sure you learn this math so that you can get that football scholarship". Well Mr. Morrison was right, I learned the math and I got the scholarship too. Math
seemed so easy after I graduated from high school and I owe it all to the dedication and caring attitude that Mr. Morrison displayed toward me back then. I will never forget him for that. I was deeply saddened by Mr. Morrisons passing. I want you to know Mrs. Morrison that your husband was a great man, teacher and inspiration to myself and all the students that he taught. I am thankful for the time that I got to spend with him while he was here and he will be a lasting memory in my heart forever. Lieutenant George White Collin County Sheriff's Office

GEORGE WHITE, JUNE 13, 2005

Morrison family, I've known Bill for many years as we both taught special education in Allen. Even though we were at different schools, I would see Bill at meetings and he would always greet all of us with his big smile. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Bill will be missed. Claudia Stevens

CLAUDIA STEVENS, JUNE 12, 2005

Dotty, I'm so sorry about your loss of Bill. I know how important he was in your life, the girls' lives, and all his students' lives. When I spent the week observing in his classroom in Richardson, I saw how dedicated he was to his students. I know he is with God now and free of any pain. I also know that your faith will help you through this difficult time. Karen Farrar Coworker at CCE in Richardson

KAREN LONG FARRAR, JUNE 12, 2005

Friends/neighbors for 28 to 30 years.

RICHARD & PAM GARRETT, JUNE 12, 2005

Dotty, I saw the notice in the paper and although it has been a long time, I wanted to send you and your family a note letting you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Bill taught my son, Joel, at Allen High School many years ago and was the most positive academic influence on him. Bill had a way of being a friend as well as a teacher to his students and parents.

BRENDA LAFON, JUNE 12, 2005
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