



## William Dean Bird

April 7, 1955 - July 28, 2019

William Dean Bird ,64, passed from this life to the next on Sunday, July 28, 2019. A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 2, 2019 at 2: 00 PM at the Corinth Baptist Church with interment following in the Corinth Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

William Dean Bird was born on April 7, 1955 in Pampa, Texas to Robert Donald Bird and Opal Mae Johnson Bird. He married Donna Gay Hallum and they formed a union that lasted 18 years. Mr. Bird worked many years in the construction business where he was known as a talented craftsman. He was a longtime member of Corinth Baptist Church and enjoyed hunting.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; father and step-mother, Robert Donald Bird and, Carol; daughter, Meghann Danielle Bird; step-daughters, Kirsten Shea Hamrick and Kylene Jade Pena and husband, Jesse; brother, Robert Bird Jr.; sisters, Luana Taylor and Linda Edwards; ½ sisters, Janey Walls and Molly Breshears; and 5 grandchildren.

# Cemetery

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## Corinth Cemetery

Eastland County Rd 154

Eastland, TX, 76448

# Events

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**AUG** **Service** 02:00PM

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Corinth Baptist Church

TX, US

# Comments

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“ I do not know the family but my prayers are with the family in this time of passing and healing. There is power in prayer. God Bless your family and I am so sorry for your loss but happy for Billy's celebration to eternal life. Your fellow Christian, Michele Day

**Michele Day** - August 07, 2019 at 01:56 PM

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“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of William Dean Bird.



July 31, 2019 at 11:07 AM

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“ Janey Walls lit a candle in memory of William Dean Bird



**Janey Walls** - July 31, 2019 at 09:39 AM

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“ My favorite memory of my Uncle Billy is contained in a word of advice that he gave me as I was a 17 year-old teenager still trying to master the art of driving in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. He told me to "look up and focus on the horizon. This way you could see the destination ahead of you as well as focus on the lines showing the path you are taking. Don't look back and as you drive down the road, don't be timid or passive! Be confident in yourself and know where you are headed!"

I took that driving advice to heart and it just stuck with me not just as a driving lesson, but as a life lesson. I have not always followed the lesson to a T, but those words have never left me! After hearing of my uncle's passing on Sunday, I was preparing for my youth group's Camp Testimony service. I was already going to share a brief testimony dealing with two disciples (Peter and "the other disciple) running to Jesus's tomb after hearing He was not in the tomb anymore. The other disciple got to the tomb first, but stooped and didn't go inside. Peter then got to the tomb and went in and saw the linencloths laid to the side. The other disciple then went inside the tomb, saw what Peter saw, and believed (John 20:5-8). I felt compelled to honor my uncle by tying his advice into that Bible lesson. I was so touched to be able to tie them both together, knowing that my uncle was smiling down on me and knew that I understood what he was talking about so many years ago.

You see, that is the essence of Billy Bird. Simple, yet amazing words that could be shared and applied in different situations! That smile that he always gave, even during his last days, is something I will hold dear and close to my heart! Even though our communication was less frequent as time passed, I always knew that if I got to see him and talk to him, it would be as if no time had passed! Heaven has gained an amazing man, and anyone who knew him would agree!



Eric Eades - July 30, 2019 at 11:12 PM

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“ Molly Breshears lit a candle in memory of William Dean Bird



Molly Breshears - July 30, 2019 at 10:52 PM



“ So many times throughout the last 10 or 15 years when I would answer a call from my little brother, Billy, the first thing he would say is THANK YOU!! After the first couple times I grew to expect him to do it again. I would ask him, “Thank me for what?” Then his expected reply, “ For praying for our family all these years!” Then he would go further and tell me his latest “God moment” testimony, whether it included someone he had met on the street or another story from his Corinth Baptist Church. So many of those stories included his friendship with the now retired elderly pastor that Billy considered as one of his best friends!! This pastor will be handling Billy’s celebration service. I so love him and I will miss him more than I can say in words. The following is what I wrote and shared Sunday evening with my family and friends regarding my little brother ...

My little brother, William Dean “Billy” Bird, 64, Eastland, TX, took a Sunday afternoon stroll on the “Highway to Heaven” . Billy is most likely running down the streets of gold to wrap his arms around his Lord!! I told him on Friday that if he sees Jesus or angels reaching their hands out to him ... GO!!!! Then, I asked him to give Jesus a hug for me when he arrives!!! Our family will terribly miss his infectious smile and laughter, his loving heart, his joking storytelling, his free spirited life, and his evangelistic gifting that impacted anyone who knew him!! And, of course, we will miss our “do rag, ponytail wearing” little brother!! I captured a photo of the beautiful moment when our 91 year old Daddy Bird took his youngest son’s hand in his ... I will treasure this moment always along with each time we were able to be beside him through this past month of fighting the cancer that struck his body! Cancer and death have lost their sting as Billy Bird is in his new disease free body enjoying his eternal home now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!! We REJOICE knowing this is the day that the Lord hath made!!!

Amen and Amen!!!!



Linda Edwards - July 30, 2019 at 06:56 PM