



## Billy A. Stewart

October 11, 1940 - April 19, 2015

### FAMILY VISITATION:

Wharton Funeral Chapel, Sunday April 19, 2015 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

### SERVICE TIME & PLACE:

Alva First Baptist Church, Monday April 20, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

Billy Andy was born on October 11, 1940 to William-(Bill) and Viola Mae (Martin) Stewart in Alva, Oklahoma where Billy attended school. While in school he was active in football, basketball and baseball. He enjoyed being on the teams with his brothers Edward and Danny.

During his high school days he worked for Mr. Bailey during summer harvest.

This led to a job at the Alva Terminal Elevator.

Billy met and married Catherine Marie Potter on August 1, 1960. To this marriage two children, Linda Sue and Bill Don were born.

While working at the elevator he suffered a major accident which was a blessing forcing him to re-evaluate his decision of not attending college. He attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University receiving his B.S. degree in 1970. Billy began his teaching career immediately after graduating at Fargo Ok. It was at this time that he discovered that teaching was truly his passion and something he wanted to do for the rest of his life. While in Fargo he moved his family to LSU for the summers receiving his masters from there in 1973.

After 10 years in Fargo, Billy taught at NWOSU for one year as a leave of absence for Dr. Jack Phelps. After that year he taught at Alva High School for six years. He then returned to Northwestern in 1987 remaining there until his retirement in 2003. After his retirement he continued to teach at the college part time. Billy often said he enjoyed working with the students during their entry year and watching them mature in their profession.

Billy was active in community activities such as serving the town of Fargo as Mayor for 2 terms, booster club member, OEA member, Lions Club Member

and professional organizations, Billy received numerous recognitions especially promoting Math and Science.

Without children's knowledge Billy financially helped them be able to participate in summer sports in both Alva and Fargo.

Billy described himself, as a man of many hobbies. He said "About everything I do could be a hobby, from raising cattle and working on the farm, to playing cards and dominos." His poker buddies were more than poker buddies, they were his close friends.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents William and Viola (Stewart) Hofen, his brother Danny Ray and Danny's wife Jane.

Billy and Kathy rededicated their lives by being baptized on the same day just recently.

He is survived by his wife Kathy, his two children, Linda Sue and (John) Hinson, Billy Don, his two sisters and their husbands, Sharon Jane and Bill Yeager of Woodward and Janice Sue and Kirk Fisher of Beaver and a brother,

Edward Gene of Alva. He enjoyed his nieces, nephews and their children. They are Danell Roberson, Christopher Stewart, Kevin Fisher, Chad Fisher, Shay Batenhorst, and Traci Yeager.

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# Tribute Wall

CL

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Mr. Stewart's passing. I was in several of his classes at AHS and he was always one of my favorite teachers. His teaching definitely prepared me for my more difficult future college courses. I know he was a positive influence in the lives of many people, including my own.

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**Cheryl Barton Listen** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Uncle Billy, I am so glad I got to meet you and I was able to learn a lot of things from you. You will be missed and my prayers go out to the family and friends.

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**Jeremi Salinas** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Your life was a blessing  
Your love was a treasure  
You are loved beyond words,  
And missed beyond measure.

*I am so grateful for getting to spend some time with you, and share memories with the family. I know you will be very missed. In our hearts you will hold a place no one could ever fill.*

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**Brittany Hyde** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Clint and I were very sorry to hear this news. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Clint and Dawn Shafer** - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *My blessings and prays go out to the family and friends.*

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**Kali Stewart** - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Sorry to read of Billy's passing. Our sympathy & thoughts for his family & friends. Prayers of comfort.*

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**Dudley & Jeanne Winn** - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to my family during this time of mourning. We will miss my Uncle Billy. We love you.*

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**Danell and Rich Roberson** - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *So sorry to hear the passing of Billy, I considered him a friend and always enjoyed his company. I will miss him*

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**Robert Lamkin** - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *I remember Billy as a sweet, somewhat shy AHS classmate. By teaching all those years, I'm sure he gave so much, and left a very positive imprint. I'd call his a life well-lived!*

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**Carol Baker Cox** - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM