



Bill O. Taggart

October 24, 1941 - June 18, 2017

William Orrell Taggart, 75, of Warsaw, MO, and former longtime resident of Dewey, died Sunday in Warsaw with his loving family by his side.

Bill was born the son of Cecil James Sr. and Clarice Bell (Couch) Taggart on October 24, 1941, in Bartlesville, OK. He was raised in Washington County, OK, in Ochelata and Bartlesville before the family bought his grandparents' farm north of Dewey and where he lived until 2007. Bill graduated from College High in 1961 and went on to study auto mechanics at Okmulgee VO Tech graduating in 1965. He started his career with Ford Motor Cars in downtown Bartlesville and then Russ Rogers Chevrolet before landing at the Nowata Ford dealership where he worked for many years.

Bill was an active member of First Baptist Church in Bartlesville, OK where he helped teach Sunday School to preschool children for 25 years. He moved his membership to Rose Hill Baptist Church, Dewey, OK and transferred his membership to Racket Lake Baptist Church, Racket, Mo when he moved to Warsaw, Mo. He also looked forward to the Tuesday Bible Studies done in his home. Bill followed his calling to serve others when his nephew joined Cub Scouts and moved onto Boy Scouts. In all Bill served 20 years as a scout leader who was faithful to take his boys camping monthly and oftentimes they camped on Bill's family farm where the young men had many memorable adventures fishing in the pond, crossing the concrete dam and playing in the fields and streams. Bill took the scouts to summer camp yearly and helped many of the boys earn the money needed to camp, attend 3 national

jamborees and eventually achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Later in life, Bill worked for the Salvation Army where he continued to serve youth by driving the van and working in the thrift store. Just before he retired in 2001 Bill was the assistant manager at the Circle K in Dewey.

Once retired, Bill, with his sister Carole and their mother traveled the United States and Canada extensively. They traversed the Lewis and Clark Trail, making their way up the Alcan trail and spent approximately six months in Alaska over two visits. Bill loved camping and nature, he took many guided fishing tours and caught many different local fish, as well as a 55 pound Halibut, a 30 pound King Salmon and an octopus. They visited the glaciers and camped in many campsites where bears, moose and great horned owls would make regular appearances. They were able to enjoy their travels until his mother's health started to fail. In January of 2007 Carole bought Reel and Trigger Resort in Warsaw and the family moved with her to help take on the new venture. These were great years for Bill, he made many picnic tables and some of the furniture used in the cabins. But most of all he loved visiting with the guests and spending time with them. A hobby Bill loved was creating beautiful art using counted cross stitch patterns for his family. He also made the frames for his pictures. His completed pictures have been valued from \$300 - \$1,000. Bill's favorite subject for his pictures was wildlife. He was true to his scouting heritage till the end, taking an active interest in the youth and encouraging them to stay in scouting. Bill will be dearly missed and will be greatly remembered by the hundreds of boys that he showed how to be men. Bill is survived by his sister Carole L. Keck, his nephew J. Russell Keck, his niece Angela Cade (husband Paul & sons Jacob & Caleb), his great nephew Joshua James Keck and his wife Britney and their 3 sons Eric, Owen and Nate, his great niece Meaghan Danielle Keck and his adopted family Terry & Lisa Saldeen plus numerous cousins. Bill is preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and one brother Cecil James Taggart, Jr...

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 10-8. Bill's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy.

75), Dewey, on Wednesday, June 21, from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, at the Davis Family Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Doug Ryan officiating. Interment will follow in the Dewey Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Bill's family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Dewey Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
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Family and Friends Gathering

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My prayers are with Bill's family. He truly will be missed..*



Teresa Morgan - June 29, 2017 at 12:43 AM

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“ *Lisa, Terry and Rooster William Cogburn purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Bill O. Taggart.*



Lisa, Terry and Rooster William Cogburn - June 21, 2017 at 11:55 AM

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“ *Lisa, Terry and Rooster William Cogburn purchased the Pure Faith Pillow for the family of Bill O. Taggart.*



Lisa, Terry and Rooster William Cogburn - June 21, 2017 at 11:35 AM

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“ *I remember Bill at the Ochelata School back in the 50's. My condolences to the family.
Patsy Jo (Bien) Metzner Class of 1959.*

Patsy Metzner - June 21, 2017 at 11:18 AM

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“ We will cherish every memory and Terry will miss his woodworking buddy. But he will carry on with making the items that you planned on making together. Bound by love.

We were honored to know you and be there when you flew away!!! Everywhere we look around the resort we see you. Thank you for your love, and your life lessons. Though our hearts were broken that you left we are so grateful that you are dancing on streets of gold. Find my mom and give her a hug for me. She will want to thank you for watching over us.



Lisa and Terry - June 20, 2017 at 02:48 PM