



Billy "Bill" Ray Privitt

February 16, 1931 - October 6, 2021

Billy Ray Privitt, 90, of Bartlesville, died Wednesday in Bartlesville. He departed this earth and joins his loved ones who preceded him, but he leaves behind a legacy of love that continues on.

Bill was born the son of Ray and Dona (Sands) Privitt on February 16, 1931, in Dearing, KS. He was raised in South Coffeyville and graduated from Lenapah High School in 1949. Bill went on to further his education at the University of Tulsa where he completed his law degree in just six years while working full-time to pay for his studies.

Once graduated, Bill practiced law and also served the Lord as a Methodist minister. While ministering at the Welch United Methodist Church, he met his future forever bride Cathy. They fell in love and united in marriage on May 24, 1980 and they made their home in Welch for several years before moving to Bartlesville in 1991. Bill's sister encouraged him to try teaching at the Coffeyville Community College's paralegal program. This led to a position at Tri County Tech in Bartlesville where Bill built their paralegal program and enjoyed teaching for 13 years. He went back into full-time private practice, only retiring just two months ago!

Together Bill and Cathy enjoyed traveling and share their passion with their children and family. Over the years, the couple loved taking cruises and were

hooked after their first cruise to Alaska. Bill's second love was playing golf, almost every day at Adams Golf Club. Whether alone or with friends, the dedicated golfer enjoyed scrambles and tournaments both near and far. Most importantly, Bill loved the Lord and through his chosen profession, he was able to minister to his law clients at difficult times in their lives. He lived a long and fruitful life with an uncommon purpose and passion that the rest of us could aspire to.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 41 years Cathy; six children, Shelly Choppin and Chris, Mat Johns and April, Melissa McClellan and Paul, Pam Howard, Stanley Privitt and Patti Lu Swetonic; as well as his brother Sam Privitt and Connie; and several beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Mary Ann Pendleton.

Services will be held 10 a.m. on Wednesday, at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville. Pastor David Stroup will officiate. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Privitt was the kindest man! From adolescent to a young adult, he was my neighbor in Bartlesville. He always gave my brothers & I something cool to drink when we were playing outside in the summer or would watch us play in the snow as he shoveled his driveway. He would pop his head over the fence often & chat with us while we played in our backyard & he was doing his yardwork. I'll always remember Mr. Privitt & his genuine kindness towards people. A blessing to all who knew him. My condolences to all his family.*

Nacole LittleSun - July 03, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I will never forget you Mr P. I was blessed to of had you as my teacher and my friend.*



Connie Rudd - October 13, 2021 at 12:32 PM

GP

“ *Grace Allen, Dona/Glenna Pendleton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy "Bill" Ray Privitt.*



Grace Allen, Dona/Glenna Pendleton - October 12, 2021 at 10:53 AM

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“ He always called my sisters and me “My little darlings”

Grace Ann Pendleton - October 10, 2021 at 12:05 AM

ME

“ Melissa Earnest lit a candle in memory of Billy
"Bill" Ray Privitt



melissa earnest - October 07, 2021 at 07:32 PM