



William "Bill" Franklin Lawrence Jr.

March 10, 1956 - January 2, 2015

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William "Bill" Franklin Lawrence Jr., 58, longtime resident of Dewey, died Friday in Bartlesville.

Bill was born the son of William and Nancy (Mills) Lawrence on March 10, 1956, in Claremore, OK. As a child Bill lived with his family in Bartlesville where he met his wife-to-be while both attended Sooner High School in Bartlesville. Bill was united in marriage with Leslye Anne Key on December 7, 1974. He attended Oklahoma Wesleyan University and completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business. Bill and Leslye returned to Dewey in 1989. He recently retired from Cessna Aircraft Company in May, after 17 years of faithful service.

Bill loved to ride his Harley and drive his 1965 Mustang, which his son Aaron named "Eleanor." He loved the Lord and his life reflected that - he faithfully served as minister at the First Christian Church in Vera, OK, for 12 years. He also was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys. Later in life he took up fishing, a pastime he shared with his three grandchildren. Bill and Leslye enjoyed 40 wonderful years of marriage together. He loved his family beyond measure and will be dearly missed.

Mr. Lawrence is survived by his Mother Nancy Lawrence; loving wife Leslye Anne Lawrence; two siblings Randy Lawrence and Kelly of Bartlesville, Linda Myers and Scott of Dewey; three children Brian Heath Lawrence and Misty of Dewey, Aaron Micah Lawrence and Halee of Dewey, Rebekah Anne French and James of Bartlesville; his three grandchildren whom he loved dearly, William Heath Lawrence, Rian Anne French, and Bailey Rose French; as well as a host of other family and friends. William was preceded in death by his Father William Franklin Lawrence Sr.

Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at Dewey Cemetery .In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Vera First Christian Church, in care of First Christian Church PO Box 118, Vera, OK. 74082.

Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home.
(918-534-3030), 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, OK.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
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Tribute Wall



“ *He was a very nice man and raised a great family. God Bless him.*

Adam Ropp - January 07, 2015 at 10:34 PM

ML

“ *Wish I could be there with you all today but know I am praying for you to feel God carrying you and looking forward to hearing Bill singing with the Angels when we catch up to him. Love you all!*

Mary Lytch - January 06, 2015 at 01:10 PM

CB

“ *I am so sorry to hear that Bill has passed away. He will always be remembered as a wonderful, loving, caring and God serving man. My heart and prayers are with each of you.*

Christy Ballinger - January 06, 2015 at 12:38 PM

M(

“ *Bill and I became friends back in Jr. High and as with many people these days, time and circumstance move people apart. Bill was a good and true friend to me, and a caring human being with a kind and giving spirit A good man that will be missed by many.*

M. L. Harvey

M.L. Harvey (Mike) - January 06, 2015 at 08:18 AM

RW

“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I have so many great memories of us growing up. Mostly the fun times we had riding motorcycles at Hulah lake. Spending nights at their cabin. Riding around in that old stripped down car he had. Memories I'll never forget. My condolences to the entire Lawrence family.*

Robin Wassom - January 05, 2015 at 11:05 PM

KB

“ *Kay Baker-Morris lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Franklin Lawrence Jr.*



Kay Baker-Morris - January 05, 2015 at 07:52 PM

KB

Leslye, I want to offer my condolences to you and your family at this difficult time. Just know that I am praying for you.

Kay Baker-Morris - January 05, 2015 at 07:54 PM

KL

Bill was a great person and we are so sad for your loss. I met Bill in Jr High. Am praying for your family and know God will sustain and comfort you.

Karen Lutke - January 07, 2015 at 08:16 AM

RM

“ *Recently I came to visit Bill. We had worked together at Reda Pump years ago. I had lost contact with Bill until he recently came to vote where my wife Doyleene worked the election. We had a good visit and just regret that we had not gotten together sooner.*

Bill was a great person. Ray Myers

Ray Myers - January 05, 2015 at 05:28 PM

FP

“ *Fixed Asset Group @ P66 purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphillum for the family of William "Bill" Franklin Lawrence Jr..*



Fixed Asset Group @ P66 - January 05, 2015 at 03:30 PM

IP

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Bill, building swimming pools together, talking about the Lord, our faith, our future. Now... he's experiencing the amazing presence of His Savior and Lord that was, for so long, the substance of what he hoped for. Rest in Him, dear brother and yokemate! <>< David DeShazo*

info ping - January 05, 2015 at 01:10 PM

MK

“ *Bill was a bright shining light for Christ! He always seemed full of love and lifted the spirits of those blessed enough to know him. Bill was a wonderful Sunday School teacher to me many years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with the Lawrence family.*

Mike King - January 05, 2015 at 12:51 PM

TC

“ A great guy, he will be missed. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Tammy Caldwell.

Tammy Caldwell - January 05, 2015 at 09:35 AM

MS

“ Bill was a great mentor and friend. He was always so supportive and understanding. Anybody that ever came in contact with him was blessed to have had a conversation with him. May God be with his family during this hard time, but may peace be with you that Bill lived a great life witnessing the wonderful word of our great Lord, and he will be waiting for us all; when we get there.



Michael and Malinda Simpson

Malinda Simpson - January 05, 2015 at 08:53 AM

TM

“ Leslie, I am so sorry. Bill was a great man. He saw the good in me even when I just wanted to be bad. I went through a little wild stage but both of you were there for me. A funny memory I have of Bill is how he liked his food so spicy. He would be sweating eating hot spicy food. I also remember watching him carry granny myrtle across the street to church when it was snowy outside. He seemed like such a giant, but he was so gentle. Look forward to seeing him again. Love always. Tamra Kay Burr aka Tami Bull

Tamra Kay Burr, MSW - January 04, 2015 at 11:05 PM

JR

“ Bill and I worked together and hung out for 15 years. Bill was my best friend and although we were close I wasn't necessarily his best friend. But that is not the point. Bill was so engaging, witty and smart I can't imagine anyone who wouldn't call him friend. I will cherish my time with him and share my love for him with you all. What a cool and talented family he has. May the Lord bless you and give you peace.

Jim Ratcliffe & Kathy Ratcliffe - January 04, 2015 at 09:43 PM

WB

“ Bill will be greatly missed. I remember all fun times we had at Dewey with him. However what I remember most is the influence he had on our children as their youth sponsor. Our love and prayers are with Leslie and the family. Willard and Linda Bull

Willard and Linda Bull - January 04, 2015 at 08:54 PM

DB

“ Bill & i met around 15 yrs ago at cessna ,our love of racing started our friendship & his outlook on life made us more like brothers ,we talked about everything -- if i didnt call him he called me at least weekly--there is a hole that will never be filled in my life with his passing --with love donnie & the blecha family

don blecha - January 04, 2015 at 08:49 PM

GJ

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Ginger Jeter - January 04, 2015 at 08:25 PM

RB

“ Bill's impact will continue long after his passing. Leslye, you and Bill have forever made an impression on my life. Thank you! I love you and your family! May God make his presence known as he carries you through the next days, weeks, and years.
- Ron Bull

Ron Bull - January 04, 2015 at 07:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Franklin Lawrence Jr..



January 04, 2015 at 12:49 PM

KD

“ Dear Family, our heart broke. We had a world of respect for Bill and his love for the Lord. We as others will miss him.. love kirk and Jane D.

Kirk/Jane DeShazo - January 04, 2015 at 12:34 PM

KG

“ This man taught me so much about Life,Laughter and my Love for God. He Baptized me, watched my grandkids grow, and nicknamed my only Grandson, "The Cheerful Giver." He will be greatly missed.

Kellie Gee - January 03, 2015 at 08:49 PM