



## William (Bill) Whorton Witt

April 24, 1932 - April 2, 2023

William Whorton Witt

William (“Bill” or “Willie”) was born on Galveston Island on April 24, 1932 to Ruth Leona Paysse and Whorton Raymond Witt.

Bill married Jane Noel, his loving wife of 71 years on September 21, 1951. They were married in the First Baptist Church of Galveston and were founding members of Westbury Baptist Church in Houston. He was a deacon and choir member of the First Baptist Church of Rosenberg for 55 years.

Bill graduated from Ball High School and Rice University majoring in electrical engineering and played baseball four years (1949-52) for the Rice Owls. He would later coach his sons’ baseball teams, traveling and watching all their sports and musicals and spending precious time with them in the country teaching them to work hard and enjoy nature.

Bill served his Country in the Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia from 1954-56. During his service years, technology leapt forward into the printed circuit age and Bill returned to Rice University for another degree to master new technology.

Bill was an entrepreneur and innovator, co-authoring three US patents relating to seismic geophysical recordings which he parlayed into several start-up companies. Bill would later run several local businesses including Radio Shack and Fort Bend Security and finish his career with Witt Realty.

In 1968, he and Jane built a home in the country in rural Fort Bend County, Richmond, TX and transitioned from city life to country life among giant native pecan trees, and a myriad of animals. His sons were his cowhands and Jane took care of everyone and somehow bridged the gap between Bill commuting to Houston and living miles from civilization. That experience in the country changed their lives, mostly for the better. Unfortunately, Mike who had become an accomplished rodeo rider, first roping then bareback then bulls at

Sam Houston State was killed in a car accident coming back from LA after riding out his bull that night and everything changed. Fortunately, a beautiful granddaughter was born and filled the void in their hearts. Then a grandson arrived and completed the family. Now his family has been blessed with Julian and Avery continuing the circle of life and adding to a very rich family heritage.

Bill was an avid hunter and enjoyed time outdoors especially at Bucksrag with his hunting buddies and his family. He nurtured his friendships and taught numerous young men to enjoy the outdoors and to commune with God.

Most of all, William Witt was defined by his Christian faith. Besides his family, his legacy will be his enduring inspiration to his fellow believers. John 14:2-6

Those remaining to cherish his memory include his wife, Jane, his son, Mark and his wife Jana, grandchildren, Courtney Witt and partner Wolter Last and Justin Witt and wife Laura Lea, and his great grandchildren, Julian Last and Avery Witt. His sister-in-law Virginia Witt and numerous dear cousins, nieces, nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Michael Richard Witt and his brother Raymond Julian Witt.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Rosenberg or Samaritan's Purse.

A service celebrating Bill's life will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 15, 2023 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Burial with Military Honors to follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries  
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(281) 341-8800

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of William (Bill) Whorton Witt*



**Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries** - April 14, 2023 at 04:57 PM

KN

*So glad to be able to watch Uncle Bill's funeral from many miles away! Kathy Broussard Noel*

**Kathy Broussard Noel** - April 15, 2023 at 03:16 PM

LT

“ *Bill's happy place at Bugsnag. You'll always be remembered. We'll try to keep it up. Don't stop sending us a list of chores for us and please watch over us.*



**Lin Tun** - April 15, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of William (Bill) Whorton Witt.*



April 14, 2023 at 04:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William (Bill) Whorton Witt.*



April 13, 2023 at 05:37 PM

JS

“ *Bill was a great friend and role model. His life was a tribute to the Lord and a blessing to all of us that knew him. Jack and Suzy Sumrall*

Jack Sumrall - April 13, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William (Bill) Whorton Witt.*



April 13, 2023 at 02:57 PM

DB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



David Bush - April 13, 2023 at 01:03 PM

DB

“ *We live busy lives, with all kinds of experiences good and bad. When I think back on some of my best memories, many of them include visiting Bucksrag and seeing Bill. Tears well up in my eyes just thinking about those 30 plus years and having the privilege to spend time there with Bill and friends. My father had a close friendship with Bill going back to the IBM days from the 60's. Bill was always a kind and generous host to me and my brother Steve, making sure we had whatever was needed to enjoy the trip. Jack and I would organize games and contests from time to time. I remember making a Jeopardy game board with the category Bible. It was impossible to stump him in this area, his knowledge of scripture was nothing short of amazing, having been a Sunday School teacher for many years. The first year the house was moved there I can remember being surprised one evening when Bill whipped out his 22 rifle with bird shot and fired at a mouse running across the floor in mid conversation! I have dozens of stories like this...*

*My prayers go out to Bill's family, I believe we will see each other again in the bye-and-bye : on that beautiful shore.*

*A brief tribute.*

*<https://1drv.ms/v/s!AudVzw5TKkVVkQ5Ss6rD-HOTS1HJ?e=S2BYyI>*

David Bush - April 13, 2023 at 01:00 PM

YT

“ Your Aries Accounting and Finance Team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William (Bill) Whorton Witt.



Your Aries Accounting and Finance Team - April 13, 2023 at 10:59 AM

MD

“ Jane, I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this time. Bill was such a nice man, and you both have meant so much to me over these many years. I think fondly of all the fun times we had together. God Bless

Matthew Driggers  
& the Webb Family

Matthew Driggers - April 12, 2023 at 05:47 PM

YF

“ Your Aries Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William (Bill) Whorton Witt.



Your Aries Family - April 12, 2023 at 10:54 AM

DP

“ Ms. Jane - I am praying for your comfort. You and Bill mean so much to me. I remember how y'all would take us kids to VBS at First Baptist. You two were such a blessing to so many.

Hugs,  
Dian Power

Diana Power - April 11, 2023 at 06:05 PM

RB

“ Mr. Witt played an important role in my life and my family's life. Our families vacationed together, we visited in each other's homes, and we served our church. We worked in RA's and were deacons. Mr. And Mrs. Witt were some of my parents' closest friends. Mrs. Witt, may God give you comfort. Mark and family, our hearts reach out to you.

Rick Branam - April 08, 2023 at 11:01 PM

DD

“ Bill gave me job when I needed one; it was an honor to work for him, and it gave me skills I would later use in life. He was a very kind and generous man. Bill and Jane were like family and have been ever since. My sincere condolences go out to the Witt Family.

David Driggers - April 08, 2023 at 11:16 AM

DP

“ Though I haven't seen Bill in over 70 years, he and Jane remain vivid in my memory. We were classmates at Ball High and our youth group at First Baptist was richly blessed by the student-led Baylor revival of the 40's and 50's Praying for Jane and all the family.

Love,  
Kathryn Thompson Presley

Dr. Kathryn Thompson Presley - April 07, 2023 at 10:24 AM

LL

“ My daughter Marie and I have been gone from Rosenberg over 30 years but our memories of Bill and Jane and their kindnesses toward us are still fresh in our minds. Praying for Jane and the family.

Linda Lowrimore - April 06, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William (Bill) Whorton Witt.



April 04, 2023 at 03:59 PM

PS

“ Jane so sorry to hear of your husband's death. May he Rest in Peace. Sending prayers for you and your family. 🙏



Pat Schimara - April 04, 2023 at 01:35 PM

KN

“ *In loving memory of Uncle Bill, one of my most favorite Rice owls! I love you, too, Aunt Jane, and will always be there for you across the miles! ❤️🥺* Kathy Broussard Noel

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**Kathy Broussard Noel** - April 03, 2023 at 09:48 PM