



William "Bill" Edgar Matthews Jr.

October 18, 1923 - February 5, 2015

William (Bill) Edgar Matthews, Jr. died February 5, 2015. He was born in Knox City, Texas on October 18, 1923 to William Matthews Sr. and Hattie May Matthews. He lived in Odessa, Texas from 1936 to present. He served in the U.S. Army in the D-Day invasion and was wounded June 16, 1944 by a German sniper. He received the Purple Heart, good conduct medal, and European African Service Medal.

Bill married Mary Matthews on August 4, 1951. Mary died on May 2, 1987. Bill married Bertha Morgan on March 27, 1991. Bertha died on November 21, 2005.

Bill graduated Odessa High School in 1942. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his son, Bill Matthews; granddaughter, Heather Kirk; step-children, Mel & Brenda Wilson, Jim & Sherry Wilson, Joyce & Jimmy Longino, as well as several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bill will be remembered as "one of the good guys".

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 12:00 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ Bill was my father-in-law for almost 16 years. He was like a father to me and I loved him so very much. He and Bertha took me in as one of their own and treated me like the daughter they never had. Even after Billy and I divorced, nary a day went by that I did not think about Grandpa Bill or wonder how he was doing. It was so hard for me to not reach out to him and let him know that I still loved him and still cared for him, but I promised I wouldn't, and I didn't want to confuse him. He will always be one of the favorite men in my life. I'll never forget our times together, taking walks, watering flowers on the side of the road,, and arguing politics. Rest in peace, dear man. I hope to see you again some day--you and Ginger and Bertha. We'll have Margaritas and talk about old times. I love you, Grandpa Bill, yesterday, today, and always.
Cheryl.



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