



## Bill Welborn

December 9, 1931 - February 12, 2017

Billy Martin Welborn of Terrell, Tx passed away in his home early Sunday morning Feb. 12, 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer Elbert Welborn and Lois Jowell Welborn and his sister, Clara Nell Barron. Bill was born in Elmwood, Tx on Dec. 9, 1931 and grew up in Palestine, TX. He graduated from Gladewater High School after which he attended Nixon's Business College in Palestine. He completed the International Correspondence School's course for Lineman and Electricians and also Dale Carnegie's Effective Speaking and Human Relations Course. Bill married Iva Jean Douthit on Feb. 28, 1953 in Hope, Arkansas. He was drafted into the Army in December of 1952 and he re-enlisted into the regular Army the following March for 3 more years. He was in the 8198th Army unit and served as a Personnel Clerk in Matsushima, Japan and he received the National Defense Service Medal. After serving in the Army, Bill returned to his former job at Texas Power and Light Co. in Tyler. He was a lineman for a number of years and was promoted from Senior Lineman to Foreman. In 1968, he transferred to Athens to organize a new bucket crew. He was promoted to Assistant District Superintendent in Terrell in 1968 after which he was again promoted to District Distribution Superintendent and he served in that capacity until his retirement on August 1, 1987. Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. He loved to ride motorcycles as well as going on Saturday nights to watch stock car racing with family and friends. After retirement, Bill was a regular at the local coffee gatherings. He was a past President of the Terrell Rifle and Pistol Club and a member of the Terrell Boat Club.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Iva Jean Welborn; son, Homer Welborn of Bellevue, WA; daughter Annette Valentine and husband, Tom, of Terrell; grandson, Tommy Valentine; granddaughter, Emily Jean Valentine, both of Terrell; sister, Mickey Vineyard and husband, Don, of Red Boiling Springs, TN, brother, Don Barton and wife Jan of Key Largo, FL as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral service will be at 3:00pm, Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with the family receiving friends beginning at 2:00pm to service time. Bill will be laid to rest at Oakland Memorial Park in Terrell. Bill's family would like to extend special thanks to Hope Hospice of

Garland, Patricia Westfall, RN, Bob Whitt, Denise Kelley and Dr. Jay Reddy for all their

care and compassion. Condolences may be shared with the family at [www.maxslaytonfunerals.com](http://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Welborn*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

EP

“ *Rest in Peace, Uncle Bill. You were a kind uncle to me when I was growing up and I will always remember your wonderful sense of humor. Condolences and prayers to the Welborn Family during this time. Ellen Park - Clara and Kenneth's Daughter*

**Ellen Park** - February 15, 2017 at 01:50 PM

KA

“ *Mr. Welborn was one of my favorite people for the three years I worked at Brookshire's Pharmacy. Every now and then I would get to run next door to Whataburger and see him meeting there with his friends for coffee. I am saddened to see that he passed away. Please accept my sincere condolences. I know that he will be missed!*

**Karri** - February 15, 2017 at 09:37 AM

SC

“ *Mrs. Welborn, Homer, Tom Annette, & family, I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Welborn's passing. Seeing the pictures reminded me of the times the family shared with me not so long ago. Mr. Welborn put up with me & Annette many times. I only remember one time he got really put out with the two of us! I won't share it here. He was a great father to his children. I watched him. Being a Dad he was also good at tuning the two of us out. I know you will miss him in a way I am unable to understand. Remember he will always be in your heart & you will see him again some day. Rest in Peace, Mr. Welborn. Thank you for your service.*

**Sharon Collins** - February 14, 2017 at 04:16 PM



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Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - February 14, 2017 at 01:48 PM

JN

*I'm sorry I was late in getting word about Bills passing. He was an outstanding employee and a good friend. He will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Joe Nelson*

Joe Nelson - February 23, 2017 at 10:31 PM

RF

“ RUBY, TODD AND THE BURNETT FAMILY. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bill Welborn.



RUBY, TODD AND THE BURNETT FAMILY. - February 14, 2017 at 12:32 PM

RG

“ Rich and Vicki Cox Gallagher purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bill Welborn.



Rich and Vicki Cox Gallagher - February 13, 2017 at 08:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bill Welborn.



February 13, 2017 at 08:08 PM

AP

“ so sorry to hear about Bill ,He was a great person and a good friend ,praying for all of you , saying a special pray for Gene

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**alice patton** - February 13, 2017 at 07:06 PM

CC

“ Jean and family. I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was always ready to give you a big smile and a warm hug.

*You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Cherie (Feaker) Mc Clenney*

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**Cherie Mc Clenney** - February 13, 2017 at 05:55 PM

SM

*I am so sorry for your loss! Bill was a good man and a good friend to my dad! He would always hug me and tell me how much he missed my dad and tell me funny stories about things my dad did! All of you are in my thoughts and prayers!*

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**Susan Rice McBride** - February 13, 2017 at 07:32 PM

PK

*I'm sorry to learn of Bill's death. RIP Bill.*

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**Pete Kuban** - February 14, 2017 at 10:44 AM

BG

*Jean & family, So sorry to hear about Bill. He was a one of a kind person and I will miss him.*

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**Beverly Goff** - February 14, 2017 at 12:33 PM