



William Alfred "Bill" Loving

September 25, 1945 - December 17, 2016

William Alfred "Bill" Loving, 71, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, December 17, 2016. Bill was born in Denham Springs, Louisiana to Cleo (Schilling) and Frederick Pat Loving.

After graduation from Denham Springs High School, Bill attended Louisiana State University where he majored in music. In 1968 Bill relocated to Laurel, Mississippi where he worked in broadcasting and sales at WAML Radio. Later Bill would become manager of the first soul radio station, WNSL Radio. Bill also worked part time for WLAU Radio throughout his broadcasting career. Bill served as a Deacon at First Presbyterian Church, and was a member of the Jaycees and the Laurel Rotary Club.

In the spring of 1969 Bill met his future bride, Sharon, while singing in the choir at First Presbyterian Church, Laurel, Mississippi. Bill and Sharon were married on March 14, 1970 and spent forty six years together. Bill's love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was exhibited through his sacrificial love for his family and friends. Bill never met a stranger and his exuberant smile and laughter brought joy to those who knew him.

In May, 1983, Bill and his family relocated to the Eastern Shore of Maryland (Salisbury) where Bill continued his broadcasting and sales career at WMDT Channel 47 for many years. After his tenure at WMDT, Bill developed a

marketing and consulting agency utilizing his experience and expertise that would carry him through to his retirement years.

Bill is preceded in death by his infant son, William Alfred "Kip" Loving, Jr., both parents, and his brothers Don, Alva Ray and Bob Loving. He is survived by his wife Sharon, his son Andy Loving and his wife Mary of Laurel, Mississippi, his daughter Donna Hale and her husband Carl of Salisbury, Maryland, his grandchildren, Danielle Hale of Olympia, Washington, Erin Hollenbach and her husband Garrett of Salisbury, Maryland, Christian Loving of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Carly Hale and Dylan Hale both of Salisbury, Maryland and one great granddaughter, Emerie Jayde Hale of Olympia, Washington. Additional survivors include his nephews, Tommy, Patrick, Mike, Steve, David and Glenn Loving, Scott Sheppard and nieces Andrea Howes Moore and Deana Howes Losoya.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1200 Highway 15 North, Laurel, Mississippi, 39441. Funeral Service will follow visitation at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church or the charity of your choice. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church
1200 Hwy 15 North
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

DEC 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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1200 Hwy 15 North
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

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“ Sharon and all your family,
We will miss Bill so much, you two were such a special twosome,
you made our visits so very special!!! Your home just always felt so
warm and comfortable. We pray for God's blessings of comfort and
for his loving arms to be wrapped around all of you. Bill is having a
great time singing and doing all the things he has been limited for
the past few years.

We love you,
Ernie and Natacha Dyess

Natacha Dyess - December 23, 2016 at 09:39 AM

JP

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Jane Paschal - December 21, 2016 at 09:58 AM

JP

“ I feel so privileged to have had Bill in my life. His mother and my
mother were sisters, so we were first cousins and played together
many hours as children. Later he became my lifelong friend and
delighted in his ability to find things to make me laugh. Even as a
small child Bill would wander off up to the country store to "find
someone to talk to" and we knew where to go find him. Along with
many others who shared the delight of knowing him, I will miss him
greatly. Love and prayers to all his family and many friends.

Jane Paschal

Jane Paschal - December 21, 2016 at 09:56 AM

DG

“ Bill played a big part in who I am today. I enjoyed working with him and learning the ropes of commercial TV broadcasting during my early years here at WMDT. That smile of his could light up a room and his hearty laugh could make any troubling moment better in an instant. His love for the Lord was evident in his love for others. I feel blessed for having know Bill the time that I did, and you as well Sharon! He will be missed but not forgotten. If it were possible, Heaven would be even better now that Bill is there, I'm sure he's up there entertaining the angels with his stories! Our prayers are with you Sharon and your family at this time that the Lord would allow healing and help everyone to look forward to the day when all who know Jesus as Lord and Savior will be reunited again in Heaven with those who have gone before us!

With Love Don Gaul and family.

Don Gaul - December 20, 2016 at 01:30 PM

SW

“ Sharon, Andy and all of the Loving family,
We are so sorry about the loss of Bill. He was such a kind, caring and witty person.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Shawn, Fred and Barbara Wansley

Shawn Wansley - December 20, 2016 at 09:09 AM

MB

“ We will all miss Bill. He loved his family beyond the measure of love. He cherished his two children and spoke with such pride when he talked of them. He was devoted to Sharon and always proud of the things she accomplished in her career and in her life. I think this just paints a picture of a very loving man. His name so aptly fits his life. I feel so happy to have known him and heard his very gifted singing voice. He used his voice to praise and worship God in the choir at his church. It was not an ego thing, he sang in worship to God. So many fond memories of him with his family. His family was his rock. They all loved each other so much and were so close to each other. He will be missed by many people. I will miss Bill.

Mary Bailey - December 19, 2016 at 11:21 PM

LG

“ Sharon and family,



I, as well as classmates of Bill, were saddened to learn about his passing. Bill was a life-long friend as well as a good friend to many. He and his personality were larger than life. He brightened up the room with his presence. He was so talented and he sent me a CD Don had done of his singing "It Is Well" and I truly loved it and will cherish having it as a memory of his beautiful voice. We always were in choirs together from church as children, high school and college and had many good times together.

I know how hard this will be during this difficult time and the holidays. My husband, who became friends with Bill at one of our reunions, and I were married just shy of 47 years before his death in 2015. You'll never lose the hole in your heart from his loss but with prayers, your precious family and God's grace, you will eventually find a way to make it day to day.

I'm sorry I won't be able to attend his services but want you to know you all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Much love to all of you.

Lynne Graner

Lynne Graner - December 19, 2016 at 10:32 PM

JS

“ Sharon, Andy, Donna and Families: Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. Bill was a wonderful man and someone who never met a stranger. I will always remember how much fun he was when we "walked the mall". You will all be in our prayers.

Jim and Jeanette

Jim and Jeanette Stricklin - December 19, 2016 at 06:50 PM

JS

“ Friday night football in Louisiana is a sacred event, and Billy Loving was a key "player" for the Denham Springs High School Yellow Jackets. He was the marching band's colorful drum major, dressed in all the traditional regalia and splendor befitting the position. Most impressive was his tall head piece, solid white and feathery, soaring nearly two feet above his head, with a chin strap to keep it from tumbling off. I recall one night while warming up in the end zone before kickoff that Billy led the band onto the field, deploying his troupe of 50 musicians along the goal line, side-by-side in a single, straight column facing midfield. Then, like a majestic peacock about to revel in the spotlight, he gracefully positioned his royal self on the five-yard line, his back to the adoring horde. With a dramatic flourish of his long silver staff, he crisply leaned back, so far that the top of his head piece actually touched the ground behind him! As he and the band marched off to glory, the football team stood inert in the end zone, stunned by the splashy showmanship and sheer athleticism of our rotund drum major. Even in his adolescence, Billy was supremely confident in who he was--a good guy with a large personality and a gift for dazzling the audience! He was my lifelong friend.

Respectfully...Jim Spring

Jim Spring - December 19, 2016 at 04:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Alfred "Bill" Loving.*



December 19, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of William Alfred "Bill" Loving.*



December 19, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Alfred "Bill" Loving.*



December 19, 2016 at 02:04 PM