



# **William "Bill" Robert Burcham**

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**C**LAUDE MEMORIAL SERVICES- 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church in Claude with Rev. Janet Edwards, Pastor, and Rev. Gene Weinette, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Stratford, officiating. Cremation was held July 10, 2006 at City View Crematory in Vega. Mr. Burcham was born May 28, 1935 to William Frederick and Nancy Burcham in Mangum, Oklahoma. He married Mary Lane on August 26, 1956 in Cordell, Oklahoma. He worked for different school districts during his career including White Deer, Wheeler County, Claude, and Highland Park and served as teacher, counselor, and principal. He was a resident of Shamrock before moving to Claude 21 years ago. He was a member of the Armstrong County Museum Board, Gem Theater Board, Shamrock Lions Club, was the voice for Miss Irish Rose Pageant for 16 years. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Claude where he served on many committees and was a part of the Methodist Men group. He was a master carpenter, loved being around friends and family, and never met a stranger. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Mary of Claude; 2 daughters, Dee Reeder and husband Robby of Shamrock, and Elizabeth Burcham of Amarillo; 2 grandchildren, Brad Reeder and wife Ashley of Shamrock, Reiss Reeder of Cordell, Oklahoma; 1 great grandchild, Deshya Reeder of Shamrock; 1 brother, Jim Burcham and wife Barbara of Houston; 1 sister, Sarah Schreiner and husband Wayne of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma; 4 nieces and nephews; 7 great nieces and nephews; Special Friends and Family, Gene, Brandi, Tristan, and Caleb Weinette all of Stratford; The family requests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church in Claude.



## Tribute Wall

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JC

**Jessica (Wilson) Montgomery Of Claude, Tx** posted:

Bill was always at the Gem Theatre plays with accolades and words of encouragement for all of us, the actors and crew. He was a sincere and kind man, and he will be greatly missed.

July 17 at 7:00 PM

KM

**Kay Batton Of Mobeetie, Tx.** posted:

I worked with Bill when he was a counselor in Mobeetie for several years. I enjoyed knowing him so much. On several occasions we discussed our retirements and what we wished to do. Mary, my prayers are with you in your loss, but what a joy to know we will see him again. Kay Batton

July 15 at 7:00 PM

GS

**Greg Mckinney Of Salem, Or** posted:

Bill will be dearly missed.

July 12 at 7:00 PM

DT

**David Roberts Of Dumas, Texas** posted:

My sincere sympathies to your family. I pray for peace and comfort for all of you and know that your memories of him will be of great comfort to you. The mountains will hold his spirit and peace will be his. I life mine eyes unto the hills, from which cometh my strength.

July 11 at 7:00 PM

TB

**Toni Kramer Of Bancroft Mi** posted:

We love you Liz and wish we could be there with you during this hard time. We hope you and your family know you are loved by all.Toni and Deb

July 11 at 7:00 PM

CP

**Cathy (Boomer) Sanchez Of Plainview, Tx** posted:

Mr. Burcham will be greatly missed. He was the best principal that Claude High School could have ever asked for. He blessed everyone that he came in touch with. He will be missed.

July 11 at 7:00 PM



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CT

**Carla Powell Of Amarillo, Texas** posted:

Elizabeth, I am sorry about your dad. My thoughts are with you and your family. Let me know if I can do anything for you. Remember that we are friends first and co-workers second.

July 10 at 7:00 PM

CP

**Christle (Frost) Brown Of Panhandle, Tx** posted:

Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family.

July 10 at 7:00 PM

JP

**Janet Hall Watts Of Pampa, Tx** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a great man and really had an impact on a lot of people. I will never forget his smile and kindness. May God bless you and give you peace during this time.

July 10 at 7:00 PM

BT

**Bernice Collinsworth Of Shamrock, Texas** posted:

I was so sorry to hear about Bill. I remember him so fondly. Love, Bernice Collinsworth Shamrock, Texas

July 10 at 7:00 PM

CS

**Cindy Byrd Cummings Of Stratford, Tx** posted:

Mary, my prayers are with you and your family during this time. I have so many memories of Mr. Burcham as my high school principal, he was a very good man! May God comfort & bless you.

July 10 at 7:00 PM

CT

**Claude Medical Clinic Of Claude, Texas** posted:

Mary & Family, Remember that your loss is shared by many friends who care and that you're in our hearts and in our prayers. We love you and if you need anything at all please call!

July 10 at 7:00 PM



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JD

**James Of White Deer** posted:

I am sorry for your loss

July 10 at 7:00 PM

CT

**Curtis Smith Of Celeste Texas** posted:

Worked for Bill at Claude, very good man and friend. Always supported me. God Bless his family.  
Curtis Smith

July 10 at 7:00 PM

OA

**Officer Wayne Boyd Of Amarillo, Tx** posted:

My deepest sympathies to the family of Mr. Burcham, and especially his daughter Elizabeth, with whom I have had the pleasure of working with in Amarillo. -Wayne Boyd

July 10 at 7:00 PM



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