



Billy Mack Clifford

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Bill M. Clifford joined our Lord in His heavenly kingdom on May 6, 2024. Bill was born on August 16, 1947, in Graham, Texas to Pat and Nita Clifford. After graduating from Mission High School in 1965, Bill received a music scholarship from Oklahoma University. It is here he met the love of his life, Cynthia (Cyd) Lawrence. At the end of his freshmen year, Bill transferred to the University of Texas, again with a music scholarship, playing for the Longhorn Band. It was around this time when Bill developed an interest in languages, specifically German. Wanting to learn firsthand the German language and culture, and Bill not being the type of person to do anything halfway, spent an entire summer in Germany working as a Sous chef.

Bill received his BS in Language in 1970. Bill was a gifted musician (reed instrumentalist) and an exceptional vocalist. In addition to playing the saxophone, oboe and other reed instruments, he also performed with the Texas Bach Choir and the United Methodist Church Choir.

From the moment they first met in college, they were as Bill would say, "inseparable." Bill and Cyd exchanged wedding vows on September 1st, 1968. For more than 55 years, they demonstrated the true meaning of the

Sacrament of Marriage. The Love they expressed for one another and for their family will stay with us forever.

Bill (with wife Cyd by his side) embarked on a career in the travel and tourism industry which lasted more than forty years.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents Pat Clifford and Nita McBride, and infant daughter Sarah.

Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife Cyd Clifford, his children William Scott Clifford (wife Jamie Lyn, daughter Phoenix Jean), Michael Ryan Clifford (wife Taylor Bishop, daughter Ryan Mackenzie, son Knox Bishop), his siblings Patricia Goble and Bennett McBride Jr, and numerous extended relatives and friends.

A graveside service took place on Saturday, June 8th, at 10:30 am at Calvary Cemetery, 9101 S Harvard Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 8. 10:30 AM.

Calvary Cemetery