



William Charles "Bill" Forrest

January 16, 1947 - January 25, 2014

William Charles Forrest "Bill", the consummate husband, father, Papaw, musician, hunter, friend, storyteller, cigar lover, life of the party, and the world's greatest optimist lived life to its fullest. He passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan 25, 2014 after giving cancer the best fight it has ever had.

Bill was born on January 16, 1947 in Corinth, MS to Charles Phelps Forrest and Helene Louise Hathcock Forrest. Bill grew up in Fairhope, Alabama and graduated from Ole Miss in 1969 with a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration with focus on city planning and land economics. He was also a very "active" member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and a lover of the southern tradition.

While working in Dallas, he met the love of his life, Marcia Bruder an elementary school teacher. As fate would have it, a promised steak dinner turned into a romantic night at the Burger King and the rest is history. Bill and Marcia married on May 29, 1976 and have been in love ever since.

Bill's career took him from the Mississippi Highway Department in Jackson, MS to Dallas where he worked for Marshall & Stevens and became the youngest person to receive a MAI appraiser designation in 1975. Houston became home for Bill & Marcia in 1976, where Bill started his own business, Revac, Inc. which is in its 38th year of operation. Bill also was Managing

Director for Sperry Van Ness Commercial Real Estate Advisors/ W Forrest Group and recently received an Award of Recognition by the Governor of Texas for outstanding service to the community.

As an avid hunter & fisherman, Bill took hunting trips to Africa, Canada, Mexico and many other locations. For the past 30 years, his favorite spot had to be in south Texas on the King Ranch, Kenedy Ranch & El Sauz with his hunting buddies, the BH Club and family. Bill was a proud supporter of Wounded Warriors. He sponsored and participated, along with his friends, a hunt for several wounded marines on the El Sauz ranch.

Bill's love of music was paramount. Not only did he play the guitar and sing like Johnny Cash, he could blow a mean harp (harmonica). His musical talent was passed down to his 2 sons who enjoyed countless hours "jamming" with their Dad. It also was not unusual for Bill to be invited to play with local musicians. Bill knew how to draw a crowd.

Bill was best known for his uncanny ability to tell a good story or joke. Crowds would gather while he entertained us and puffed on his favorite cigar.

Bill is survived by his wife Marcia; his children Brian, Michelle, Leah, Billy and 7 grandchildren.

The Forrest family will be present to receive friends at a Casual Visitation from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Cafe Benedicte, 15455 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. A memorial service celebrating Bill's life will be held Friday, January 31, 2014 at 12:00 PM at Second Baptist Church, West Campus, 19449 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77094. A reception will follow the memorial service from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM at Las Ventanas Restaurant and Cantina, 14555 Grisby Road, Houston, TX 77079.

If so inclined, in honor of Bill, the family would appreciate memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project at https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/default.aspx?tsid=675&ovr_acv_id=50&campaignSource=CDRO&source=BS13083&gclid=CPfWsdunn7wCFQPI7AodVS0A8g

Visit Sign Up Genius to learn more about how to send meals to the Forrest family at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DAEAB2CAAFF2-meals1>

Previous Events

Casual Visitation

JAN 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cafe Benedicte
15455 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079

Memorial Service

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19449 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77094

Reception

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Charles "Bill" Forrest*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *William Charles "Bill" Forrest*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *William Charles "Bill" Forrest*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *William Charles "Bill" Forrest*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *RIP Mr. Forest you will be missed....Your Doctor Staff :-)*

tina m. - January 31, 2014 at 02:11 PM

RA

“ I was lucky enough to call Bill my friend for 25 years. "drink a little drink, smoke a little smoke" more than a couple of times, laughed at jokes even if I had heard them before, just because "the storyteller" knew how to tell them. Didn't matter if your net worth was 10 zeros or 1, Bill always treated everyone to the laughter and good times of his inner circle, and you felt fortunate to be invited. I will miss the advice, the wisdom dispensed over a drink and a smoke, and most of all the friendship.

Robert Anthony

Robert Anthony - January 30, 2014 at 04:52 PM

CG

“ I always enjoyed our jam sessions together at Cafe Benedicte. Bill always had great suggestions for songs I should add to my songlist. Bill had a passion for music. You could tell when Bill arrived at the cafe he would often walk in the door singing. Always enjoyed talking and spending time with Bill and Marcia. We had some good times together, nites at the cafe, parties at the house. I'm going to miss Bills' warm heartedness, his great sense of humor and his beautiful spirit. Don't know if theres hunting in Heaven, but hopefully theres at least Heaven friendly hunting. Love, Hugs,
Thoughts and Prayers to Bill, Marcia and the Forest Family.

Cloris Grimes

Cloris Grimes - January 30, 2014 at 02:57 PM



“ *What a giant of a man! Will miss his smiles and laughter! Will miss his free advice and expert opinions. Glad to have known him for the many years!*

Woody Lesikar, Airport Manager, West Houston Airport

Woody Lesikar - January 30, 2014 at 02:56 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Charles "Bill" Forrest.*



January 30, 2014 at 01:37 PM



“ *This is a very sad day. I have know Bill for almost 15 years and I could always count on him for a kind word or his personal wisdom, while I was at SVN. All my best wished to the Forrest Family*

Scott Lunine - January 29, 2014 at 10:52 PM

DW

“ On New Year's Eve 12/75 I moved from Canada to become Bill's first professional employee at REVAC, shortly followed by Michael Husij. The day I arrived Bill and I went to lunch at TGI Fridays, and I subsequently was significantly late for the family planned festivities. That was the wild side of Bill that I truly enjoyed. He also taught me a lot, and was the launching pad for my career.

He was a true individual that the world will miss. It's a shame there are not more free spirits like him.

Rick Wincott

D Richard Wincott - January 29, 2014 at 08:47 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William Charles "Bill" Forrest.*



January 29, 2014 at 04:27 PM

MH

“ *I will remember Bill's laugh and ability to convey a story. His handshake was enough on deals and commitments he made. I am sending a donation to the Wounded Warriors in his name. God Bless.*

Mark Haworth - January 29, 2014 at 04:17 PM

BG

“ To Marcia, Leah and all of Bill's family, I know this is a hard time for you, but there is no doubt but that Bill's Soul is enjoying Peace and Joy like we can not even imagine! At every SVN event I was always excited to see Bill's face. He was magnetic and I loved our chats! I will really miss him! I have and will keep praying for all of you as you start the healing process! Take care and peace be with you...

Bill Graham - January 29, 2014 at 03:17 PM

BC

“ Bill, thanks for the memories, the laughs, the happy hours at the Palm Beach Club & Los Almitos, the business associations & referrals, the hunting trips and the ear ache from your Winchester 300 magnum, jokes around the fire pit.... I love you man.

"That's what I'm trying to tell ya"

Bill C - January 29, 2014 at 03:15 PM

MH

“ *Marcia, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

I was blessed by God to get a job with Bill in the early years of REVAC's growth. He was the best boss I ever had and a great teacher, good friend and always fun to be around. I remember the times my first wife (Nancy) and I were invited to his home. Marcia was a gracious hostess and Bill was the star of the night, with his stories and jokes. Nancy was a "women's libber" and I enjoyed it when Bill would get under her skin. She knew he was joking but she still had to make her point, which made things even funnier.

God bless you Bill and all of your family. I know you're up there because you were always honest with me and in business, a great family man and friend. RIP

Mike Husij

Michael Husij - January 29, 2014 at 03:13 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Charles "Bill" Forrest.*



January 29, 2014 at 03:12 PM



“ *Bill was one of the best people I have ever met. I have known Bill since he started with SVN. Having talked to Bill on numerous occasions I have always respected Bill. He was kind, funny and a great friend. Bill you will be missed. God be with your family*

Dave Baird

David Baird - January 29, 2014 at 02:38 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of William Charles "Bill" Forrest.*



January 29, 2014 at 12:46 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of William Charles "Bill" Forrest.*



January 29, 2014 at 11:56 AM



“ *Mike & Mav Wojciechowski purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William Charles "Bill" Forrest.*



Mike & Mav Wojciechowski - January 29, 2014 at 11:17 AM

SS

“ There really isn't a place to start. Bill Forrest was one of a kind, larger than life, and one of THE most interesting people I have ever had the opportunity to know. Bill and I go back about 30 years, when I was just 21. I remember when I first went to work for Bill, I felt so intimidated by this big stature of a man, but it sure didn't take long to know he was just a big teddy bear. He certainly made me feel like family and I always looked up to him. Through Bill, I found a best friend, Marcia. Marcia, I love you and have, and always will, be there for you. Your love of family, always standing by Bill's side, and work ethic is so admirable - many people look up to you. Amazing woman. I know Bill was madly in love with you and oh so proud of you and the kids. Time from when we last saw each other doesn't matter as we just pick up where we left off. That is the test of true friendship. I spent almost 13 years with Bill and Marcia, and wouldn't trade those years for anything. I actually always told Bill, you got my best years out of me - my 20s! The memories are just too plenty to mention but the company parties, camping trips, going down the Guadalupe - what awesome times and memories I will cherish forever. Bill had such a love for living his life to the fullest - oh I could listen to his stories for hours! Marcia - I am here for you and the family. Bill will always be with you and I thank the Lord I was blessed and fortunate enough to have known him. I will miss him dearly.

SherryI Swafford - January 29, 2014 at 10:04 AM

JE

“ *Jim Everett lit a candle in memory of William Charles "Bill" Forrest*



Jim Everett - January 29, 2014 at 06:54 AM

CJ

“ Charles P Forrest, Jr purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William Charles "Bill" Forrest.



Charles P Forrest, Jr - January 29, 2014 at 04:33 AM

MA

“ Wow. Where to start? Good thing all my photo's are back in Houston! I think John summed Bill up eloquently. A man as big as Texas with a sparkle in his eyes and spring in his step who brought laughter and joy to every occasion and left a legacy everywhere he journeyed. Vonnie mentioned our last visit with Bill, and Marcia indeed he said to us both, that he had never been happier or more in love with his wife. I know Bill was quite the macho man but he loved you lady and the kids more than life itself. I can only imagine how proud he is of his beautiful family. Carry on the legacy will you? And more later when I have all my "ammo" handy!! Big huge hugs and arms wrapped around the family for strength during this weeks most beautiful celebration of life. A donation has been made in Bill's name to The American Cancer Society. I ask others to join with me in Bill's memory. much love, Margie Murphy



margie - January 28, 2014 at 11:58 PM

KL

“ Kyle & Barbara Lewis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Charles "Bill" Forrest.



Kyle & Barbara Lewis - January 28, 2014 at 02:25 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of William Charles "Bill" Forrest.*



January 28, 2014 at 01:59 PM



“ *Bill Forrest, I remember meeting Bill in the early to mid 1990's. Bigger than life and full of fun. I always enjoyed being around him and I know his family and friends will miss him very much. God Speed Bill.*

Hayden Littlefield - January 28, 2014 at 01:30 PM



“ *Diana Forrest lit a candle in memory of William Charles "Bill" Forrest*



Diana Forrest - January 28, 2014 at 01:01 PM

PS

“ I just learned that my good friend, Bill Forrest, passed away this afternoon. Looked back and found what may have been his last post. He loved to hunt and took a great number of our wounded warrior marines to his hunting lease over the years. In 1971, Bill officed on the second floor of a building just behind the Galleria. I officed on the 3rd floor. We met in the club that was on the first floor and he told me he was breaking up with a partner (MAI) from Victoria and had just received his MAI and was going out on his own. Asked me if I had any work for him. It just so happened that I owned several companies that had bought all of the REO out of four financial institutions and we needed an MAI appraisal on each and everyone of them. We gave Bill over 30 properties to appraise and he did a great job. We have been friends and business associates for over 40 years. I did not know he was sick and have not called him in a while. I am in "shock to hear he passed away today." I want to pay my respects to Marcia, Leah and his brother. He is no doubt already talking St. Peter's ears off at the pearly gates right now. Love and prayers to all of the Forrest Clan. Below are some photos he posted on Facebook back in October when he took a group of the Wounded warrior Marines Hunting (4 photos) as they were playing music around the camp fire with Marines and volunteer musians who drove from Houston to entertain. Having spent a year of my high school in Mississippi and worked with Bill in the same industry for over 40 years, we were closer than I was to my brother. I will really miss Bill.



Phillip N. Ferguson Sr. - January 28, 2014 at 02:05 AM

JM

“ *Our deep voiced Texan had a way of making every Sperry Van Ness call or event a special time of family and sharing and caring. A man's man, a friend's friend and a heart as big as his state will also keep his memory for us big, strong and forever. God Bless him and all of his friends and family as they have been blessed to know him. I will miss him deeply...jpm*



John McDermott - January 27, 2014 at 06:07 PM