



Bill W. Coffman

October 5, 1935 - August 6, 2024

Bill W. Coffman, at 88 years, left this life and entered the gates of heaven on August 6, 2024. He was born on a ranch near Spur, Texas, on October 5, 1935, to parents Eldred and Clarence Coffman. As he grew up, his love for sports and his athletic ability became evident. He planned to become a football coach. However, God called him when he was 16 to become a preacher.

He graduated from Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas in 1958. While a student, he met and married Ann Fuller in 1956. During that year, he was called to his first pastorate, a small country church, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, May, Texas. While students, the couple drove to church every Sunday, and spent the day in the community. At the age of 21, his lifelong pattern of leadership became evident. The small church grew even after years of decline.

After college, he enrolled in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas in 1962. He was called to his first full-time pastorate at First Baptist Church Valley, View, Texas. After graduation from seminary, he and Ann were appointed as missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Their first assignment was a year of intense study of Spanish in San Jose, Costa Rica, followed by becoming the second missionary for Baptists in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. While in the Dominican Republic, he started the first organized Hispanic Baptist Church, Templo Bautista de Ozama. After meeting in a rented building, he purchased

property, designed and built the first Southern Baptist Church in the Dominican Republic. He also started the first English language church which met in their home. Both congregations have continued to meet and presently comprise two of the largest congregations in that city.

His next assignment was to become pastor of the Borinquen Baptist Church, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, located just outside the gate of Ramey Air Force Base, the congregation consisted of USAF personnel and their families. After the Air Force left Puerto Rico, he moved his family to Miami, Florida and became pastor of Flagler Street Baptist Church.

The Florida years began as he became pastor of several churches in Florida. Central Baptist Church, Sanford; First Baptist Church, Crestview; Arlington Baptist Church, Jacksonville; Westview Baptist, Sanford.

His ministry changed when he was asked to direct all of the ethnic churches in Florida. The churches included 20 different languages. He traveled over the state of Florida preaching through interpreters and becoming a pastor to the pastors. He later directed the Cooperative Program, the main financial support for missions.

Bill was respected and known in every church for his strong leadership qualities, his administrative skills and his careful oversight of church resources. Most of all, he was known for his people skills. His kind and open relationships expanded to all people. His presence in a room drew people to him. His gift for listening to their stories and remembering their names was outstanding. He loved both to preach and to be a pastor to his congregations. Perhaps he was best known in Florida for telling his Texas stories. No matter where he was, he was requested to relate a Texas story. Although he loved living in Florida, he never forgot his Texas roots.

He was a genuine man of God who never ceased to serve those persons in his churches. He fought his disease and the declining health it caused. Even in his last weeks, he ministered to those who cared for him and prayed for those who requested it.

His legacy will live on in the lives of those he taught and mentored.

He leaves behind his wife of 67 years, Ann, and his daughter Kay and her husband Steve, his grandson Joshua and his wife, Kristen.

Celebration of Life at Westview Baptist Church, Sanford, Florida

September 13, Public Visitation 6-8pm

September 14, Funeral Service 2:00pm

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to:

Westview Baptist Church

4100 H.E. Thomas Parkway

Sanford, FL 32771

Previous Events

Public Visitation

SEP 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RH

“ Bill was probably the reason we were originally attracted to Westview. He was quick to engage us in the activities including Wednesday evenings. I mostly loved him for his relationship with Brother Charlie. That does not happen often in the life of a church. Brother Bill you will be greatly missed. Wish we could be there.

Rick Hensley - September 12, 2024 at 04:59 PM

DS

“ Sending thoughts and prayers. He was such a wonderful man. He will be missed. Hugs to the family.

Darlene J. Starr - September 12, 2024 at 04:11 PM

LH

“ Love you all. The Hinton's purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bill W. Coffman.



Love you all. The Hinton's - September 12, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bill W. Coffman.



September 09, 2024 at 01:08 PM

PK

“ Patrick, Kelly,Hailey&Ryan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill W. Coffman.

Patrick, Kelly,Hailey&Ryan - September 09, 2024 at 01:08 PM

MA

“ Once brother Bill found out I was from. TEXAS he always had a Texas joke far me. I loved working with him at central. Love to the family. Marilynperry@yahoo.com

Marilynperry - September 05, 2024 at 09:06 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill W. Coffman.



August 28, 2024 at 04:07 PM

JG

“ To the family of Pastor Bill W Coffman first to Mrs. Ann Coffman who all ways stood by him what ever God put together it will last ;m grieved today not because of his passing its because what he shared with me and my family to me he was my spiritual father and will always be if you speak of inspiration that's Pastor Bill if you speak of love that's Pastor Bill and most of all if you speak of caring that's Pastor Bill and to all that knew him he was the The (Epitome of John 3;16) Let us all remember who he was to each of us. Sister Ann Coffman remember the years may God blessing and peace be upon you and the family Joe Gunter and Family Sanford Florida

joseph a gunter - August 12, 2024 at 02:49 PM

BS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bro. Coffman played a major role in my spiritual journey. He married me and my husband 43 years ago. He will truly be missed.

Bonita Bonta Summers - August 11, 2024 at 11:36 PM

RB

We are praying for you and family no doubt he is in Heaven wonderful man of God we will always have wonderful memories we love you God Bless Roy and Sherry Bennett

Roy & Sherry Bennett - August 12, 2024 at 08:27 AM

DW

“ We loved our Bro. Bill! He and Mrs. Ann were a team! They loved the Lord and His people! When they met us, they remembered our names! Always a kind and personal greeting was offered any time they saw us - even when they were passing by. But they made time to talk with everyone possible.

Doris and David Wallace - August 11, 2024 at 10:18 PM

HB

“*Bro. Bill was one of a kind! He was such a servant throughout his life touching so many people & telling all he met about Jesus!
What a Wonderful Legacy!
Bro. Bill was also our good friend & mentor.
He performed our wedding ceremony & was so very special to us.
When I asked him if he would marry me, he said “Well I would, but I’m
Already Married “!!!!!!
He was also funny, yet sincere.
He will definitely be MISSED.
He is now with Jesus in Heaven, receiving his rewards for his earthly life.
A LIFE WELL LIVED. ❤️
Hope & Donny Beverly*

Hope & Donny Beverly - August 11, 2024 at 08:40 PM

MR

“*Brother Bill was the best of the best! He was a mentor to us and an encourager for many years of our ministry! He will be missed! One of the most memorable moments for us was when Brother Bill rode in on a horse at our high attendance Sunday! He was truly one of a kind and one in a million! It is a great comfort to know that he is celebrating in Heaven and his faith has become sight!!!*

Michele Roberts - August 11, 2024 at 06:00 PM