



Bill E. Morgan

August 11, 1932 - March 6, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Bill E. Morgan, a beloved husband, father, and lifetime educator, who died peacefully on March 6, 2025, at the age of 92. Bill was born on August 11, 1932, on the family farm outside Canute, Oklahoma to Guy and Johnnie (Music) Morgan the youngest of 5 children. He devoted his life to learning, teaching, and shaping the lives of others. A graduate of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University, where he earned both his bachelor's degree in math and industrial arts and master's degree in education: school administration, Bill went on to dedicate over 35 years of his life to teaching and inspiring generations of students at Centralvue, Calumet, and Duke Schools. He served as Superintendent at Duke Public Schools from 1968 until his retirement in 1991. Bill tirelessly lead the Duke Public School through the lean years sometimes serving as superintendent, custodian, grounds keeper, and bus driver. Bill's passion for education was matched only by his unwavering commitment to his family. As a father, he was loving, patient, and wise, always providing guidance and support. His daughters knew him as a steady and loving presence, someone who could always be counted on for both a helping hand and a thoughtful word of advice. His pride in his children was immeasurable, and his love for them was evident in everything he did. In the school, Bill was not just an educator but a guide and confidant. His ability to connect with his students left an indelible mark on all who passed through his doors. Many former students remember him not just for the lessons he taught, but for the life lessons he

imparted with kindness, humor, and empathy. Bill believed that every student had potential, and he dedicated himself to helping them unlock it. Even after his retirement his involvement at the school did not end; he served as a board member and was a true Tiger fan as you could often see him at sporting events, fundraisers, and helping the school or students any way he could. Bill married Ruth Marie Holloman on May 27, 1967, in Calumet, Oklahoma. To their marriage two daughters were born: Traci and Jamie. Ruth preceded Bill in death in 1996. In 2002, Bill married Karen Baird and they made their home in Duke. They enjoyed escaping the southwest Oklahoma heat by hooking up the trailer and heading to Colorado. He and his Karen Sue made many memories and were steadfast to their grown children and families. Bill is survived by his loving wife, Karen of the home, his daughters; Traci and her husband Michael Trzebiatowski of Owasso, OK and Jamie and her husband Tommy O'Rourke of Santa Fe, Tx; grandchildren Ainsley Trzebiatowski of Owasso; stepsons Rod, Steve, and Chris and wife Gaye Millard all of Duke; grandchildren Khloe Millard of Duke, Ethan Millard of Altus, Leslie Baker of Weatherford, Larry Millard of Elgin and Tim Millard of McLoud, and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings.

Visitation: Monday March 10th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM at the First Baptist Church of Duke, OK

Services: Tuesday March 11th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Duke with graveside to follow at Roselawn Cemetery in Mangum, Ok.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Duke School Foundation through the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Duke, OK., or P.O. Box 345, Duke, OK 73532.

Online condolences for Bill can be made by visiting www.peoplescooperativeneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

Mangum, OK

Previous Events

Family Receiving Friends

MAR 10. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
101 4th St
Duke, OK 73532
(580) 679-3677

Church Service

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church-Duke
Duke, OK

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Mark & Lisa Allen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill E. Morgan.

Mark & Lisa Allen - March 10, 2025 at 05:06 PM

MA

“ Mark & Lisa Allen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bill E. Morgan.



Mark & Lisa Allen - March 10, 2025 at 05:06 PM

LE

“ Love from Charla, Hannah and Emmalee purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Bill E. Morgan.



Love from Charla, Hannah and Emmalee - March 09, 2025 at 01:42 PM

BM

“ Mr. Morgan hired me when I was right out of college. He was my Superintendent from 5th grade until I graduated from high school. He was always there for me. I'm very fortunate to have had him all my teaching years. Great man! Love, Brenda Moore

Brenda Moore - March 07, 2025 at 11:58 PM

TB

“ The Barfoot's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill E. Morgan.

The Barfoot's - March 07, 2025 at 05:47 PM

TB

“ The Barfoot's purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bill E. Morgan.



The Barfoot's - March 07, 2025 at 05:47 PM

ML

“ I will always remember Uncle Bill (great-uncle) as a loving, caring, and kind person. I remember going to Duke in the summer when I was growing up and spending time with Uncle Bill, Traci, and Jamie. It was always a relaxing and enjoyable visit.

Over the years, I can attest to Uncle Bill being a sports fanatic. He would drive long distances to watch me play basketball. Being from a small town (Leedey) myself, it was always nice to have that extra support (especially family). Whether it was playing in regular games, play-off games, the state tournament, or playing at SWOSU, my Uncle Bill would surprise me by being present. But that's just who he was.

I remember, even though Uncle Bill was the youngest of his siblings, he was the one they always turned to for advice. He was the voice of reason. My Grandma Mary would always call him her little baby brother. She had so much respect for him and she knew she could always turn to him for advice and comfort.

Karen, Traci, and Jamie, I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Bill was a special kind of person that you don't get the chance to come across everyday. But, if you were lucky enough to cross paths with my Great-Uncle Bill, then consider yourself blessed. I am so thankful that he has been reunited with his parents, siblings, and Ruth. What a time they are all having! One day, the rest of us will be reunited as well and Uncle Bill, my Grandma Mary, and all the others will be welcoming us with open arms!

You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.

All my love,

Michelle (Bozarth) Laughter and Family

Michelle Laughter - March 07, 2025 at 05:22 PM

TP

“Mr. Morgan was an excellent administrator that touched my life in many ways. As a student I had a certain amount of fear but even more respect for him. He was a strong Superintendent but he always led with kindness. I was thrilled when he approached me about a teaching position at Duke early in my career as an educator. He was a great mentor and we always knew we were in good hands when small rural schools suffered through the financially lean times in Oklahoma. Mr. Morgan began to seem like “Bill” as he became more of a friend, and yet I always addressed him as Mr. Morgan due to the great respect that I had for him. Mr. Morgan was a big part of the Duke community, he will be missed greatly. I am praying for Karen, Traci, and Jamie, he loved all of you so very much!

Respectfully, Terri Ledbetter Pearson
Duke Graduate 1977
Duke School Employee 1988 - 2001

Terri Ledbetter Pearson - March 07, 2025 at 04:15 PM

KB

I could write a book about all the wonderful things that Bill Morgan done in his life and all the lies that he touched with his kindness and knowledge, but I won't. I will simply comment that he was one of the greatest men I ever knew.

Kirk Blain - March 07, 2025 at 10:54 PM

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