



William "Bill" Kelly Martinez

February 20, 1951 - February 20, 2016

Bill went to be with his Lord and Savior on his 65th birthday, Saturday, February 20, 2016. He was a native of New Orleans, LA and a resident of Tickfaw, LA. Bill married the love of his life, Lisa, and together they filled each other's hearts with joy and happiness. He enjoyed playing his guitar, listening to bluegrass music, playing golf, and hanging with his childhood friends, Dean, David, and Rick. Bill always put his daughters first, but truly adored his two grandchildren, who called him Big Blinky, and loved spending time with them. Everyone fell in love with Bill because of his love for God, sense of humor, beautiful smile, and his great laugh.

Bill is survived by his wife, Lisa De Kerlegand Martinez; daughters, Dr. Jennifer A. Martinez and Courtney M. Gillespie (William); step-daughter, Rachel N. Drouant; brothers, John A. Bauer-Martinez and Kenneth L. Martinez. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Rye E. Gillespie and Adler Q. Gillespie.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Sallie Martinez.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond, on Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. until the memorial service at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of your choice in honor of Bill.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA
12012 Highway 190 W
Hammond, LA 70401
(225) 567-1884

Memorial Service

FEB **25**. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dearest Lisa -

May we offer sincere condolences on your loss of cousin Bill. I can't think of two sweeter people in all my years at ADGST. We must look to God for consolation at a time like this. Our prayers go with you, Susan & Jim Wadick

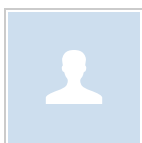
James Wadick - February 25, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ *Bill was my back-row buddy - our brother in Christ. He shared the warmth of his smile and everyday-type stories (about Sallie, his girls, grandkids, and more recently reconnecting with Lisa). We were prepared to miss him due to his move, but we'll have to be satisfied with memories now. So glad to have known such a fine man who loved the Lord and his family with all his heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

*Mike & Darby Brown
Panama City, FL*

Mike and Darby Brown - February 24, 2016 at 06:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.*



February 24, 2016 at 04:35 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.



February 24, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ I posted a much longer remembrance on facebook but to me this was the essence of Bill, whom I related to from the perspective of a young football fan: as tough and relentless as he was on the field of play, he was even more sweet and gentle off it. A rare combination.
Stephen Tyler
Sam Barthe Class of '73

Stephen Tyler - February 24, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ Eastgate Christian Fellowship purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.



Eastgate Christian Fellowship - February 24, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.



February 24, 2016 at 01:15 AM

AL

“ Sorry to say I lost track of most my high school buddies after graduation. Bill was a fun guy in High School. Tuff on the football field He was our go to guy on offense or defense when the job had to be done. Great guy and fine memories. We will all miss him.
Adrian Louviere class of '68

Adrian Louviere - February 23, 2016 at 05:15 PM

HD

“ Hancock Bank / Whitney Bank Appraisal Department purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.



Hancock Bank / Whitney Bank Appraisal Department -
February 23, 2016 at 05:02 PM

SG

“ Sharley Gillespie Arendale & Mark, Elizabeth, Gray Gillespie purchased the Fairest of All for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.



Sharley Gillespie Arendale & Mark, Elizabeth, Gray Gillespie
- February 23, 2016 at 05:01 PM

LF

“ Love, The Pourpak and Bouchier-Hayes-Flannagan Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.



Love, The Pourpak and Bouchier-Hayes-Flannagan Families
- February 23, 2016 at 03:31 PM

GB

“ Bill was one of my newest and best friends when he was in Panama City and we shared many times from golf, yard work and our jobs and scotch. He will be missed. Gene Bay

Gene Bay - February 23, 2016 at 02:04 PM

DH

“ Bill was a true follower of the Lord and one who welcomed the opportunity to spread the "Good Word". God will undoubtedly welcome him into his Kingdom and congratulate Bill for "a job well done"! I feel blessed to have known him well. He touched many lives in a positive manner and will greatly missed by all.

David Humphrey

Panama City, Florida

David Humphrey - February 23, 2016 at 10:21 AM

YC

“ Simply . . . one of the best human beings I've ever met. He was kind, honest, and always willing to lend a helping hand. He will be greatly missed.

Yvette Colona
Panama City, Florida



Yvette Colona - February 23, 2016 at 09:18 AM

RA

“ Randy & Vicki Chandler and employees of Chandler & Assoc. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.



Randy & Vicki Chandler and employees of Chandler & Assoc. - February 23, 2016 at 09:18 AM

MH

“ Matt and Eda Holl purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.



Matt and Eda Holl - February 23, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.



February 23, 2016 at 01:29 AM

DC

“ Bill will always be the best of humanity. He is always ready to help anyone in need as he is a man after God's own heart. He has been a good friend to Karen and me for many years and we will miss him very much. I can only imagine the questions that he has for God ...

*Dale & Karen Clark
Panama City, Florida*

Dale A. Clark - February 22, 2016 at 08:56 PM

JF

“ Justin Baldrige and Family purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.



Justin Baldrige and Family - February 22, 2016 at 08:47 PM

CM

“ Chris & Emily McNeil purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.



Chris & Emily McNeil - February 22, 2016 at 08:17 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kelly Martinez.



February 22, 2016 at 07:34 PM