



Billy Pope

January 27, 1950 - March 14, 2026

Billy Wayne Pope was born Friday, January 27, 1950, in Sayre, Beckham County, Oklahoma, to Bennie Ernest Pope and Stacy Genevieve (Cotton) Pope. He went to be with Jesus on Saturday, March 14th 2026 in Sapulpa, Creek County, Oklahoma after a short battle with Pancreatic Cancer and a MRSA infection. He was raised on a farm in Sweetwater, Oklahoma where he learned the value of hard work and family. He graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1968.

It was in Sayre that Billy first saw the woman who would become the love of his life. One day he noticed a beautiful blonde walking to Sonic wearing a white mini skirt and white go-go boots. He often said it was love at first sight. Billy married Mary Louise Ray on Sunday, December 21, 1969, at the Sayre Church of Christ. As the couple went to sign their marriage license, Billy's father told them, "Son, it starts here. Don't let it end here." Billy took that advice to heart, and he and Mary shared 56 years of marriage.

After high school, Billy attended Sayre Junior College, studying electrical, electronics, and communications engineering. He later served six years in the Oklahoma National Guard He earned the rank of Supply Sergeant and achieved the qualifications as a Rifle Expert and the rank of E-6 and earning recognition as a sharpshooter.

Billy worked many jobs throughout his life, from picking cotton on farms around Sweetwater to working in the produce department at United Food Market and managing movie theaters and drive-ins in Oklahoma and Texas.

He enjoyed meeting people and made many friends along the way.

He later built a respected career in the construction and building code industry. Billy held Unlimited Contractor licenses in Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical, and was licensed as an Unlimited Commercial and Residential Inspector in Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical fields. He was particularly proud to hold the Number One Inspectors License in the State of Oklahoma, which he maintained until this year.

Billy worked as a Building Inspector for the City of Weatherford before serving as a regional manager with Building Officials and Code Administrators, traveling throughout surrounding states to survey and teach code education. He later worked with the International Code Council and eventually served as Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission until his retirement.

Billy was known for his playful sense of humor. He loved a good practical joke, especially twisting a tissue into a little “tornado” and sneaking around a corner to tickle someone’s ear, usually followed by the familiar cry of “Billy, stop that!” While he loved to make people laugh, he also had a generous heart and was always willing to help those in need, particularly widows and single mothers.

Billy loved classic cars and enjoyed working on them whenever he could.

Among family and friends he was affectionately known as “Mr. Fix-It,” as he always seemed to have a solution for almost any problem. In his spare time, he enjoyed watching travel programs, westerns, military shows, and the news.

Billy is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Pope, and their son, Aaron Pope, both of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; his sister Mary Lou Pope of Weatherford, Oklahoma; his sister Bobbie Birdwell of Yukon, Oklahoma; and his brother Glen Pope and wife Sharlene of Weatherford, Oklahoma. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law Jim Ray and wife Debbie of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Joe Ray and wife Pat of Enid, Oklahoma; sister-in-law Patty Collins and husband Dan of Westport, Oklahoma; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie Ernest Pope and Stacy

Genevieve Pope, and by his sisters Airleen Anderson and Bonnie Kay Stone. He will be remembered for his generous spirit, his love of family, and the way he could fix nearly anything while always finding a way to make people smile.

Cemetery Details

Bixby Cemetery

6498 E 151st St S
Bixby, OK 74008
(918) 366-0432

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 19. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
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Funeral Service

MAR **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Drive Church of Christ
747 South Memorial Drive
Tulsa, OK 74112

Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Billy Pope



Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 20 at 05:20 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Pictorial Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 20 at 11:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy Pope.

March 18 at 12:10 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Billy Pope.



March 18 at 12:10 PM

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“ *My Uncle Billy was one of the most genuine and honorable men to have walked this earth. His love of Christ, family and friends was evident in his warm smile and quick wit. He daily let his light shine. He will be missed here, but we hold to the promise that we will be reunited with him in heaven. Until that day!*

Mark Oldham - March 18 at 12:04 PM

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“ *Oldham Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Billy Pope.*



Oldham Family - March 18 at 11:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Pope.*



March 18 at 10:55 AM

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“ *When we were all younger and our kids little we worshipped together in Weatherford, Okla. Nobody was sweeter than the Pope family. Billy's smile and open heart warmed the Spirit of all of us. We look forward to seeing those smiles again when we all are at Home.*

Red and Anne Coleman - March 18 at 01:39 AM

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“ We had lots of good times growing up,we were only 6 mos. Apart in age.We hunted quail together ,played together and after getting my drivers license Billy and I took Grandpa and Grandma Pope to Arkansas to visit Grandads brother and family.Our Arkansas cousins took us coon hunting their way with dogs and I remember one of the neighbors didn't wear shoes,guess that made a big impression on me.I send my condolences to you Aaron and Mary,may God give you peace and strength in the days ahead.

Larry Hand - March 17 at 01:47 PM

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“ Phyllis & Bill Trammell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Pope.

Phyllis & Bill Trammell - March 16 at 09:01 PM

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“ Phyllis & Bill Trammell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Billy Pope.



Phyllis & Bill Trammell - March 16 at 09:01 PM

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“ When our family went to see Billy's family in Sweetwater, we would stow away and eat green apples which caused a big tummy ache. Billy said to me a couple of years back, "I asked you to marry me when we were kids and you said yes. We always had so much fun playing outside and running all over the farm. Billy will be missed but we all will carry his memory in our heart. Love you all. Phyllis (Pope) TRAMMELL

Phyllis (Pope) Trammell - March 16 at 08:52 PM



“ - purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Billy Pope.



-- March 16 at 07:27 PM



“ Sharon & Rodney Smith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Billy Pope.



Sharon & Rodney Smith - March 16 at 06:23 PM



“ *Billy was a very special cousin. I will miss him so much! Even though we were miles away from each other we kept in touch. We have had lots of good conversations about God and life growing up as kids. Our families were very close and we have had some good times together growing up. I know Billy is having some great conversations with all our loved ones that have gone before us. Billy was a proud father and husband and talked about his family with so much pride. Mary and Aaron my prayers are with you and that God will bring you peace and comfort now and in the days ahead. God Bless You. Love Sharon McIntyre Smith*

Sharon Smith - March 15 at 08:18 PM