## Woodcarve in the Beautiful Texas Hill Countr









Bill B. Bayless of Odessa, Texas, peacefully went to be with our Lord on April 10th of 2015 in Odessa.

Family visitation will be from 6:00PM to 8:00PM on April 12th at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00PM on April 13th at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Allen Weakland of Eisenhower Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements and burial are provided by Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Bill was born in Hermleigh, Texas to Arthur Kiah and Lola Dee Bayless on June 10, 1927. He went to school at Hermleigh High School and after graduation joined the Navy and was stationed in San Diego as a Shore Patrol. Bill married Mary Lou Cotton on August 5, 1946 in San Diego, and after his Naval service he and Mary moved to Ft. Worth, Texas and started their family.

He enrolled in Texas Tech University before he worked at various oil industry positions in Odessa, Oklahoma City and Dallas. Bill and his family returned to Odessa in 1971 and he finished his career of 21 years with the Huffman Company as Executive Vice President and retired in 1991. He and Mary

spent many happy years traveling with friends and being involved in the Texas Woodcarvers Guild as an instructor and director. He loved carving and teaching others to carve and the family has enjoyed receiving many personal carvings that he presented to them. Bill was active in the church throughout his life serving as a Deacon and teacher in various congregations in Texas and Oklahoma.

Bill is preceded in death by his mother and father (Lola, Arthur Kiah), three brothers (Richard, Kiah, and Doyce), sister (Margery), and one grandson (Marcus Crain).

Bill is survived by his wife Mary, daughters
Susan Bosse and husband Wallace of Mason,
Cindy and husband Larry Crain of Odessa,
and son Bill Bayless and wife Lonna of
Montgomery. Bill is also survived by one
brother, Carl Bayless of Houston. Grand
Children are Kimberly Easter, Kristan Easter,
Justin Crain, Marcus Crain (in Heaven), Sean
Bayless, Chris Bayless and Step Grandchildren
Tammy Bosse, Linda Bosse Singh, David
Bosse, and Holly Fletcher as well as 8 Great
Grandchildren, and 2 Great Great
Grandchildren and numerous nieces and
nephews who all loved him dearly.

Pallbearers will be Sean Bayless, Chris
Bayless, Justin Crain, Tom Cotton, James
Cotton, Matthew Mishio.
The family of Bill Bayless wishes to extend our
sincere gratitude and love to the staff of
Madison Medical Resort for their kindness,
attention, and love towards Bill and all the
family.