



## William "Bill" Wraymond Crites

June 11, 1944 - March 30, 2020

William "Bill" Wraymond Crites, 75 year old resident of Colcord, Oklahoma, died March 30, 2020 at his home. Bill was born on June 11, 1944 in Concordia, Kansas, to Charles Robert Crites and Jolene Nelson Drury. He graduated from high school in Smith Center, Kansas. Bill went to work in heavy construction, owning and operating heavy equipment and working in Kansas, California, Nigeria, Algeria, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Bill moved to Colcord in 1974 and worked as a coal handler for SWEPCO in Gentry, Arkansas until his retirement in 1999. He continued operating heavy equipment after his retirement and had only stopped recently. He married Sharon Silcox on June 13, 1991 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Bill was a member of Masonic Lodge #252 in Kansas, Oklahoma, where he was past Master three times, and also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite. He also was a Shriner and was Potentate in 2017 at Akdar Shrine in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bill was an avid hunter that loved to hunt deer, pheasant, and elk. He was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Cherokee City, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Annette Crites; his parents, Charles Crites and Jolene Drury; and two brothers, Lonnie Drury and Randy Drury.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Crites; two sons, Dane Crites of Colcord, Oklahoma and Troy Crites of Colcord; stepson, Greg Silcox of Edmond, Oklahoma; twelve grandchildren, ten great grandchildren with one on the way; and three sisters, Jan Powell of Belton, Texas, Sandy Boardman of Fort Worth, Texas, and Judy Hatfield of Idaho.

A private service will be held at Row Cemetery in Colcord, Oklahoma. He will be in state at Wasson Funeral Home on Friday, April 3, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with gatherings of no more than 10 people allowed in at any time. The family will be receiving friends at their home on Friday, April 3, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Akdar Shrine, 2808 S Sheridan Rd, Tulsa, OK 74129.

# Cemetery

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## Row Cemetery

Row Cemetery

Colcord, OK, 74338

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Wasson Funeral Home** - April 03, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Thank you for this wonderful glimpse into Billy's life. You can sure tell he was a Crites he and my brother could have been twins. Hopefully they are together. Sherri Hansen (cousin)

**Sherri Hansen** - April 08, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ What a wonderful tribute to a special man who will be missed by many. What a great family

**Amy Williams** - April 10, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ Bill was an amazing man, so kind I'm so happy for all the time my husband and I got to visit with him and Sharon, so many times we would sit in their livingroom in the evening and have good talks about everything, much love to all his family

**Jeff and Mary Philpott** - April 10, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Graveside Service



**Bryn Morris** - April 10, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I enjoyed seeing Bill twice a month at our meetings. He was always willing to visit about any subject and sold the most onions! He will be greatly missed.

Bill & Dawn Nowlin

**William B Nowlin** - April 03, 2020 at 06:02 PM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Wraymond Crites.



April 03, 2020 at 01:24 PM

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“ 8 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Wasson Funeral Home** - April 03, 2020 at 10:04 AM

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“ 120 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Wasson Funeral Home** - April 02, 2020 at 05:46 PM

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“ Lady Sharon, you know that all the Akdar Shriner's will miss Past Potentate Bill, Bill was one of a kind, Bill loved his horses and cattle, I always looked for Bill at the Shriner meetings, so that I could get an update on his calving. I had a knee replaced and that gave Bill and I something in common. I never had a run in with a bull like Bill did, Bill was a tough person to lived as long as he did with all of the close calls he had. Lady Sharon, you know we are always here if you need anything. We all Love you. Herbert and Joan Nance Sr.

**Herbert Nance Sr.** - April 02, 2020 at 03:47 PM

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“ Sharon and Family....warmest thoughts and prayers to you guys. Bill was a great guy. My earliest memory of Bill was when he and I took some cattle to Tulsa. I also remember when he came and dug out my pond. The one thing that will stick out in my mind is Bill was a servant of others. I enjoyed the the days that you guys came to the school and helped with the vision screens. May God comfort you during this time.

The Hendren Gang,

Mark, Carla, & John-Mark

**mark hendren** - April 02, 2020 at 01:20 PM

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“ Sharon, my thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Bill was such a great person and I'm so glad we met through Shrine.

Sarah Martin, Past First Lady of ISIS Shrine (2017)

**Sarah Martin** - April 02, 2020 at 10:39 AM

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“ Skeet, Jan & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William "Bill" Wraymond Crites.



**Skeet, Jan & Family** - April 02, 2020 at 09:56 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family, Sharon.

Bart Ogden, PP Midian Shriners (2016) & Lady Lesa Ogden  
Wichita, KS

**Bart Ogden** - April 02, 2020 at 08:32 AM

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“ Chuck & Tammy Crites and Family purchased the Heaven's Comfort for the family of William "Bill" Wraymond Crites.



**Chuck & Tammy Crites and Family** - April 01, 2020 at 08:49 PM

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“ Always a giving caring man. We were family from afar but always close in our heart. I will fondly remember his giving nature. So proud of his family and heritage. Rest in Peace. Your cousin Sherri Hansen.

**Sherri Hansen** - April 01, 2020 at 08:24 PM

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“ Bill liked my Mustang so much he got one like it to drive in shrine parades. We had fun together at shrine gatherings and his chili dinner after each Colcord Christmas parade.  
RIP my friend. I have the memories.

**Paul Lindsey** - April 01, 2020 at 06:37 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your lost of Bill he was a good man he will be TRULY missed prayers are with you all Shania is truly sorry ALSO love Denise & Shania



**Denise Tilman** - April 01, 2020 at 05:58 PM

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“ Bill and Sharon have been good friends of ours for several years. He would do anything to help out a friend! He was always a good Mason and a good Shriner. His family meant everything to him! He will be missed by many and be remembered as being full of life! Much love and Prayers to Sharon and all the family

Teri and Oscar Geilfuss - April 01, 2020 at 04:59 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss Bill 'memory will always be special to us. Sincerely David&Pam Sisson

Pam Sisson - April 01, 2020 at 12:33 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Wraymond Crites.



April 01, 2020 at 09:29 AM

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“ To all of the family..we are so sorry for your loss. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal. Death takes the body. God takes the soul. Our mind holds the memories. Our heart keeps the love. Our faith lets us know we will meet again.



Larry & Lana Hurt - April 01, 2020 at 08:52 AM

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“ Dane, so sorry to learn of the death of your Dad. May u find peace n the wonderful memories you have! /Nora Krein-Slikkers

**Nora Krein-Slikkers** - April 01, 2020 at 08:25 AM

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“ Bill was a fine man he would go out of his way to help any one that was in need of help I could call on him and he would be there as soon as he could he will be missed. Our prays for the family .

**Dennis Weeks** - April 01, 2020 at 06:20 AM

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“ So so sorry for your loss. Prayers and peace for the family. I remember many fun times with Billy and family  
Mary Crites Still

**Mary Crites Still** - March 31, 2020 at 11:46 PM

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“ Sharon, Im so sorry for your loss. May God bless you and keep you safe!



**Deb Woods Gehrke** - March 31, 2020 at 10:59 PM

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“ Lex And Janie Cannon lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Wraymond Crites



**Lex and Janie Cannon** - March 31, 2020 at 08:25 PM

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“ Bro.Rob And Barbara Matney lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Wraymond Crites



**Bro.Rob and Barbara Matney** - March 31, 2020 at 07:22 PM

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“ Rae Fowler lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Wraymond Crites



**Rae Fowler** - March 31, 2020 at 07:19 PM