



Bill Ruble

May 18, 1921 - December 23, 2007

Bill Ruble, 86, former longtime resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died Sunday December 23, 2007, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Born May 28, 1921, in Delaware County, Oklahoma, he was the son of Benjamin Flavious Ruble and Nylla Lee Clark Ruble. Bill moved from Delaware County as a child and spent time in Yale and Cleveland, Oklahoma. He was a graduate of Cleveland High School. A World War II veteran, Bill served in the U.S. Army Air Force from June 1940, to June 1945. After the war he returned to Siloam Springs to work in the family shoe store where he met his future wife Iva Dean Phipps. They were married July 20, 1946. They moved to California where Bill worked for a time in an oil refinery while he attended Long Beach City College to study drafting and pipe alignment. He later attended the Mayflower School of Business. Bill and Iva Dean moved back to Siloam Springs where he owned and operated Ruble's Mayflower Moving and Storage from 1957 until his retirement in 1995. Bill was active in the affairs, development and improvement of Siloam Springs for more than fifty years. He served on the Siloam Springs City Council from 1960 to 1962, the Siloam Springs Museum Board, Library Board and the City Airport Commission. Bill was a past president and charter member of the Siloam Springs Kiwanis Club, as well as a former Boy Scout Troop Leader, Scout Master and board member. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs, and a district lay reader for the First United Methodist Church for 5 years. His most known and memorable role was that of Santa Claus in the annual Christmas parade. Bill

rode the fire truck as Santa every year from the early 1950s until 2003. Survivors include his son Phil Ruble and his wife Rebecca of Tulsa, Oklahoma; daughter, Teri Sue Krantz and husband Steve of Ankeny, Iowa; 2 grandsons, Jason Krantz of Ankeny; Skyler Ruble of Tulsa; 3 granddaughters, Stephanie Lee and husband Mitch of Ankeny; and Alex and Ashlynn Ruble both of Tulsa; and a number of nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his wife Iva Dean Ruble in 1994, and brothers Roy and Jack Ruble. Visitation will be 6:00 to 7:30 PM Wednesday, December 26, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Funeral services will be 11:00 AM Thursday, December 27, 2007, at Wasson Memorial Chapel with Dr. Randy Rowlan officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ *Phil,
So sorry to hear about your dad.
It's so hard to lose a parent.
You're in our thoughts.
Dale and Teresa*

Dale and Teresa Patterson - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

EB

“ *Phil, I am saddened to just be reading this today (02/01/08). Life gets so busy that you don't always keep up with people. I have so many fond memories of your Dad. I know that his passing will leave a void in your family's life, but we know that we will see him again someday. I know that my Daddy was probably right there to greet him when he got to Heaven. And they are waiting there for us to join them someday. Take care, and love to you and your family. Ellen*

Ellen Brammer - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

LD

“ *Loved his presence at the barbershop and his fishing stories*

Larry Daggs - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

SP

“ *My parents Philo and Marie Humphrey were friends in Yale Ok as well as in Siloam and I think moved Bill to AR. I rem the shoe store as a kid in Siloam. Bill also moved Bob and I to Chanute Ks in 1979*
My folks sure thought a lot of the Rubles.

May God be with you at this time.

Shirley Humphrey Pollock

Shirley and Bob Pollock - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

EV

“ *At this time, it is really hard to put into word, what Bill meant to me and my family. From time to time we know of people that when then enter the room, you can hardly wait for them to leave. Then there is the times when a person walks into the room, and everyone notices them, and they are usually the center of attention.*

Like the ancient mariners, that used the north star to navigate, Bill stood out, just like the north star. He has been a model of a person, for a lot of us to follow. We will all miss Bill.

Out thoughts and prayers are with Phil and Terri Sue.

Evan Vohs - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

SJ

“ *Phil and Terri Sue,
I was so saddened to hear about your dad. I have wonderful memories of him and your mother (neighbors even on Maxwell Street). They were so good to my boys growing up (lawn mowing). Of course, there will never be another Santa--my children all grew up knowing that his was the one true face! Your parents were very special people, and we will miss them. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this time.*

Susan Groom Jackson - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

DM

“ *Phil, so sorry to hear about your Dad. We just wanted to let you guys know that we are thinking about you.*

Doug and Debbie Mills - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

JB

“ *Phil and Teri Sue,
I was saddened to hear of the death of your Dad. He and your mother were wonderful people and I had great admiration for both of them. I'm sure you don't remember, but I used to babysit you when you were small. How very proud they were of their children! And later, after your Mother passed away, he loved to tell stories about his grandkids! No one had grandkids as smart as his! He loved his family!*

Your Dad was also my Sunday School teacher at the Methodist Church years ago, and of course, Santa to everyone in town! He will be greatly missed by many. Just know that he touched the lives of many people.....many you'll never know about.

We pray that time will help heal this void that has been created in your lives. May God comfort you and your family.

Joyce Bailey - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

AM

“ Know that the pain of his passing will eventually be replaced by the memories of his smile, his laughter and his words of wisdom. Not a day will go by that you won't think of him and remember the love he had for you. You are very lucky to have had so many years with him. Our deepest sympathies. Alan and Vickye

Alan and Vickye Madewell - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

JG

“ Teri Sue, Phil and families. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry that I will not be attending the service, because of my illness, but please know that I loved Uncle Bill. I can picture him, right now, jingleing the change in his pocket, just like Dad did. He did a lot to help me, when my brother Thomas, and my Dad passed. I was always so grateful to him, for that. The last one of the `stubborn` Ruble brothers have gone to be with God. I believe they will meet there and all will be so good between them. We will see them again, in paradise. The selfish part of each of us, still want them here with us, but we know, in our hearts, that they all couldnt do the things they loved any longer, so they were ready to move on. We each have wonderful memories, to hold on to.
Thanks for calling me today, Teri Sue.
May God comfort all of you.
Much love, your cousin, Janice

Janice Ruble Graham - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

GS

“ We'd like to express our condolences on your loss. We met your dad at the Phipps reunion in Savoy several years ago. He was a great guy to visit with.

George & Rita Swopes - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

DB

“ We've know Bill for a very long time. Dale & I both work at the Siloam Springs Medical center, and we were also best friends with John and Bobbie Snodgrass.

We will miss Bill. He was a good person.

Dale & Ann Booth - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

CC

“ *Deepest sympathy to Phil and all of his family.*

Carpet Supply Company - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

SH

“ *I was saddened to read of Bill's passing in today's paper (26th). He was my Sunday School teacher back in the early 60's. He blessed me in many ways over the years and helped me greatly through the Grief Support Group. He was in Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehab when my Mother, Kathleen McKinney, was there and passed away. He always spoke to me and was there offering encouragement. I last spoke to him on his birthday in May. Bill was a fine man and will be greatly missed.*

Sally McKinney Hensley - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

CR

“ *We are very happy for Bill, but very sad for you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you begin your grief journey.*

Carole Ross - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

SH

“ My family had a grocery store next door to Bill's Mayflower business. Some of my favorite memories as a child was growing up in the store & seeing Bill on a daily basis. He would come through the door & bark like a dog at me. I always thought that was the funniest thing! No matter what my mood was, Bill would always make me feel better with his upbeat attitude. Bill also played Santa for our family when the grandkids were little. Even though "Santa" was there for the grandkids, us older Knight kids had our picture made on Bill's lap too. One of my favorite pictures is of my grown brother sitting on Bill's (Santa's) lap. We lost our brother five years ago & this picture is so precious to me. I was saddened to see Bill's obituary in the paper yesterday; he always has been and always will be a wonderful part of my childhood memories.

Susan Knight Harder - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

KH

“ I will always remember Bill as the one who tried to teach me how to fish. He took me to Bull Shoals many years ago right after we were married. After I lost a couple of nibbles, he said "you have to bury the hook in 'em" and proceeded to show me by almost falling out of the boat jerking on the pole. I got a good laugh and we had a great time but I am still a lousy fisherman. I know how much of a loss this is to the family, he was a good father.

Kevin Hartnett - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

ME

“ Great man. I served on the library board with him, after years of watching him as Santa - enjoyed the chance to get to know him and to listen to his great stories and insights on life in SS!

Mary Frances Edwards - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

RS

“ We, the Stinchcomb' are first cousins to Bill's brother, Roy Ruble, who married Hazel Ingersol. Hazel was the daughter of Elsie Ingersoll, a sister to my father, Osie Stinchcomb. Our condolences to the Ruble family for Bill's passing. Phillip kept me informed of Bill's condition periodically since I live in the Tulsa vicinity and knew Bill was in this area.

Ray Stinchcomb - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

RH

“ Mr. Bill brought much joy to my family for many years, he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go to Phil and Terri Sue and their families.

*Blessings,
Kim Gray Hager*

Ron and Kim Gray Hager - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

CM

“ My step-dad was a truck driver for Bill back in the 1950s and 60s. One year had been especially hard, and there was going to be no Christmas under the tree at our house that year. Bill and Iva Dean showed up at our house with packages. I don't remember what my brother and sister got, but they had brought some pretty print material with green and pink flowers for me. Mama made a new dress for me from that material. Bill was not dressed in his Santa Claus suit, but he was Santa Claus for us that year just the same.

Connie McGarrah - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

MP

“ Bill was so special to Siloam Springs. We will always miss him as "Santa Claus," at the Methodist Church, and many other things he did.

His "kids and grands" can be very proud of him and have many wonderful memories!

Our thoughts and prayers are with you on this "special season" for Bill.

Nancy and Moose

M.L. and Nancy Van Poucke - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

SJ

“ Please accept my sympathy. Bill was a great man who brought joy to many children and adults. He'll always be Santa to me.

Susan Joseph - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

JH

“ What a sweet, sweet fellow. Mr. Bill moved our family several times through the years with his moving company. He played Santa for us at Christmastime. He would get his little appointment book out and say I can be at your house between 8 and 8:30, but I have to be here at this time and there at this time. He was a wonderful jolly Santa and we will always remember him for his kindness. Blessings to your family especially at this time of year. Christmas -- how fitting that he should be remembered so special at his favorite time of year.

jimmy huskins - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM