



## William "Bill" Rowe

November 20, 1955 - October 10, 2014

William "Bill" Oscar Rowe of Marlton, NJ passed away unexpectedly on October 10, 2014. He was 58. Bill was born in Bridgeton, NJ, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William (Florence Jackson) Rowe. He spent most of his childhood in Medford Lakes, NJ.

He was a graduate of Susquehanna University and a member of the Theta Chi fraternity and earned his Masters degree in Divinity from Eastern Theological Seminary. He was employed in the Health Care industry where he worked twenty five years with the Virtua Voorhees Hospital and the Virtua Education Center.

Bill was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Mount Holly in Eastampton, NJ. He was the leader of the Men's Singles Bible Study and participated in the church's Community Outreach program.

He is survived by his wife of twenty four years, Andrea Kraft Rowe and his brother Don & wife, Karen Rowe their daughter Kaitlyn Rowe Meeker and son, Christopher Rowe. Three other nieces, Lauren Brick Bruner, Bianca Renne and Kristin Brick Sharp. Three great nieces, Julia Bruner, Caroline Bruner, Emma Sharp and a great nephew Henry Sharp. His sisters-in-law and spouses, Marsha Kraft Brick and James Brick, Deborah Renne Mattera and Joseph Mattera.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11:00 AM at the Fellowship Community Church, 1520 Hainesport Rd., Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054. Interment in

the Baptist Cemetery will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the American Bible Society, 1550 Liberty Ridge Dr, Chesterbrook, PA 19087.

# Cemetery Details

## Baptist Cemetery

Pine St.  
Mount Holly, NJ

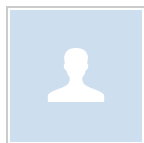
# Previous Events

## Service

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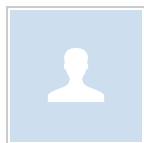
Fellowship Community Church  
1520 Hainesport Road  
Mt. Laurel, NJ

# Tribute Wall



“ William "Bill" Rowe

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ William "Bill" Rowe

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ Correction: . . ." where I've posted the Eulogy that. . ."

Terry Brennan - October 21, 2014 at 09:44 AM



“ For more tender tributes to this wonderful man, my lifelong friend, please visit my Facebook Page where I've posted the Obituary (below) that I wrote to honor the life of Billy Rowe.



<https://www.facebook.com/terry.brennan.775/posts/102052119590398>

*It is garnering many warm and tender comments from those who knew him well during his formative years in Medford Lakes, New Jersey. Billy —you are forever in our hearts!*

<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Gifts/Heart.png>

Terry Brennan

October 20, 2014

Terry Brennan - October 21, 2014 at 01:04 AM



JM

“September 22, 1991 was the first time I met Bill Rowe at The First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly. I know that, because I wrote it down in my Bible. It was a special evening service the church was having called, "The 1st Annual Super Sundae Evangelism Banquet." A friend and myself signed up with Bill to deliver Welcome Packets to people new in the area. That ministry eventually stopped, but our friendship continued on. I also became a forever friend with Bill's wife, Andrea. They both have been very good friends in the Lord. My husband, and I have always enjoyed our fellowship times together. I love feeding people when they come to my house, and Bill never disappointed me when I asked him if he wanted seconds. He always with a big smile on his face, and a grateful heart always said, "yes, sure I would love more!" Bill could eat more than anyone I have ever known. He always sent a thank you note afterwards; and he would name everything we did for him, and he thanked us for every single thing. I thought that was so nice, and I found myself starting to do the same. I loved Bill's heart for worship to the Lord. My last remembrance of him will be seeing him with his hands high to the sky lifted up to the Lord in worship for way over 3 hours at the First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly's "Backyard Bash". Bill was never ashamed of his faith. . Bill prayed many times at our family's events. I could always count on Bill and Andrea to cover a prayer need of mine or someone I knew. Bill, also helped my younger daughter. He took time and prayed with her, and even went an extra mile one time to help her get much needed money back that was non-refundable. That meant alot to us! Bill was a blessing. He was not only a friend, but like a personal Pastor to us. We will miss him dearly. Something I didn't know about Bill that I learned at his service was that he read the Bible through 60 times, and his goal was 100 times. Well, that has inspired me to be steadfast this time, and read my Bible through, and hopefully I will keep doing that. Yes! Bill was an inspiration in life, and he is an inspiration in his passing. We will miss Bill greatly, because he was great! We are happy to call him our friend. Julia & Ron McDermott



**Julia and Ron McDermott** - October 20, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MM

“ *Andrea my prayers are with you I knew Bill and Andrea when they were at Marlton baptist aka hope Christian and she was part of my puppet ministry I am blessed to say that they were friends and pray Gods peace for you*

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**mary lou mcallister** - October 18, 2014 at 09:10 PM

TB

“ My oldest friend, my cherished childhood chum, God’s obedient foot soldier--is gone?!

*No, I don’t believe it! I believe Billy is smiling somewhere above us, contented with having been granted a Free Pass through the Pearly Gates!*

*I met Bill Rowe in the 5th Grade in Medford Lakes, New Jersey, in 1965, and so began our lifelong friendship that never wavered, never broke, no matter the lapsed time or great distance that would later come between us.*

*We shared so many childhood adventures: romping and running through the woods in Medford Lakes, bent on establishing hidden forts throughout the forests; skating across acres of treacherous ice in the winters; competing with each other in basketball, football, and baseball; causing havoc and alarm with our pea-shooters along the beaches on those care-free summer days in Ship Bottom, New Jersey; playing endless games of Chess and Monopoly, mano a mano, throughout the fall and cold winter months; innumerable bike rides to and from school every day; building our collections of Marvel and DC comic books; and endless snowball fights and games of chance wherever we could find them! Adventure! Billy loved adventure! And like me, he loved to laugh!*

*In addition, I never met anyone who talked more than I did--until I met Billy. Politics. History. Current Events. Religion. Economics. Sports. You name it, Billy was there. I remember him sitting around our dining room table in New Jersey and later in Texas, where my father secured him with his first job with ARA after he graduated with honors from Susquehanna, and how he would join our spirited family debates. I can still hear that distinctive laugh of his--high and hearty and genuine. He adored my mother and father, my brother, and my two sisters, and they embraced him. He fit right in with us. And to think that Billy and I never had a harsh word between us, not one, in the 49 years I knew him!*

*There were countless things to admire about him. Not once in my life did I ever hear The Rowester utter a word of regret or remorse for the cards he was dealt in life. I never noticed an unjust attitude or air about him. Instead, he greeted each day with Perseverance and Hope. He steadfastly pressed on with Life, enduring pain and hardships that would slay the heart of me! Yet never did I hear a hint of inequitableness escape his lips! Even if I tried, I could not get Billy to moan or protest about anything (ahem. . . unless we were talking politics!)*

*Instead, he engendered joy and laughter to everyone he met. His watchwords were Compassion, Tolerance, and Service to Others. Judgment and Criticism were simply foreign to him. In some way he saw wholesomeness and a promise in everyone he met. I have not encountered anyone quite like him--and I don't believe I ever will.*

*Even as his unrelenting malady took its merciless toll on this body, he persisted in presenting himself to the world as "The Fountain of Optimism!" Above all, this is what I admired most about him.*

*Bill Rowe was the epitome of what F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote about Jay Gatsby's smile:*

*"He smiled understandingly--much more than understandingly. It was one of those rare smiles with a quality of eternal reassurance in it, that you may come across four or five times in life. It faced--or seemed to face--the whole eternal world for an instant, and then concentrated on you with an irresistible prejudice in your favor. It understood you just as far as you wanted to be understood, believed in you as you would like to believe in yourself, and assured you that it had precisely the impression of you that, at your best, you hoped to convey."*

*I am going to miss you, Billy. I miss you already. I'll miss your friendship . . . and your eternal smile!*

*Terry "Brensbo" Brennan*

Nashville, TN

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**T. Brennan** - October 18, 2014 at 03:16 PM

DM

“ *Bill had the most beautiful heart and was a very kind and giving person. He put others first and genuinely cared about all humans and animals. His bright personality was infectious and a humble soul with such strong faith. My sister and our family and friends will sorely miss his humor, laughter and straightforward manner love you too Bill,*

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**deborah mattera** - October 16, 2014 at 09:10 PM



“ *We were so saddened to hear of Uncle Bill's passing. He was an incredibly kind man, always quick with a smile and a hug. He radiated a sense of optimism that affected people around him. We will miss him. Love, Kristin Sharp and family*

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**Kristin Sharp** - October 16, 2014 at 06:26 PM

JG

“ *Bill was was one of the nicest, kindest and most generous person I have ever met. I use to tease Bill all the time and tell him that his problem was that "he was too nice". He would give his last dime to help someone. He had a terrific personality. Our prayers go out to Andrea and the family. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Joseph & Debra Galati** - October 16, 2014 at 02:53 PM

DT

“ Bill was best man at our wedding 28 years ago, and has been a great friend for even longer. Always ready to lend a hand, lead in prayer, exhort and encourage, a true man of God. Sad for Andrea but happy for Bill because I know he is in Heaven now, getting more in depth answers from the True Authority about all the things he has learned and wondered about through the years.

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**Debbie Tatum** - October 16, 2014 at 11:29 AM

JB

“ One will never find a better man--a loving and devoted husband; dedicated and energetic worker; always willing to help in any way he could; with an insatiable thirst for knowledge on a wide variety of subjects. I feel blessed to have known Bill and have absolute confidence he is in a better place now

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**Jim Brick** - October 16, 2014 at 06:35 AM



“ I'm going to miss you Bill. Happy you are in a peaceful place. You put your heart and soul into everything you ever did. Always putting others before you. You will be greatly missed. Thanks for helping me along the way.

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**Christina Oiler** - October 15, 2014 at 08:51 PM



“ I didn't know Bill for very long, but every time I saw him he gave me a big, happy, hello with a smile on his face. He was always willing to give a helping hand, whether it was to a fellow coworker or a resident, and never asked for anything in return. I'm sorry I never took the time to get to know him more. Rest in peace, Bill. We will all miss you.

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**Ashley Hudson** - October 15, 2014 at 07:36 PM

LG

“ I had the honor of knowing Bill for a few months, he was an all around great man. He loved to spread his faith and wisdom to everyone he would meet. He loved and cherished God and he is now joined with him to watch over us all. It is very sad to hear of his passing but he is in a better place. Rest easy Bill, you will be greatly missed.

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**Lauren Gizzi** - October 15, 2014 at 06:06 PM

MT

“ Bill Rowe was a great man. I worked with him we had a great. time at work he always helped. the residents .He. volunteered and did church services at Care One



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**Melissa Turner** - October 15, 2014 at 05:48 PM