



## Billy Peoples

May 8, 1928 - February 18, 2019

Billy Wayne Peoples Sr., age 90 of Rockwall, TX, passed away February 18, 2019. He was born May 8, 1928, in Blackland, TX, to Jesse Lee Peoples and Allie Mae Stewart. Billy was a teller of tales, he loved to entertain people. He was Boy Scout leader and a volunteer fireman for Rockwall. Billy loved to collect cars, fish, and ski. He was a member of the Rockwall Whataburger coffee club. Also, Billy was a huge Rockwall Yellow Jacket football fan. He truly loved going to the games. Billy was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and will be missed dearly by his family.

Billy is survived by his daughters: Lynda Jane Morris and husband Doug, Mary Ellen Watkins and husband Tom; sons: Billy Wayne Peoples Jr. and wife Claudia, Philip Peoples and wife Sneshana; grandchildren: Melissa Stoddart and husband Craig, Marc Morris, Justin Watkins and wife Erin, Luke Watkins, Taelor Peoples, Billy Wayne Peoples III, Nadia Mae Peoples; great grandkids: Nicholas Stoddart, Christopher Stoddart, Margaret Stoddart, Kaitlyn Stoddart, Chloe Watkins, Haydn Watkins and Ella Kae Watkins; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife: Ellen Berniece Peoples; his parents; two sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services will be held 2:00pm, Monday, February 25, 2019, at First Baptist Rockwall-ML Jones Chapel. A gathering of family and friends will be held Sunday, February 24, 2019, at The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Location from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

# Events

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**FEB** **Gathering** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location  
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

**FEB** **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

**25**  
First Baptist Church Rockwall, ML Jones Chapel  
610 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park** - February 22 at 02:09 PM

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“ My memories of Mr. People goes back to the early '80's. My late husband, Fred Moore, owned Moore's Bar-B-Q where the Rotary Club now stand on Goliad south of the Square. People's Auto was just up the street from our restaurant. He frequented the Bar-B-Q often. He was always smiling and happy, passing that along to those he met. I moved away from Rockwall for years, then came back to live in Rockwall towards retirement around 2006. My current husband and I went for breakfast at Whataburger often, and would always arrive to see Mr. Peoples with his group of Breakfast Club Men, and have a good ole Texas conversation with him. He again, would always have that welcome smile followed by his charming, endearing personality. He will be truly missed by folks the family may not even know. Folks like Billy Peoples are why Rockwall remained a wonderful small town feel amongst the growth that welcomes more to our shores. Thank you for making Rockwall what it was and what we want out town of Rockwall to remain, "friendly folks".

**Mona Moore Garrison** - February 27 at 10:45 AM

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“ I remember the old round table at the DQ in Rockwall. Billy told me a lot of deals were made at that table. I've worked for, rented from, bought trucks and cars from Billy for a time. I remember the times of the old gin at Blacklands and Jackie Jett with the wrecking yard. Those were some times running with Billy! I remember that dang golden eagle jeep, he'd say hop in tricky Ricky that's what he called me and away we went. You know Billy when he was in a hurry. I remember the times we would go to Fate to eat lunch and talk to Big Frank. Yes my friend I will miss you! To the family what a great man y'all had in your life, God be with all!

**Richey Brandenburg** - February 26 at 09:09 PM

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“ Sending condolences from the Mooney family.



**Amy Mooney** - February 24 at 04:49 PM

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“ Billy was one of the first people we met when we moved to Rockwall (1962). He help us get our home when I worked for him in 1989. He was always very respectful and kind to me and my family. So sorry to hear of the loss to Rockwall and community. He will be missed.

**Margarett Marks** - February 21 at 01:48 PM

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“ My feeling of heartbreak and sadness is too big to explain. I started working for Billy I think in 1978. Even though I went on to do other jobs we were always in constant contact. I considered him more than a Boss or friend. He was one of my best friends and more so like family to me. I will miss you so much my sweet friend.

**Barbara Barber** - February 21 at 10:27 AM



“ Truly one of the great men of Rockwall County. He leaves a wonderful legacy of kindness, a giving spirit, a gentleman, a friend, a patriot, best fan of the Rockwall Yellow Jackets, a downtown around the square icon, and someone that had salesmanship in his blood from an early age. A kind hearted man that had compassion and empathy for the little guy. He quietly and reverently did so much to help others. His soft southern drawl will be missed but rings on in the memories of those that knew and loved him. He brings a smile to our face when we think of one of his wonderful eloquently delivered tales of growing up and living a full life in Rockwall County. We will miss you Billy but think of you often as we drive by or visit the places you frequented and visited often. Thanks for spreading your fun, cheer, and love among us in Rockwall. See you in Glory someday old friend.

Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers are with each member of the family. God bless and keep you. Amen.

Gill and Louise Henson

**Gill & Louise Henson** - February 21 at 02:31 PM



“ Met Billy in 1971. He installed the driveway to my home on North Country Lane in Rockwall . Spent lots of fun time at the Dairy Queen and Whataburger and his car lot just visiting and kidding each other. You're now with my Father and mother in heaven Billy. I will see you there someday my beloved friend.

**John Robertson** - February 21 at 09:46 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Our last visit with Uncle Billy Feb. 9, 2019



**Rodney Wall** - February 20 at 10:56 PM

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“ Billy was a great neighbor to my parents, Lee and Helen Mitchell. We could always count on him and Bernice to be there for them if they needed something. He was fun, funny, and loved life. He will truly be missed.

Linda Mitchell Duran

**Linda Duran** - February 20 at 06:07 PM

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“ Billy Wayne, I didn't know your dad very well, but I have never heard anything but good about him. Please know my prayers are with you and your family in this great loss. I know the world will always be a better place because your dad once lived here.

Tom Smith

**Tom Smith** - February 20 at 05:40 PM

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“ Billy was one of the first people that made a huge impression on me when I came to Rockwall to be a banker. He would always ask when the signature loan department would be up and running. He and Berniece were always so kind. You will be missed Billy...God Bless!

**Corky Randolph** - February 20 at 03:49 PM



“ Remember him well. God bless. RIP

**John** - February 20 at 10:36 PM

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“ You will be missed, Billy Wayne...  
Ada Jo Phillips



**AdaJo** - February 20 at 03:05 PM

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“ Billy was like second Dad to me. I had lots of great memories with Billy and his family. My condolences from my family to the People's family. Cris Burnett and Family

**Cris Burnett** - February 20 at 01:30 PM



“ Thank you Cris. We had some great times all together down there Dad, Bill you and I with many special guests.

**Philip Peoples** - February 20 at 03:36 PM

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“ Cindy Lee lit a candle in memory of Billy Peoples



**Cindy Lee** - February 20 at 12:15 PM

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“ Dianne Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Billy Peoples



Dianne Rodriguez - February 20 at 10:25 AM

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“ He was a very sweet man and I feel very blessed to have known this man. Rest in peace my friend

Allison LaCaze - February 20 at 09:42 AM

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“ My heart was so sad to get the news. Billy was such a sweet soul & meant so much to so many people. I remember always seeing his truck at Whataburger on my way to work every morning & it meant so much him coming to my wedding. He'll be forever missed. Such a Rockwall legend & a dear family member. Love you forever Billy.

Love, Casey Peoples.



casey peoples - February 19 at 10:44 PM

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“ He was my grandpa I couldn't have had asked for any other grandpa he was a loving, nice, and funny person. He will be missed by every person he knew, he was the BEST grandpa ever.

billy peoples 3 - February 19 at 10:09 PM



“ Billy, Dad would be so proud of your post.... He and Mom both loved you so dearly! You made his day brighter when you visited him. Thank you for cheering him up while he was in the hospital!!!! Love you!



“ Connie Nelson lit a candle in memory of Billy Peoples



Connie Nelson - February 19 at 01:38 PM

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“ Vicky Morton lit a candle in memory of Billy Peoples



Vicky Morton - February 19 at 10:47 AM

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“ Old time Rockwall is not the same but the people who made it special are. Thank You Mr. Peoples for being a part of our lives through the years. Prayers for the family.

Janet Vank Evans

Janet Vank Evans - February 19 at 10:28 AM

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“ Your loss has left all of us deeply saddened. May your loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength. Billy was a Rockwall Legend, he could tell you many stories of our home town. Rest in peace Uncle Billy. Linda Cauble





“ So Many of the People that made Rockwall a wonderful home town have gone to be with their loved ones in heaven. Billy you will be missed Dearly. Billy rest in peace and your legacy live on.  
Till we meet again.... Brenda Grubbs



Brenda Grubbs - February 19 at 08:59 AM

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“ Helen Moran lit a candle in memory of Billy Peoples



Helen Moran - February 18 at 07:30 PM

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“ Billy Peoples, the realtor, was my first customer at my title company office back in 1976. He was quite a character with a huge personality. And how he loved his sweet Berniece. Through Billy, I made many good friends in the real estate community. When I'd ask him how he was I always knew what he was going to say! Great memories, Billy!

Gale Anderson - February 18 at 07:20 PM

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“ We are all going to miss you "Uncle Billy" as he was known to many of us. I bought the old fire station on Washington street from him in the late 80's. I still own it. I actually liked going by on the 1st of each month to make my payment and talking to Billy about business and life in Rockwall. He was a good friend. Rest in peace "Uncle Billy"

Tom Walker - February 18 at 06:47 PM

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“ Mr. Billy was such a kind man. He worked with me to help get me in a vehicle. This was soon after my brother had passed and I didn't have a lot of money because I spent a lot of time taking care of my brother. I loved listening to his stories and hearing words of wisdom from him. Rest in peace Mr. Billy

Jesse Headley - February 18 at 04:17 PM

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“ Mimi and Papa bought their first house from Billy (via Bookout). John had coffee with him last week at Whataburger. He was a fine gentleman to send his greetings always to me. We are thinking of Linda and the entire family. May he RIP with Berniece forever.

gayle albritton - February 18 at 03:25 PM

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“ I was so sad to hear that Uncle Billy has gone. I know he is so very grateful to be with Aunt Berniece now. My prayers are with you all.

Sandra Peoples

Sandra Peoples - February 18 at 02:18 PM

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“ Billy was a good friend and quite a character. I always enjoyed talking to him. May God Bless and welcome Billy and comfort his loved ones who are left to remember him.

Mark George - February 18 at 02:11 PM