



Reverend William "Billy" Lucas

November 3, 1922 - December 12, 2014

Reverend William "Billy" Lucas, born November 3, 1922, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, December 12, 2014 at the age of 92. He spent his final days on this earth surrounded by his family and faithful friends.

He was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather, loyal friend to so many, and a dedicated servant of the Lord's throughout his life.

His vibrant personality, mischievous humor, and unwavering generous spirit made him deeply loved by all who were blessed to know him.

He resided in San Antonio with his wife of 65 years, Bettie. He was a native San Antonian and graduated from Burbank High School, attended Trinity University, and graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII.

Billy served the Lord faithfully in ministry for 67 years. He began his ministry as a music minister at Midway Baptist Church in San Antonio, before beginning his work in evangelism crusades with his dear friend Bob Randall. His evangelism ministry took him around the world, including to France, Norway and across the U.S.

Following his evangelism ministry, and while serving Central Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis, TN as a music minister, Billy felt the Lord's urging to begin serving as a pastor. He accepted the call of pastor of Rayburn Drive Baptist Church in San Antonio, and while pastoring there, completed his seminary work.

After pastoring at Rayburn Drive for 2 years, he pastored First Baptist Church in Brownsville, TX for 5 years and Kiestwood Baptist Church in Dallas, TX for 13 years.

Following his work as a pastor, Billy became the Director of Missions for the Guadalupe Baptist Association in Victoria, TX, where he served from 1977 - 1992, when he retired. During his retirement, he continued to serve as interim pastor for numerous churches in the San Antonio area.

He is survived by his loving wife Bettie; daughters and sons-in-law Brenda and Michael Tope, and Kitty and Terry Griswold; grandchildren Stefanie Schindler, Shane Mize, Kelli Flores, Krista Tope, Jaimi Mize, Betty Noyola and Terry Griswold, Jr.; as well as 12 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their deepest thanks to Joan Poff of VITAS Hospice Care and the entire VITAS team for their loving care for Billy in his final months.

SERVICES

Visitation will be on Monday, December 15, 2014 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North.

The Service will be on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. at Castle

Hills First Baptist Church, 2220 NW Military Hwy.

Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.