



## Van G. Hilley

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Van G. Hilley was born on April 15, 1946, to Harold and Mary Elizabeth Hilley in Brunswick, Georgia. He joined his Lord on Friday, December 23, 2016, while surrounded by his family in San Antonio, Texas.

Van G. Hilley served as a dedicated attorney with the Goldstein, Goldstein and Hilley Law Firm since 1982. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Texas in 1968, and he completed his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Texas in 1970. Mr. Hilley proudly served as Past-President of the San Antonio Bar Association. He served as a Texas State Bar Board of Director and also as Chairman of the United States District Court Magistrate Selection Committee for the San Antonio Division, and a member of the Bexar County Appellate Public Defender Review Committee. Mr. Hilley practiced in the State and Federal Courts of Texas for over 35 years. He believed that a lawyer should be available to his clients to assist them in their time of greatest need. His profession as an attorney was a career of service to others.

Outside of an influential career in law, Van believed in putting God first in his life. He was a regular member at Shearer Hills Baptist Church, and he enjoyed participating in golf tournaments and supporting local ministries. He also loved playing golf with friends and family. In his free time, he could be found spending time with family and attending his grandchildren's activities.

He made every effort to show his family that they were a priority to him. He is survived by his loving wife, Grace Connie Hilley, and his daughter Kara Mowrey and husband Chad, son Derek Hilley and wife Jennifer. He is survived by his grandchildren Mackenzie, Morgan, Lyndin, and Weston Van. He is also survived by loving brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, niece, nephews, cousins, and cherished friends.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, December 29th at 1:00pm at Shearer Hills Baptist Church at 12615 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, 78216. A private interment for family members will be held at a later date at Mission Burial Park Dominion North. Tributes can be left at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com).

The family would like to extend special thanks to the doctors who provided such care for Van during this difficult time. We appreciate the dedication of Dr. Chris Bogaev, Dr. Lisa Fichtel, Dr. Keith Eyre, Dr. Dale Wood, Dr. Prisciliano Salas, and Dr. Robert Schnitzler. In addition to the medical support, we are thankful for the care and compassion of the nurses at Stone Oak Methodist Hospital and Vitas Hospice. We are tremendously grateful and blessed by the love and support of our friends and family during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Jaxon FROG Foundation serving as the hands and feet of Jesus to bring smiles to children battling cancer, support ongoing research to find a cure for our young heroes, and be a light in the darkness to encourage the impacted families to Fully Rely On God. Information can be found at <http://www.jaxonsfrogfoundation.com>, and checks can be mailed and made payable to Jaxon's FROG Foundation to P.O. Box 16104, San Antonio, Texas 78280.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Shearer Hills Baptist Church  
12615 San Pedro Ave.  
San Antonio, TX 78216

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ I just returned from out of state trip when I learned of Van's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. Julie Kallison

Julie Kallison - January 07, 2017 at 11:35 AM

BE

“ For twenty years, Van has been a pillar of strength and wisdom for me and my family. He will be missed greatly. He was a good and decent man .



Boyce and Carole Elliott - December 30, 2016 at 08:24 AM

AL

“ I am so, so saddened to hear of Van's death. I would see him often at the court house when I was practicing law and in court and he always had a smile on his face and a teasing remark for everyone. My sincerest sympathies to his family.

Alma L. Lopez, Retired Chief Justice, Fourth Court of Appeals

Alma L. Lopez-Cavazos - December 27, 2016 at 05:14 PM

RA

“ Rick Atherton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Van G. Hilley.



Rick Atherton - December 27, 2016 at 12:55 PM

RH

“ Our hearts are saddened by your loss, our love and prayers are with you and al the family.Love Robert and Sally Herrera

Robert and Sally Herrera - December 27, 2016 at 12:25 PM

KM

“ Van was a part of our court family and he will be missed.

Karl Myers.

Karl Myers - December 27, 2016 at 11:59 AM

AC

“ Van was a good man and gifted in his profession. He helped me more than once. This is a tremendous loss. May he rest in eternal peace.

Al Cortez - December 27, 2016 at 11:46 AM

CE

“ Oh so many memories of the Hilley family from the time we both lived in Whispering Oaks and were raising our children together. Oh the mischief those boys got into! Our boys still cherish those days. Also, sincere thanks to Van, the attorney, for getting our boys out of trouble for some of that mischief!

I also remember fun times together at La Fagota, and sitting together for countless hours, on one bleacher or another, watching the boys play sports.

You were loved by the Ellis family and you will be missed Van Hilley!

Candy and Chuck

Candy Ellis - December 27, 2016 at 11:35 AM

DH

“ *My condolences to the Hilley family.*

*Darrell F. Havel*  
*San Antonio, Texas*

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**Darrell Havel** - December 27, 2016 at 10:25 AM