

Billy Ray Brammer | 1931-2016

Published Wednesday, November 9, 2016



Billy Brammer

Billy Ray Brammer, 84, of Burleson, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, in Burleson.

Funeral is 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Greenwood Chapel, 3100 White Settlement Rd., in Fort Worth. Burial will follow at Aurora Cemetery.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Greenwood Chapel.

Billy was born Nov. 9, 1931, to Walter Curtis and Alice Nesmith Brammer. He grew up in Rhome and Boyd, where he enjoyed life with his extended family. He was baptized and became a member of First Baptist Church of Rhome as a young adult.

Billy was always a high achiever, adventurous and lived life to the fullest. He attended the University of Texas at Arlington before service as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne. His career as a master bricklayer served him well, winning many awards with his endeavors.

Billy was one of the founding fathers of martial arts in the Fort Worth/Dallas area, earning a black belt in several different styles. He earned his 10th Degree in American Karate in 2000. Among his many recognitions were Texas Martial Arts Hall of Fame 2013, Masters Hall of Fame 2013 and the Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame 2015. His karate families and students have grown exponentially over the years, and he is well-respected and loved among his peers.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; sister Ruth Harlen Frye; and brothers Kenneth Brammer and Curtis Harold Brammer.

He is survived by his sister, Gloria Ann Dustman of League City; nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends.