

Johnnie Wilson Ray | 1946-2016

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Johnnie Wilson “Bill” Ray, 69, of Bridgeport, died Tuesday, March 22, 2016, in Bridgeport.

Memorial service is 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bridgeport.

Bill was born May 22, 1946, in Decatur to Woodrow Wilson and Johnie (Rickels) Ray. After high school graduation, Bill earned his bachelor of science degree from UT-Dallas and spent his career as a banker’s entrepreneur in commercial real estate.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law Joe Enochs; nephew Walker Enochs; great-nephew Austin Enochs; and niece Tiffany Elizondo.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Laura (Lohnes) Matteson-Ray; sons Alan Ray and wife, Margaret, and Evan Matteson and wife, Virginia; daughter Melissa Wise and husband, Leo; brother Dr. David Ray and wife, Sue; sisters Ilene (Ray) Enochs and Becky (Ray) Elizondo and husband, Phil; grandchildren Julia Lowrey, Amanda Ray, Chloe Hargrove, Guy Hargrove, Audree Matteson, Saylor Matteson and Hadley Matteson; and numerous other family members.