



William Boyd Hathaway "Bill"

November 27, 1939 - December 15, 2025

William Boyd Hathaway, known to many as Bill and affectionately as Sonny to his family, passed away on December 15, 2025, in Gainesville, Texas.

Bill was born on November 27, 1939, in Atoka, Oklahoma, to Robert Hathaway and Dorothy (Epperson) Yatsco. He graduated from Tishomingo High School in 1958, attended Murray State College from 1958 to 1960, and went on to The University of Texas at El Paso, where he earned his degree in 1966.

On January 19, 1962, Bill married the love of his life, Carolyn Kaye Belcher, in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Their marriage and family were the greatest joys of his life. Bill enjoyed a long and accomplished career as a civil engineer, working for the Bureau of Reclamation, and later retiring from the Environmental Protection Agency in June of 2000. He also proudly served as President of the Mustang Water Board, dedicating his time and leadership to his community.

Outside of his career, Bill had a passion for quarter horse breeding and reining, as well as coin collecting. He was a devoted OU Sooners and Dallas Cowboys fan and was known by his family for making the very best pancakes, cornbread, mashed potatoes, and salmon.

The highlights of Bill's life were his marriage, his family, his children, and the

years he spent raising and breeding horses. Above all else, he valued teaching his family the importance of saving for the future, independence, gratitude, resilience, hard work, and how to love well.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Hathaway and Dorothy Yatsco, and his brother-in-law, Joe Bowman.

Those left to cherish his memory include his beloved wife, Carolyn Hathaway; his daughter, Rhonda Hathaway; his son, Justin Hathaway; his grandson, Tyler Anderson; his sister, Doris Bowman; stepbrothers, Robert Hathaway and Neil Hathaway; stepsister, Becky Powers; along with a host of other family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, 2025, at DeArman-Clark Funeral Home in Tishomingo, with Pastor Jeremy Parham officiating. Interment will follow at the Tishomingo Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Tishomingo Cemetery

Tishomingo, OK 73460

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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