



# **William Thomas "Scoop" Grogan**

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## William Thomas "Scoop" Grogan

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**W**illiam Thomas "Scoop" Grogan Jr., 72, of Memphis, passed away on February 10th at Methodist University Hospital. Born and raised in Memphis, Bill graduated from Kingsbury High School, and earned a degree in journalism from Memphis State University. Bill served as a Captain in the Air Force, where he was a speech writer for the office of the Secretary of the Air Force in Washington D.C. The highlight of his professional career was during the years 1970-1973, when he served as Sports Information Director at MSU (now University of Memphis). During this time he oversaw publicity as the team made it to the Final Four and NCAA Championship basketball game. He was also awarded national honors from the "College Sports Information Directors of America". Bill served as the statistician crew coordinator for six Liberty Bowls, and was media assistant for the Danny Thomas Memphis Golf Classic. Later he worked as a freelance public relations consultant and in advertising. An avid lover of Southern Gospel music, he was a choir director at several different churches in the Memphis area over the years. He loved to sing, and was a tenor in the Methodist Music Men of Memphis. In his youth, he also enjoyed working as a high school and collegiate basketball referee and softball and baseball umpire. He was an active member of Harris Memorial United Methodist Church, and later at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. Bill was fun loving and gregarious, and loved puns and jokes. He enjoyed writing short stories and anecdotes. He had a sweet heart, and was generous, kind, and loving. He will be dearly missed by many. Bill is survived by his daughter, Marti Bott (David); two grandchildren, Grady Bott and Avery Bott, of Buena Vista, CO; his sister, Diana Sue of Ocean Springs, MS; his niece, Karen Murphy of Chicago, IL; his nephew, John Murphy of Chicago, IL, and his niece Donna Murphy of Ocean Springs, MS. He was preceded in death by his parents, Billy and Zuleika Grogan, of Memphis. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Monday, February 13 and his funeral service at



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11:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 14 all at Memorial Park Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association



## Tribute Wall

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DI

**Diana** posted:

Thank you, so much, Gloria

March 1 at 5:53 AM

GC

**Gloria Cofer** posted:

the video was great. He was such a happy person. He lived a full life too it seems. Gloria Warren Cofer-Class of 1960.

February 16 at 11:16 AM

GC

**Gloria Cofer** posted:

I DID NOT GET TO ATTEND BILLY'S FUNERAL AND AM SO SORRY AS I LOVE DIANA SUE SO MUCH. I HAVE BEEN SICK AND HAD TESTS DONE. I REMEMBER BILLY BUZZING THROUGH THE HALLS OF KHS JUST PRACTICALLY AT A RUN. LOL! HE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE LIKE IN THIS PICTURE. ALWAYS A HAPPY PERSON. SO GLAD I DID GET TO KNOW HIM IN SCHOOL. MAY HE R.I.P. GLORIA WARREN COFER-CLASS OF 1960.

February 16 at 11:05 AM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Scoop" Grogan Jr..

February 13 at 6:41 AM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Scoop" Grogan Jr..

February 13 at 6:39 AM

MB

**Marti Bott** posted:

I love this story. Thanks, Jim Hosey! ~Marti

February 13 at 3:43 AM



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AN

**Anne** posted:

Wow, I was just a young girl, but I so remember "Scoop" he was a dear friend to my brothers Charlie Portis and Skip Portis. My family loved him so much.. So very sorry for your loss!!

February 12 at 5:06 PM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Scoop" Grogan Jr..

February 12 at 2:59 PM

JC

**Jean Boutwell Callahan** posted:

Scoop managed my campaign for Miss Memphis State when we went to school together! He did a great job! I am saddened by his passing! He was a great guy! Jean Boutwell Callahan

February 12 at 2:45 PM

RV

**Rita Thomas Vanlandingham** posted:

Sorry Diana for your and his children's loss. He sounded like a wonderful man with a zest for life. Wish I had know him.

February 12 at 11:51 AM

JH

**James I Hosey** posted:

Bill, I remember when we were small young men and I was crying, sitting on the front porch at our Grandmother, Sally Underwood, house on Looney Avenue. You went in and ask for a handkerchief and she ask why. You said, Jimmy is on the porch, crying and I want to comfort him. I will miss you my dear cousin and one day I will see you again. Jim Hosey

February 11 at 11:43 AM



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