



# **William Thomas Gerald**

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**W**illiam Thomas Geraldts passed away on May 24, 2013 after a long battle with cancer. He leaves his wife Peggy as well as 5 sons. Tom Geraldts of San Antonio, TX, Bill Geraldts of Memphis, TN, and Peggy's three sons that Bill claimed as his own, Todd Teague of Parsons, TN, Marty Teague of Tampa, FL, and Chris Teague of Oxford, MS. Bill was preceded in death by a son, Rob Geraldts of London, England. He also leaves 10 grand kids. Bill was born in Horse Cave, Ky, grew up in Louisville and graduated from the University of Louisville. After serving time in the Army, he played semi-pro baseball. Then he began his career in the banking industry in Cleveland, OH. It was here that Bill lived one of his most memorable experiences, chasing down a bank robber on foot, earning a personal letter from J. Edgar Hoover. Bill continued his banking career in Memphis, and transitioned to the President of Business Service Industries, the regional franchise of Muzak. In addition to numerous civic organizations, he served on the diaconate of Second Presbyterian Church. His love for life, family, and friends will be greatly missed. The family will hold a memorial service in the chapel of Second Presbyterian Church on Tuesday May 28th. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. with the service at 2. The family asks that memorial donations be given to your local Fellowship of Christian Athletes or Young Life Ministry.



## Tribute Wall

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LM

**Lynda Millard** posted:

Bill Gerald was larger than life. I called him "Billy Bob" and he was one of the best friends we ever had. He lovingly called my husband "Iron Mike." Yesterday I saw his obituary for the first time as due to moving a few times we had lost contact. Our lives are richer for knowing this incredible man and we are so very sorry for your loss. Peggy, we sent you our love. Love also from Dee and Joe. We all shared some very special times together in Florida and will always miss you. Love, Lynda & Iron Mike

March 13 at 8:37 AM

SA

**Sarah** posted:

I didn't know we could do this.. I think about papaw all the time & just looked him up on the Internet..but I have many fond memories of he and my grandmother peggy. I wish I could have been there for the funeral.. I miss his voice a lot & his awesome bear hugs. He was very loud, funny, & liked to give me crazy nicknames.. (pookiebear...and..sarahbgadawngbangtail.) He made me smile every time we talked. He was very genuine and caring..& I remember how he always spoke so fondly about grandmother peggy and called her his angel. She was and it was always a joy to be around them. We live far from memphis, so we weren't able to visit very often..but I still had a strong connection. I remember when I was young, we were at his club for my birthday dinner. Papaw and I had a play fight, tossing napkins and carrying on..my parents told us to behave..haha. but he was my partner in crime & made my day! I remember going to the imax, and 4th of July parade...and riding on the front of his bike because I was too small for the others. Also, going out to feed the ducks and playing hide & seek in the huge magnolia trees. Papaw was a kid at heart and his smile always reached his eyes. I will never forget the way they look because I see them in my father and every time I look in the mirror ?? I'm grateful for that. He is someone I looked up to, will never forget, and will always love. God Bless xoxo -Sarah

September 8 at 7:42 PM



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