



William Payne,

May 27, 1957 - May 8, 2010

BURLESON -- William Payne passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family Saturday, May 8, 2010, after a 21-month battle with cancer. Funeral: 10 a.m. Wednesday at Lucas & Blessing Funeral Home, Burleson. William would appreciate casual, comfortable attire at his service. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials: Contributions may be made to the SPCA of Texas; ATTN: Development, 2400 Lone Star Drive, Dallas, Texas 75212 or to the Humane Society of North Texas, 1840 East Lancaster, Fort Worth, TX 76103, Attn: Donor Services William was a long-time resident of Arlington and graduated from Arlington High School. William married his high school sweetheart nearly 19 years ago in the Virgin Islands. Taken under the wing of Bill DeGray, William learned the packaging industry from the ground up. He spent over 30 years representing several prominent packaging equipment manufacturers as a sales rep and manager which took him to Chicago, Atlanta and back to Texas in 2007. William developed a love for sailing early in his life and later a passion for NASCAR and motorcycle riding. Known as "Spanky" to his riding buddies, William's vibrant, outgoing personality and love for life influenced his many dear friends. William will be remembered with love and affection by those he touched. He was preceded in death by his parents, William K. Payne Sr. and Leona; grandmother, Zetta Mae; and uncle, W.S. Hendrix. Survivors: Wife, Karla; father and mother-in-law, Raymond and Joan Neal; sister-in-law, Perette Anderson and husband, Kevin; cousins, Don Hendrix and wife, Jane, Bill Hendrix and partner, Trey,

Troy Hendrix and wife, Shanna, Tracy Hendrix; five third cousins; cherished aunt, Lois Hendrix; his motorcycle riding buddies; and many friends and co-workers.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ William was a kind man who would call often to make sure everything was ok. He was extremely funny and his laughter and smile will be missed. May you rest in peace. Wonderful memories will always be in my heart.

Rhonda Martin - May 14, 2010 at 07:40 PM

AW

“ chasing dreams...living life...

Angela Wright - May 14, 2010 at 11:39 AM

DH

“ Karla,
We are so sorry to hear of William's passing. May you find comfort in memories and peace in knowing that his suffering is over.

God be with you.

Dennis and Mary

Dennis & Mary Hewitt - May 14, 2010 at 12:14 AM

JT

“ William was a good man and great friend, with a heart even bigger and warmer than that big smile.

John & Sue Taylor - May 12, 2010 at 09:12 AM

MA

“ God Speed William. May you rest in peace.

Mary Anderson - May 11, 2010 at 05:10 PM

RM

“ We are so sorry for your loss, we will all miss "Spanky" very much. Our prayers and love go out to Karla and the rest of his family. Rita and Keith (B2)

Rita & Keith Milner - May 11, 2010 at 11:56 AM

AW

“ Karla, We are so sorry to hear about William's illness and subsequent passing. We didn't know William well, but know the heart ache of losing someone we love. Our hearts are with you as you grieve and as you make your way forward. Love to you from the Carraway Girls

Amanda Carraway Wendling - May 11, 2010 at 08:02 AM

LR

“ Lots of great memories of William in the neighborhood. He was always out going and nice with everyone. Most I remember about William is his James Bond 007 shirts he wore and his purple bike. He will be missed~ Rest in Peace my friend.

Leslie Rule - May 10, 2010 at 04:15 PM

JB

“ My fondest memory of William was his contagious laughter. If you told him a story he would not just smile to be polite but he would go hysterical.

Janet Bertany - May 10, 2010 at 04:12 PM

MM

“ A wonderful life long friend that meant more than words can begin to say. An "uncle" to our girls; a friend and confident to us, more like a brother than a friend - our lives are better for having known William. The memories are many and sweet and his memory will live forever in our hearts. I close my eyes and see his little smirky grin! Karla, Joan, Ray, Perette & Kevin - you know how much we loved him and how much we love you guys. Our deepest and most sincere sympathies.

Mike & Susan Moody - May 10, 2010 at 02:08 PM

JF

“ Always ready to jump on his scooter and ride, Spanky was a good friend and riding buddy. From the Blue Ridge Parkway to the north Georgia mountains and Daytona, we enjoyed William's great sense of humor and companionship.

Jim and Pat Fink - May 10, 2010 at 02:01 PM