

# Billy Ray Pruitt

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September 10, 2014

**DENISON** – Billy Ray Pruitt, was born on January 31, 1944 in Denison, Texas to the parentage of Billy Joe Pruitt and Della Smith. As a child, Billy was a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church in Denison, where he was baptized after accepting Jesus as his Lord and Savior. He attended Denison public schools and graduated from Terrell High School in 1963.

Shortly after high school, Billy enlisted into the United States Army, where he proudly served his country in Germany and Korea, during his first enlistment and Fort Knox, KY and again in Germany, during his second. He was also a recipient of the National Defense service Medal.

After receiving an Honorable Discharge from the Army, Billy moved back home to Denison, where he began his career as a musician. He was skilled on the drums and keyboard, but was best known for playing the bass guitar.

In 1996, Billy Ray moved to Oakland, California, and not long after arriving there, he met Ms. Margaret Marshall. The two of them later returned to Texas in 2008, and were married on September 6th, 2010.

On Wednesday September 10th, 2014. Mr. Billy Ray Pruitt passed away from this old life on earth, to a new life of eternity. He was preceded in death by: his parents, step mother Claudia Inez Pruitt, brothers; Leslie Pruitt, Willie Pruitt and Billy Joe Pruitt, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memories: wife Margaret Marshall of Denison, TX, daughters; Felicia Johnson and husband Hubert of San Antonio, TX, Laurie Gaddis and husband Billy of Sherman, TX, and Cynthia Winters and husband Larry of Phoenix, AZ, sons; Jerry and Jimmy Cartwright, both of Oakland, CA, brothers; Roger Pruitt and wife Jeanette of Dallas, TX and Glenn Pruitt of Denton, TX, sisters; Shiela Smith of Fairfield, CA and Shenena Brown of Denver, CO, uncles; George Woods and wife Norma of San Leandro, CA and Lovely Pough, Sr. and wife Gerdline, 22 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

