



## Billy Ray Bissell

December 3, 1948 - March 22, 2022

Billy Ray Bissell, 73, of Oklahoma City, passed away on March 22, 2022 after battling a sudden illness. Billy was born on December 3, 1948 to Georgia Willene Bissell and Ray Bissell in Heavener, Oklahoma. Billy graduated Heavener High School in 1967 and Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1975. Billy attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1979 and graduated with a Master of Divinity. In the summer of 1974, Billy met the love of his life, Kathey, and they were married on March 22, 1975, going on to have one son, Jason. Billy was called into the ministry as a young adult and wholeheartedly served the Lord and served people for decades where he pastored several churches during his time as a pastor. Billy pastored Bullard Chapel Baptist Church in Tishomingo, Oklahoma from 1979-1981, First Baptist Church in Dewar, Oklahoma from 1981-1986, Highland View Baptist Church in Butte, Montana from 1986-1987, Boston Avenue Baptist Church in Muskogee, Oklahoma from 1987-1999, and First Baptist Church in Commerce, Oklahoma from 1999-2016 before retiring. Billy was also a police chaplain for many years where he ministered to and fostered friendships with the law enforcement officers that he served. Billy had a servant's heart, which was evident to anyone that knew him. Although we were not ready for him to leave us, we rejoice knowing that Billy is now walking with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Billy was preceded in death by his father Ray Bissell, his mother, Georgia Willene Bissell, and his father-in-law, Royce Dale Looney. Billy is survived by his wife Kathey Bissell, of the home, his son and daughter-

in-law Jason & Leslie Bissell, of Commerce, Oklahoma, his sister Carol Williamson, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, his grandsons Hunter & Leeland Bissell, of Commerce, Oklahoma, his mother-in-law Katherine Looney, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and his nephew Michael Williamson, of Fort Smith, Arkansas. A memorial service to honor Billy's life will be held at First Baptist Church in Commerce, Oklahoma on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 11:00 am. Pastor Kelly Payne of Muskogee, Oklahoma and Pastor Tim Osborn will be officiating. Services have been placed in the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami. Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mr. Bissell's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Commerce  
109 North Cherry Street  
Commerce, OK 74339  
<https://www.fbcccommerce.org/>

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Billy's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Mary Lee Jones - March 24, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Bissell.



March 23, 2022 at 09:33 PM

BK

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bill. I met him in 1999 when he moved to Commerce and worked with him in the NE Baptist Association and the Commerce Pitcher Cardin Coalition. I have been Blessed by his ministry. My prayers go out to the family.

Bill Kahler - March 23, 2022 at 08:55 PM

CB

*Our Dearest Kathey Jean, Jason, Leslie, Hunter and Leeland James and Mrs. Looney and all the precious family and church families, Our hearts are still in shock. Please know of our great admiration and love of Brother Bill and each of you. He was an amazing beautiful precious wonderful pastor for our entire church family at Dewar First Baptist Church. We fell in love with Kathey Jean and Jason Ray Bissell. We were privileged to enjoy them almost six years. Our oldest son graduated in 1986 and Brother Bill was a strong supporter of our church kids and of our beloved Dewar school where our oldest son is now superintendent. Brother Bill was such a great example for our kids and even drove our little league baseball team to Eakly. So many precious wonderful memories. Jason was almost six when they were called to Butte, Montana. He was like a little grandson to us. He loved feeding our chickens and riding the ponies. Oh how we love this family. We have always stayed in touch. Goodness how we will miss him. A giant hearted pastor and preacher and teacher. And Kathey Jean was an incredible pastor's wife. So much love to each of you. Going home on their 47th wedding anniversary. Our prayers are with each of you.*  
*Carrol H. (Sonny) and Linda Kay Haley Been of Tiger Mountain, Oklahoma*

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**Carrol H (Sonny) & Linda Kay Haley Been** - March 23, 2022 at 10:18 PM

LC

“ *Larger and Jason,  
Vicki and I are praying for you and your family at this time of sorrow.  
Bill was a great friend and I will truly miss him. We will not be able  
you make the service but will be lifting you all in prayer.*  
*Larry and Vicki Combs*

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**Larry Combs** - March 23, 2022 at 07:54 PM

LC

*Kathryn I meant typing not great*

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**Larry Combs** - March 23, 2022 at 07:55 PM

LC

*It is auto correcting what I type. Kathey*

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**Larry Combs** - March 23, 2022 at 07:55 PM

JB

*Larry, you were one of my dad's favorites and I hold that memory close to me.*

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**Jason Bissell** - March 23, 2022 at 10:42 PM

KD

“*Kathey, Jason and family,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. I am so sorry for your loss. Bro. Billy was such a servant to all and friend to my Dad and family. He will be missed.*”

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**Khristina Douglas** - March 23, 2022 at 07:20 PM

JB

“*Dad,*

*I wasn't ready for you to go home yet, but I know God's plan for your life was His, and His alone. Thank you for always being my number one fan. Thank you for loving me unconditionally. Thank you for teaching me true servanthood, but most of all, thank you for instilling values and the importance of a relationship with Jesus. I am going to miss you terribly, but I know that I will see you again. I love you.*

*Jason*

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**Jason Bissell** - March 23, 2022 at 04:33 PM