



## Billy Gene Savely

May 4, 1944 - April 30, 2024

Funeral services for Billy Gene Savely will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 6, 2024, at Freedom Cemetery in Freedom, Oklahoma, with pastor Mark Kinkle officiating. There will be a visitation for family and friends from 10:00-12:00 on the same day at Marshall Funeral Home in Alva, OK.

Billy Gene Savely was born May 4, 1944, to Benjamin and Mary Mahala (Province) Savely in Alva, Oklahoma, and passed away at Fairview Fellowship Home, on April 30, 2024, at the age of 79 Years, 11 Months, 26 days.

He graduated from Freedom High School in 1962 and later attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University where he received both his Bachelor and Master's degrees. He taught high school in Zenda, KS for one year before he was drafted to the Vietnam War. He proudly served his country in the United States Army earning five commendation medals including the Bronze Star. Upon his return from war, he taught school for several years at Enid High School before spending the remainder of his career as a Financial Analyst Underwriter. He had many interests including a love of travel, reading, cooking, art museums, American historical sites and Presidential libraries. He was a scholar of American Political History, President John F. Kennedy, and the British Monarchy. He is perhaps best known for his bright smile and infectious laughter.

He was preceded in death by his brother Ottie Ray and sister-in-law, Judy Ann (Wilshire) Savely; his sister, Darlene Belle Burton; and nephew, Nova Dean Burton, Jr. (Nick). Billy is survived by his nieces, Belinda Burton-Garinger and her husband Robert Seivert of Freedom; Tamara Wilson Green and her son, Joe Saxon Green of Oklahoma City; and his life-long best friend and travel buddy Wilbur Wolffrun; and numerous cousins. Billy truly had hundreds of friends and maintained special relationships with Larry and Lanora Bradt of Clearwater, KS; Kim Hertling of O'Fallon, MO; Donald Jensen of Frisco, TX; and his weekly coffee buddy, Rob Eden of Freedom, OK.

Memorial contributions may be made to Freedom Ambulance Department through the funeral home or to your local animal shelter. Billy always said, "You have to take care of the animals."

Remembrances may be shared with the family at [www.marshallfuneralhomes.com](http://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

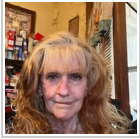
Marshall Funeral Home of Alva  
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804  
Alva, OK 73717  
(580) 327-2311  
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

## Graveside service

MAY 6. 2:00 PM (cst)

Freedom Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ He was my teacher at Enid High School. The nicest man you could ever hope to meet . Rest in peace.  
*Belinda Story Goodpasture*

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**Belinda Goodpasture** - January 17 at 05:45 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Graveside Service Video*



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - May 10, 2024 at 03:06 PM

RB

“ What a loss for all of us! How many can you fit in a yellow VW bug, you ask? Sometimes five at least. What a trip, commuting to NSU (NWOSU) from Freedom! I was just a kid & here was this popular older guy asking to ride with me & my group! He even granted me the use of his beautiful rocking chair to refinish & re-cover in my upholstery class. What a gas! My condolences to the family & friends of this wonderful man. Good things/times don't end, they live forever in the memories that are created. See you later, dearest Bill.

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**Rosalie Howland Bliss** - May 06, 2024 at 05:11 AM

LR

“ Our hearts and prayers are with all of Bill's family and friends! He was our chosen family and we loved him dearly! Remember he is everyone's Angel now and will always be with us! Mother and I will miss our visits with him.



We will be donating food to the Pauls Valley Animal Shelter in honor of our dear sweet Bill ❤️❤️❤️

Linda Ramsey Rodriguez and Hazel Ramsey McGregor

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Linda Rodriguez - May 03, 2024 at 02:55 PM

SR

So sad!!! There was nobody else like him. Always nice, kind and caring!! Oh how he will be missed!!! But we will see him again in heaven!!! Bill, we all love you so much. Thank you for loving all of us all these years! Shellie Reider

Bill was my, "buddy", to go to the flea markets and to have lunch with. I will miss him very much but will never forget the good times!!  
Paula Fitzgerald

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Shellie B. Reider - May 04, 2024 at 10:22 AM

JW

“ Oh my what memories we carry from growing up in Freedom, OK! Class of '62 was always so fun. Bill was a 'dancing fool' & could cut a rug with the best of them! Sr trip comes to mind now....train to DC was fun but miserable. If memory serves me, our train car lost AC part of the way there & it was HOT! Bill will be missed by all of us. What a joy he was to all of us!



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Jeanne Vincent Winn - May 02, 2024 at 10:55 PM