



William E. "Bill" Balcom

December 20, 1935 - December 3, 2017

Memorial graveside services for William E. "Bill" Balcom will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at the Alva Municipal Cemetery with Derrick Thomas officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. Immediately following the service, there will be a fellowship with the family at the First Baptist Church.

William E. "Bill" Balcom was born to Charles and Nila Balcom on December 20, 1935, in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. He passed away December 3, 2017, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 81 years, 11 months, and 13 days.

At ten years of age, Bill moved with his parents to Long Beach, California. He excelled in all sports at Long Beach Polytechnic High School, and upon his graduation was granted a football scholarship at Oregon State. He played Professional Minor League Baseball with various teams before deciding to come to NWOSU in 1958. He played football for Art Parkhurst before being ruled ineligible due to his former professional affiliation.

He continued his education at NWOSU, graduating in 1962. In 1959 he married Sharon Hackney and they had two daughters, Traci and Terri.

In 1984 he married Joy Johnson. Bill and Joy lived in and around the Tulsa area for most of their married life. He recently retired and continued to live in

Tulsa with his wife, Joy, and his mother-in-law, Rose Hefley, who was very dear to his heart.

Bill's passion was coaching and especially, football. He began his career in Little River, Kansas., moving later to La Crosse, Kansas. From there he went to Artesia, New Mexico where he coached with John Welborn. John and Bill coached side by side for many years including Shawnee, Oklahoma and Pampa, Texas. Bill also coached several places in Oklahoma, including Alva, Hennessey, Crescent, Westville, Salina, Wagoner, Berryhill, and Kingfisher. In Kingfisher, he coached with his grandson, Taylor Schwerdtfeger.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Terri Balcom Wiersig; and his brother, Steven Balcom.

Bill is survived by his wife, Joy, of Tulsa; his mother-in-law, Rose Hefley of Tulsa; his daughter, Traci Balcom Wynn and husband, David, of Alva; his grandchildren, Taylor Schwerdtfeger and wife, Jill, of Alva, Wade Schwerdtfeger and wife, Hayley, of Oklahoma City, ShaLyn Melvin and husband, Matt, of Kingfisher, and Lane Wiersig of Alva; his great-grandchildren, Ali and Kodi Schwerdtfeger of Alva, and Matthew Schaefer of Kingfisher; his son-in-law Doug Wiersig of Alva.

He is also survived by his stepchildren and grandchildren, Dana Whatley Harris, Josh and Dustin, and Brett and Sara Whatley, Kay, Cameron, Kevin and Clara; other relatives and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alva Goldbug Educational Foundation (check must be made payable to Communities Foundation of Oklahoma) or the NWOSU Foundation.

Bill will be missed by his family and many friends, coaches and players.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William E. "Bill" Balcom*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Bill & I were close friends in high school at Long Beach Poly. We played football together, basketball, and community basketball together. We were fraternity brothers in High School. Bill was Senior Class President at Poly. He was one of the most well liked and respected persons at Poly. The last time we were together was when Bill came back to the 50th high school reunion for Poly. Bill was all City in Junior High School while attending Franklin Jr. High School. Bill achieved CIF honors as the tailback at Poly. I wish I had been able to keep in touch with Bill, but I could not locate him after his attendance at the 50th high school reunion. He was a great friend.*

Graham Rhodes

Graham Rhodes - August 21, 2019 at 01:19 AM



“ *I played football with Bill at NWOSU, and we were friends. Loved the guy. Last time I saw him was in '86 at a track meet. Bill was one of the kindest people I ever knew. The world needs more like him.*

John McCoy - January 17, 2019 at 12:34 AM

BG

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Bob Gill - December 16, 2017 at 09:57 PM

NH

“ Joy, we are so sorry for your loss....I have a lot of fond memories of Bill....the way he kept his ball cap folded in his back pocket....his kind demeanor....great heart, great coach....always looked for the positivesuch a kind heart and soul....
Norman & Robyn Hall

Norman Hall - December 12, 2017 at 11:56 AM

GB

“ I drove the bus to all the away games and shared some great times with him. Good man !

Gene Brewster - December 12, 2017 at 08:31 AM

DN

“ I only had the privilege to play for Coach Balcom for one year before I graduated. But I did get to spend a football and baseball season with him. He was one of our most favorite coaches that we ever had. I'm sorry that I can't be there in person to pay my respects.

Derrick Noblin - December 11, 2017 at 08:13 PM

DN

“ Derrick Noblin purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of William E. "Bill" Balcom.



Derrick Noblin - December 11, 2017 at 08:06 PM

BB

“ Bill was the best person that I ever met.

Buzz Bell - December 09, 2017 at 02:51 PM

TW

I believe my dad thought the same of you. I heard your name so many times over the years.

Traci Wynn - December 10, 2017 at 08:16 PM

DW

“ Sending our sympathy to Bill's family. Prayers of comfort to all.



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - December 09, 2017 at 01:13 AM

MG

“ Bill was a great guy, enjoyed him and working with him while at NWOSU. Kept up with him as he worked with Jonn Welborn and some other friends of mine over the years as our coaching jobs at times crossed. Another good Ranger goes off in the sunset, he will be missed. Mike Garrison

Mike Garrison - December 08, 2017 at 09:52 AM

PC

My two sons played football for Coach Balcom at Westville. He was a very positive force in their lives. He and Joy made a difference.

Patsygail Wilkie Calhoun - December 11, 2017 at 07:40 PM

CB

“ *Traci,
I have so many fond memories of your sweet daddy. Just know sweet cousin we will be lifting you and your family up in prayer. Our deepest sympathy, Jack and Carol Bowers*

Carol Bowers - December 07, 2017 at 12:48 PM

BT

“ *I remember Bill at NWSC. He was a man of integrity and was very considerate of other people. Prayers for the family.*

Benny Travis - December 07, 2017 at 11:43 AM

BW

“ *I first met Bill when he coached me in football, taught several of my classes, and was my driver's education teacher at Pampa Senior High School. Later he became my step father for the last 32 years. Thank you Bill for all the great memories, Rest in Peace, you will always be in our hearts. Special prayers for my mom Joy Balcom, grandmother Rose Hefley, Traci Balcom Wynn and her family!*

Brett Whatley

brett whatley - December 06, 2017 at 11:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of William E. "Bill" Balcom.



December 06, 2017 at 08:25 PM