



Mr Billy Lee Lankford III

February 16, 1971 - October 5, 2021

Billy Lee Lankford III, age 50, passed away on October 5, 2021 at Thomas Hospital in Fairhope, Ala. Paige Lankford, his devoted wife of 26 years, was by his side.

Billy was born on February 16, 1971 in Great Lakes, Illinois. He received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Texas Christian University. Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the Army and bravely served for eight years as an Airborne Ranger. His assignments included Fort Bragg, Fort Benning, South Korea and the Sinai Peninsula.

Following his retirement from the Army, Billy enjoyed a successful career in medical sales, achieving top rankings in his company. At the time of his passing, he was the owner of Lankford Allstate Agency in Fairhope, Ala. and the producer of the St. Michael Catholic High School football broadcast for Archangel Radio.

Billy was a devout Catholic and an active parishioner at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. He loved sports, good conversation, and most significantly, his family. Billy shared his passion for athletics through coaching soccer and lacrosse, encouraging football players before a game and participating in his sons' sports and activities. He loved his boys immensely and was so proud of them; spending time with them was the driving force behind his involvement in their

sports teams and youth groups.

Billy is survived by his wife, Paige Watler Lankford, and their two children, Drew Lankford and Ryan Lankford; his parents, Billy Lankford, Jr., and Luisita Lankford; his sister Kristin Wegner (Mike) and their children Ethan and Emma; and his mother-in-law, Peggy Reynolds Watler. Billy leaves behind numerous family members including aunts, uncles and cousins who will miss him greatly. Billy was preceded in death by his grandparents Billy Lankford, Sr., Loretta Lankford and Gloria Roman; and by his father-in-law, Don Watler.

Visitation for Billy will be Monday, October 11 from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Fairhope, Ala. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Pine Rest Funeral Home in Foley, Ala.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Michael Catholic High School at 11732 St. Michael Way, Fairhope, AL 36532, or Archangel Radio at 399 S. Section St., Fairhope, AL 36532.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
307 S. Section St
Fairhope, AL 36532

Funeral Mass

OCT 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
307 S. Section St
Fairhope, AL 36532

Graveside

OCT 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

Pine Rest Memorial Park
16541 US Hwy 98
Foley, AL 36535
(251) 943-5667
info@pinerestfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Billy Lee Lankford III*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Mr Billy Lee Lankford III*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *I just read about Billy in TCU Magazine. My sincerest condolences to his family*

I was in ROTC with Billy. He was a good friend and a great person. We had more great times together than I can recall. He was my party pal in New Orleans during Mardi Gras and we were always looking for something to rappel from around Fort Worth. We had lost contact over the years, but would still think about our times together 30 years later and smile.

*Love you my friend...may you rest in peace.
Norm Leger*

Norm Leger - February 28, 2022 at 08:33 PM

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“ Billy was my year-one roommate at TCU. He got me involved with ROTC Ranger Challenge (a terrific experience and memory) and a few other adventures. I remember that year he said he was going to be Battalion Commander of our ROTC unit. And when we were seniors, he did just that. He was smart, capable and driven. But more importantly, he was kind, generous and a great friend. His passing is a great loss to all that knew him. He will be missed.



Forrest Buchly - October 22, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mr Billy Lee Lankford III.



October 10, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr Billy Lee Lankford III.



October 08, 2021 at 04:07 PM

MJ

“ *Mary, Mike, David, Cheryl and Joetta purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr Billy Lee Lankford III.*



Mary, Mike, David, Cheryl and Joetta - October 07, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr Billy Lee Lankford III.*



October 07, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Mr Billy Lee Lankford III.*



October 07, 2021 at 09:01 AM