



## Bill A. Ballinger

December 20, 1957 - February 22, 2021

\*\*\*Bill's memorial service will be live-streamed at <https://www.firstsouthern.tv/> \*\*\*

William "Bill" Ballinger, age 63, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, passed peacefully with his family by his side on the morning of Monday, February 22, 2021.

Bill was born on December 20, 1957 in Nocona, Texas to Sam and Virginia Ballinger. He spent most of his childhood in Oklahoma with his siblings and family, although he resided in many states such as Tennessee, Texas, and Oklahoma.

Bill attended college at The University of Central Oklahoma. While in college, he met his future wife and mother to his four children, Elizabeth "Ellen" Ballinger. They were married on May 10, 1980. After completing college, he went on to attend Southwestern Seminary to become a minister.

Bill had a heart for service. He was a believer in taking care of and leading others, which led him to become a teacher at various schools, including a local charter school in Oklahoma City, Santa Fe South, where he taught music. He worked in various churches as minister, most recently as the Associate Pastor for Sooner Baptist Church in Del City.

Bill's passions included art, gardening, antiques and ministry. He would often be found on any given afternoon tending to his garden, working on a sermon, or painting.

Bill was also a passionate singer and musician. Those passions played out in the form of being a member of the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma, and also in directing performances for the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Choir.

Bill was a loving father to his four children and their spouses: Autumn and Justin Paterson, Samuel and Lesley Ballinger, Tucker and Steffanie Ballinger, and Jameson and Dylan Ballinger.

Lovingly nicknamed "Poppy" by his seven grandchildren, Adelyn Ballinger, Boston Paterson, Nash Paterson, Sadie Ballinger, Baker Paterson, Emmett Ballinger, and Jolie Ballinger, he could often be found keeping a watchful eye, snuggling them in his favorite chair, and teaching them life lessons they would need for the future.

Bill is preceded in death by his mother Virginia Ballinger, and his father, Sam Ballinger.

Services will be held to honor Bill's memory at First Southern Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 11:00am.

Per the family's wishes a private graveside interment will be conducted prior to the memorial service. Face protection during the service is required due to recommended guidelines.

# Cemetery

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## Heritage Burial Park at South Lakes

4000 SW 119th St.  
Oklahoma City, OK, 73173

# Events

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**FEB 24** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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First Southern Baptist Church  
6400 S. Sooner Rd., Oklahoma City, OK, US,  
73135

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Ford Funeral Service** - February 23 at 02:01 PM

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“ So sad to hear of Bill's passing. I have wonderful memories of Bill during our high school years as an artist and awesome musician; wish I had kept in touch with him after graduation. Prayers to the family.



**Kathy Crews** - February 24 at 04:08 PM

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“ The world is a better place due to Bill being in it. All are blessed who had the privilege of knowing him. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4 For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end. Psalm 48:14

We love you all,  
Jana & Adler Stephens

**Jana Stephens** - February 24 at 10:02 AM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bill A. Ballinger.



February 24 at 08:48 AM

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“ Bill and I got acquainted during college through music. He was so talented! As he and Ellen served various churches, we stayed in touch through music ministry opportunities. But we became “buddies” when we worked together in children’s choir at First Southern Baptist Church. In 2001, we co-wrote a children’s musical along with our friend, Charlanne. The set he designed and built for the performance was incredible, showcasing his artistic talents. I miss him already. Ellen and family, you are in my prayers.

Love,  
Marsha Ray

**Marsha Ray** - February 24 at 08:46 AM

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“ Dear family. I don't know you personally but I know many people who do. Your husband,dad,granddad had a great influence on many people. I could tell he loved those around him and shared God's love with many. I will be praying for your family.  
Phyllis Rogers

**Phyllis Rogers** - February 23 at 11:44 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bill A. Ballinger.



February 23 at 11:42 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Bill's passing from this life. We will be praying for your sweet family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. It is such a wonder to know he is now with our Savior! Love to you all, David and Lou Ann Ellis

Lou Ann Ellis - February 23 at 09:38 PM

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“ Where do I even start? Bill is like a brother to me and a second dad to my kids. He taught my kids to play the piano and drums. He lead them in music. He spoke life into them. He cried with us and laughed with us. It didn't matter the hour of the day, if we needed him; he was there.

He was a protector. He was giving. He gave up payment of lessons for a year so music was still learned and lived. His door was always open rather at home or church. He would listen and then give advice needed. I could go on and on. There is truly a hole in my heart. I'm forever grateful for the God-given blessing, Bill Ballinger.

Kristin Tracy - February 23 at 09:30 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill A. Ballinger.



February 23 at 09:01 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bill A. Ballinger.



February 23 at 03:14 PM

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“ We will always be so thankful to Bill and Ellen for everything they did for us as young adults. We will be praying and thinking of his wife and family during this time.



**The Ginter Family** - February 23 at 02:36 PM

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“ Bill, his sister Christie (flute) and mother, Virginia were among the most wonderful people to have blessed my personal life. Bill, was the one I selected to Drum Major the WHHS Jets Marching Band. Highly, highly dependable, Bill served the responsibility with passion. I shall never forget you Bill, top of the the list. I say hi to Christie and share your loss. John Pennington, WHHS Band Director, 1971 - 1988.

**John Pennington** - February 23 at 02:32 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bill A. Ballinger.



February 23 at 02:19 PM

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“ Senior adult Sunday School Class purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bill A. Ballinger.



**Senior adult Sunday School Class** - February 23 at 02:05 PM

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“ 85 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Ford Funeral Service** - February 23 at 01:47 PM

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“ My prayers to the family of Bill. I always appreciated the gentleness of spirit and the times we ministered together in the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma. I enjoyed the musical abilities with which he played, both at First Southern Baptist in Del City and Sooner Baptist Church.

Ellen, I'm so sorry for the emotional pain and loss you and family are experiencing and while I'm praying for the wonderful grace of the Holy Spirit to comfort you, I'm rejoicing for Bill that he has completed his race and is in the presence of Jesus and will be praising Him for an eternity. I will look forward to a reunion when I have completed my course.

Adrian V. Martin, McCloud

**Adrian Martin** - February 23 at 01:11 PM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Bill A. Ballinger.



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“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Bill A. Ballinger.



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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bill and I were classmates at WHHS Class of 76. We were voted most talented in our senior class but actually he was the only one with talent. We do share a love of Christ and I admire his life long dedication and service to our Lord. There are no words but I am praying for the entire Ballinger family as you grieve. God bless you with his mercy and grace. Tammy Lovelady

**Tammy Lovelady** - February 23 at 12:47 AM