

William Mack (Bill) Holt, Jr.

Many people knew him as Mack but just as many or more knew him as Bill. Bill was not a man to be described in one word or two. He was charming, helpful, dedicated, loving and deeply, deeply appreciative for even the smallest kindness. He wasn't a big man in stature but he had the heart of a giant.

Bill loved his family, his job and his church. He was extremely proud of his service to his country in World War II. He never tired of talking about the B-26 Marauder.

Bill spent most of his working life in the retail business as a store manager. He worked for J.C. Penney's, K. Wolen's until the chain closed, then in later years at Wal-Mart. He worked at the Crockett Wal-Mart Super Center for 16 years.

Bill loved to work. He only retired at the age of 83 due to illness. While working at the Wal-Mart store in Crockett, you couldn't walk in the place without hearing them constantly paging



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"Mr. Bill" to solve some store problem.

Bill loved to work but still made time for gardening (for which his picture was in the paper for the huge tomatoes he grew), reading science fiction, mysteries and westerns, playing solitaire and working word puzzles. While in Crockett, he also had a clock repair shop known as "The Clock Doctor."

Anyone who knew Bill will remember his bear hugs; a family friend even nicknamed him "Huggy Bear."

Bill was born in Fort

Worth, Texas on August 24, 1922 and passed away on February 27, 2008 in College Station, Texas.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William Mack Holt, Sr. and Ella Clark Holt, and one brother and sister-in-law, Bob Holt and wife, Loyce Holt.

Bill is survived by his wife of 24 years, Cecilia Holt; his daughters, Joyce Payne, Cathy Bowers and husband, Bill Bowers, and Jacki Payne; and his brothers, Marvin Holt and wife, Glenna Holt, and John David Holt, among other relatives.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Houston County Visitors Center Museum at 303 S. 1st, Crockett, Texas 75835.

A Memorial Mass Service will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2008, at 2 p.m. at the St. Francis of the Tejas Catholic Church in Crockett, Texas.

Bill will always be remembered by those of us who loved and respected him.