



William Joseph Crawford,

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Billy Crawford, 54, of Concord, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 after a courageous two year battle with colon cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family, who cherished him for the strength and joy he brought to their lives each day.

Billy was born on September 10, 1962 in Florida to the late William J Crawford Sr. and Mary Robinson Crawford. He and his brother Bryan grew up in Charlotte, where they enjoyed playing baseball, riding bikes and just being "Paw Creek boys." Billy graduated from West Mecklenburg ('80) where he played football and baseball. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Western Carolina University.

Billy began his career with Barclays Financial in Charlotte; however, he was best known as a loyal employee with One Main Financial, formerly Citi Financial, where he served as a Senior Account Specialist. Billy's work ethic and commitment to his job and his work family, even while struggling with cancer, were just a few of his tremendous traits.

Billy will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father, committed son, a loyal friend and family member, and a faithful Christian. Most of all, he'll be remembered for his "big heart." He was a proud member of Hickory Grove United Methodist Church, where he volunteered as a youth leader and served through the Room in the Inn ministry. He was actively involved in the Epiphany ministry and had a huge impact on young lives at the Foothills Correctional Institute and Stonewall Jackson Juvenile Detention Center, where he had the privilege to serve as a lay leader. Other volunteer efforts included serving as a proud dad in the Pride of Robinson Marching Band "Pit Crew" for eight years.

Billy's greatest passion and love was for his family – Suzy, his wife of 26 years; his daughter Ryn and "son-in-love" Brent Messenger, and his daughter Neely. He made their lives full and complete, and his love will live on through them forever!



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Other survivors include his brother Bryan (Sara) and his niece Clara, Jerri and Eddie Haigler (sister and brother-in-law) and nephew William, his uncle David Robinson (Jan), cousins Michael (Renee) and their children Will and Landon, and Douglas (Buab) and their son Ty, and mother-in-law Helen James Presson.

A Celebration of Life Service for Billy will be held on Sunday, March 5 at 4:15 p.m. at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church in Charlotte. A reception will follow the service. Those attending the celebration service are asked to bring non-perishable food items for the church's backpack ministry (breakfast, lunch and dinner items). Memorials may be made to the Helping Hands Fund at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church (6401 Hickory Grove Road, Charlotte, NC 28215) or the charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank the numerous medical professionals that helped to keep our "Teflon Man's" cape flowing in the wind. Billy began his battle with cancer in December 2014; he won his ultimate victory and received his eternal reward in heaven on February 28, 2017.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. – 2 Timothy 4:7-8

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family. www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com.



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AH

Amy Hussey posted:

He will be missed dearly had so much fun with him when he was one of the band dad's. He had such a big heart and smile on his face all the time. May he rest in peace and hugs and kisses to the family. Love Amy Hussey, Courtney Hansen Glenn, The rest of the Bizjak's.

March 5 at 6:05 PM

SH

Steve Hagler posted:

Billy Crawford reminded me of the old saying, "Preach the gospel everyday, and if necessary use words". He lived his faith and shared the love of Christ with so many. Like Starr said, "you taught us well Billy Crawford" Rest in peace my friend. Love and peace of Christ to Suzy and the family. Steve Hagler

March 4 at 7:31 AM

SH

Star Howell posted:

I loved so much about Billy Crawford. Those wonderful smiles and great big hugs. After spending time with Billy you always felt better. His love and kindness were contagious. I enjoyed so much serving with Billy and Suzy as Youth Counselors. I have wonderful memories of retreats, Youth Worker Conferences and beach trips. You have taught us well Billy Crawford. You taught us how to love and treat others and how to fight the good fight with grace and dignity. You will always be our Teflon Man. I will see you again dear friend. Always in my heart, Star Howell

March 3 at 1:12 PM

MT

Ms. F. Taylor posted:

Sincere Condolences To The Crawford Family,Death leaves a heartache that only Almighty God can heal, Love leaves precious memories that no one can steal. "For everything there is an appointed time, even...a time to weep." Ecclesiastes 3:1,4. With Peace & Loving-Kindness,

March 3 at 6:08 AM

JK

Joe & Elaine Krause posted:

So sad to hear of your dear husband's death. You are in our prayers.

March 3 at 3:41 AM



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SH

Star Howell posted:

Beautiful words for a beautiful man. I loved so much about Billy Crawford. I loved his smiles that he offered freely and his great, big hugs. After spending time with Billy I always left feeling better. His love and kindness were contagious. I enjoyed so much serving with Billy and Suzy as youth counselors. I have wonderful memories of youth retreats, Sunday night MYF, beach trips and Youth Workers Conferences. You have taught us well Billy Crawford. You taught us how to love and treat others and how to fight the good fight with grace and dignity. You will always be our Teflon Man. I will see you again dear friend. Always in my heart, Star Howell

March 2 at 2:29 PM

PM

Patrisia Magallon posted:

May fond memories of your loved one bring you comfort during this hard time in your life. Look back on all the good memories you were able to have and smile at the fact that you were able to share these before he passed away. My hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. God has promised us that we will soon be reunited with our loved ones. "There is going to be a resurrection," the Bible confirms at Acts 24:15. "Do not be amazed at this," Jesus assures us, "for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." (John 5:28, 29)

March 1 at 9:49 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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