



## Ret. Capt. William "Bill" Rattay, Jr.

June 21, 1959 - December 17, 2024

Retired Captain William "Bill" Rattay, Jr., age 65, passed away on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at the Methodist Hospital Northeast, located in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on June 21, 1959 in Lancaster, Ohio.

William "Bill" Edward Rattay Jr., born on June 21, 1959 in Lancaster, Ohio, to William Sr. and Myrna Rattay, peacefully passed away in the loving arms of his wife on December 17, 2024. A dedicated husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and public servant, Bill lived his life guided by honesty, humor, and a deep devotion to those he loved and served.

For more than 30 years, Bill devoted himself to law enforcement, ultimately achieving the distinguished rank of captain. Through his steadfast leadership, unwavering integrity, and readiness to lend a hand to anyone in need, he earned the respect and admiration of colleagues and community members alike. His professional legacy is defined by his calm judgment, genuine compassion, and tireless commitment to protecting and improving the lives of others.

Bill's proudest achievements were always found at home. For 30 years, he shared a loving marriage with his wife, Tamara, whose steady partnership and support shaped their family's warmth and closeness. He was a devoted father to his sons, William and Steven, and an affectionate father-in-law to Genny.

Bill's eyes would light up at the mention of his grandsons, Liam and Jaxon, whose laughter and curiosity brought him endless joy.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Tamara Rattay of Del Rio; sons: William Rattay of Canyon Lake, TX, and Steven Rattay and Genny Rattay also of Canyon Lake, sisters, Tammy Thomas (husband Blair Thomas) and Cindy Lomax (husband Duane Lomax), grandchildren: William Aaron Rattay and Jaxon Rattay, as well as numerous others who will forever cherish his memory.

Outside of his work, Bill found solace and happiness in simple pleasures. He cherished long rides—both on his bicycles and motorcycles—and took pride in working around his ranch, nurturing the land and caring for the animals that called it home. His sharp wit, sarcastic humor, and boundless generosity were constants in the lives of friends and family, who could always count on him for a good laugh, a helping hand, or an understanding shoulder.

As we say goodbye, we remember a man whose character shone through in acts both large and small. William "Bill" Edward Rattay Jr. will be profoundly missed, and his spirit lives on in the many hearts he touched.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2024 from 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 2 p.m. in the Trinity Chapel of Faith.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Trinity Mortuary  
206 Kings Way  
Del Rio, TX 78840  
(830) 775-2230  
info@trinitymortuary.com  
<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

## Celebration of Life

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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*-“End of Watch” Call to begin at 2 p.m. -Celebration of Life in the chapel at 2:10 p.m.*

# Tribute Wall

EK

“ Mrs. Tamara Rattay and family, my condolences to you and your family. My husband, John Kirtley, served as police officer with Mr. Rattay at Del Rio Police Department. I pray that our Heavenly Father will wrap His arms around you and your family and give you strength and comfort in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Eva Kirtley



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**Eva Kirtley** - December 21, 2024 at 11:35 AM

OB

“ We're so very sorry for your loss. Our family will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

*With Respect*

*Oscar A Beasley*

*And Family*

*Baytown Texas*

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**Oscar Albert Beasley** - December 21, 2024 at 08:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ret. Capt. William "Bill" Rattay, Jr..

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December 20, 2024 at 08:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ret. Capt. William "Bill" Rattay, Jr..



December 20, 2024 at 08:37 PM



“ The Rattays Steve, Carol, Jane, Max, Teri purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ret. Capt. William "Bill" Rattay, Jr..



The Rattays Steve, Carol, Jane, Max, Teri - December 20, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ The Rattays Steve, Carol, Jane, Max, Teri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ret. Capt. William "Bill" Rattay, Jr..

The Rattays Steve, Carol, Jane, Max, Teri - December 20, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ My heartfelt, sadness and most sincere condolences to wife Tamara Rattay of Del Rio; sons: William Rattay of Canyon Lake, Texas, and Steven Rattay and Genny Rattay also of Canyon Lake; siblings: Tammy Thomas (Blair) of Del Rio and Cindy Lomax (Duane) of Amarillo, and family in your difficult time of sorrow. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May Ret. Capt. William "Bill" Rattay, Jr. RIP 🙏

Annabelle Escamilla - December 19, 2024 at 09:31 PM

LT

“ Love, Aunt Beverly & Don and Tracy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ret. Capt. William "Bill" Rattay, Jr..



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**Love, Aunt Beverly & Don and Tracy** - December 19, 2024 at 06:53 PM

CM

“ My deepest condolences to all Bill's family and friends. I am so grateful for his great service to our community. May God comfort you through these days.

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**Carrie Martin** - December 19, 2024 at 02:09 PM

BV

“ Capt. Bill, you are already missed. Thank you for your service... May Yehoshua receive your soul and bless your family & friends... msy you rest in peace...

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**bea Vallejo** - December 19, 2024 at 01:09 PM

MS

“ Tamara and the Rattay Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I am at a loss for words, but know that my Prayers are with you all at this time. May Bill RIP, a man that I am sure many will miss.



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**Mario Saucedo** - December 19, 2024 at 09:25 AM

DH

“ Bill was a wonderful person, who will be missed terribly. He blessed me with two amazing sons, of which I am forever grateful. He was a blessing in so many ways and to so many people. I know how difficult it is for Tamara right now. Bill said so many times, she was his soulmate, and losing that is horrible. I am thankful he is heaven and no longer deals with the pains and troubles in this world today and I look forward to seeing him in heaven one day. He will be watching over the family always.



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Deboeah Haley - December 19, 2024 at 08:27 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ret. Capt. William "Bill" Rattay, Jr..



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December 18, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ret. Capt. William "Bill" Rattay, Jr..

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December 18, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ret. Capt. William "Bill" Rattay, Jr..

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December 18, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ret. Capt. William "Bill" Rattay, Jr..



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