

Billy Dean Donovan was born November 4, 1929, in Spearman, Texas. He died August 8, 2026 at the age of 96. His family suffered through Scarlet fever, Typhoid fever, the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. His father Carl Donovan passed away when Bill was only 6. His mother Pearl Jacoby Donovan raised four sons Gilbert, Harold, Lyle and Bill on her own.

Bill graduated from Central High School in Oklahoma City, attended OBU and joined the US Navy during the Korean War. He served four years as a Medical Corpsman with the First Marine Division and returned to OBU where he graduated in 1955.

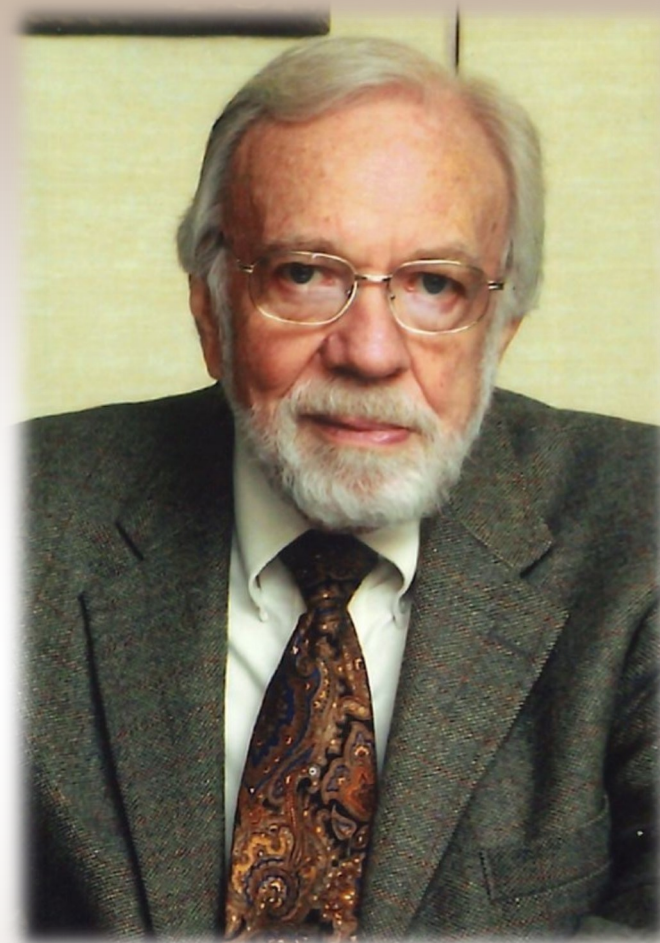
He met Peggy Galloway at OBU of Shawnee, OK and they married in 1953.

Bill pastored Southern Baptist churches in Oklahoma and Texas. He served as a Hospital Chaplain before becoming the Chaplain at Oklahoma State Penitentiary. After retirement from O.S.P. they moved back to Shawnee, and he worked for the Baptist Home Mission Board in O.K.C. They then moved to Atlanta, GA to work for the Baptist Home Mission Board in the Racetrack Chaplaincy Dept.

Bill and Peggy retired to Shawnee and Peggy died on April 5, 2014. Bill married JoAnna Alexander in 2016.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Pearl Donovan and first wife, Peggy Galloway Donovan.

Bill is survived by daughter, Rebecca Donovan, son, Steve and wife Lisa Corrente Donovan, daughter, Cynthia and husband Lynn Wallis, and daughter, Lori Donovan, grandchildren, Brody Wallis and wife Cami, Reese Wallis and wife Kayle, Benjamin Donovan and Naomi Donovan, and second wife, JoAnna Alexander Donovan.



In Loving Memory of

Billy Dean Donovan

November 4, 1929 - August 8, 2026

“Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

Philippians 4:8



Billy Donovan

Date of Birth

November 4, 1929
Spearman, Texas

Died

August 8, 2026
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Funeral Ceremony

Saturday, August 15, 2026
Two O'clock in the Afternoon
Walker Funeral Chapel
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Officiant

Arthur Scrutchins

Soloist

Klint McClendon

Musical Selections

“It Is Well With My Soul”
“Amazing Grace”

Final Resting Place

Fairview Cemetery
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Military Honors

The United States Navy

Casketbearers

Steve Donovan	Clif Shannon
Lynn Wallis	Bill Shields
Brody Wallis	Jim Rinker
Reese Wallis	