

William Denton Black

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Sending my love and condolences for Bill's passing. He was such a great father figure to me while growing up. My heart is with you. Much love, Robin

- Robin Nakamura

I will always remember Bill for several reasons: He always seemed to have newspaper articles at church that he had cut out and was sure that I would be interested in because of my profession. Bill had a great sense of humor to share with all the brethren during priesthood and other meetings. He served as the bishop of the Willow Glen ward for several years and was very successful. Bill could play the piano by ear and did so at many church functions. In our home we often could convince Bill to play boogie-woogie on our otherwise unused piano. When Bill was called upon to teach the priesthood or Sunday school lessons, he always gave an inspiring and well prepared and interesting lesson.

- Gary Smith

I send my caring thoughts to the Black family as you celebrate the life of your husband, father, and grandfather. Bill truly loved his family and was so proud of their accomplishments. I am thankful to have served as Bill's Relief Society President when he was Bishop. I was always impressed with his tender caring for all Ward members. Bill's piano playing talents were amazing. He could just make a piano dance. I would often plead for him to play for Ward activities. We all benefited from his talents. Bill will surely be missed and remembered.

- Dawn Smith

We send our thoughts, hugs, and prayers of comfort to you Aunt JoAnne and to your sweet family. We loved uncle Bill so much. He was a kind and loving gentle giant and I have many memories with him when I was younger on our family trips to Cali and the many Christmas Eve's spent together. We send our love to you all during this difficult time and will always remember wonderful uncle Bill. ❤■❤■❤■

- Jinger Shoemaker and family

Dear Joanne, I am so sorry for your loss. You and Bill were the first to welcome me to Willow Glen and you always made me feel valued. I loved getting his weekly music quips. I will miss him! Love and prayers, Sharon Kaye

- Sharon Kaye

I am sorry to hear of your loss. Bill was one of the best. I enjoyed Bill's calm approach and his quite laugh. He will be missed. Dennis and Melissa Frandsen

- Dennis L Frandsen

I will miss the show tunes that Brother Black played at ward parties. I remember several years ago when I was teaching Sunday school and asked Bro Black to play a hymn for me. He seemed reluctant but I had been impressed to ask him. He played the hymn and I don't remember which one it was with a slight 'show tune' cadence. I loved it more than I could really express to him. I appreciated his comments and testimony as well. He will always be dear to my heart.

- Sherri Voydat

Joann & Family, My prayers are with you all at this time as you are going through the loss of your sweet husband, father, and grandfather. Uncle Bill was a kind, remarkable man. I remember visiting California with Grandma Vera and spending time in your welcoming home. Bill always had a smile and a laugh for us each day we were there. He was warm, funny, and always willing to help us get around the city and explore new things. I also remember him from visits to Utah for Christmas and summer trips. It was so much fun to be with your family when we were young! Bill will be missed by everyone who knew him. Big hugs from me and my kids. ❤■❤■❤■ Jill Jackstien Angerbauer

- Jill Angerbauer

I enjoyed knowing Bill very much. I too was a recipient of various clipped articles that Bill guessed I would be interested in. I enjoyed singing in the Ward Choir with Bill. While I am not a strong bass singer, if I could be close enough to hear Bill's strong bass notes, I could stay on pitch and follow his strong lead. He always amazed me when he sat down at the piano and played tune after tune perfectly with no music sheets in front of him. I am honored to know Bill and be one of his friends.

- Karl Turner

Hi team Black, very sorry to hear about your Dad moving on. I always loved his pleasant, even keeled demeanor in all things. He was one of the Good Guys. Hoping you are able to now celebrate his life, his achievements and can look forward to a future reunion.

- Marvin Cluff

I’m so sorry to hear of the passing of Bishop Black! Growing up in the Cherry Glen Ward,, he and Sister Black were a big part of our stake and inter ward activities. I know they knew my grandparents, Marvin and Margarita Cluff well.

We’ve been in Willow Glen ward for the past 18years and have sat two rows behind them most sacrament meetings. My most favorite memory of him, was how each Christmas season, he would give a report in Sunday School, about how much the 12 days of Christmas would cost in todays economy, like how much it would cost to hire 12 drummers to drum, or buy 7 geese..silly but it was an endearing tradition. He also would play the Bells in Sacrament meeting the first Sunday of the New year when we'd sing Ring out Wild Bells. I really missed that this year with Covid. My heart goes out to all his family and loved ones.❤■

- Reanna Rhodes

To the Black family. Brother Black was always welcoming. Enjoyed going over to your home for socials. Sending prayers and blessings your way.

- Holly Tamburrino

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What a fine man he was in all respects. We loved him from the moment we met him...Larry first but he welcomed me with welcoming arms when I joined this family. He was always warm and friendly and loved stimulating conversations... always so knowledgeable about everything!! He was constantly reading and learning and kept his mind active and alert... I respect him for that effort. Must be from all those “ hanging bits of info” he gathered to share. We enjoyed vacations with them.... boat rides , beach trips, dancing in the studio, Christmases at Grandma Vera and Grandpa Grant’s home over the years, and great times shared at the cabin. So many wonderful memories that have enhanced our lives. His care and concern for his family was always evident. JoAnn .. you were so lucky to have loved this kind man and to have been so adored by him over the years.... he has left behind a great legacy of love, tenderness, and compassion. We will make a donation in his name to the OSSO Orphanage Foundation... so many children around the world who were not blessed to have a father like Bill to care for them. Life is fleeting and when we all come to realize that “ just enough is a feast”...our world will be a happier place. Appreciating the small things in life was Bill’’s style and he leaves this world a better place for having been here among us. We love him and all of his family so much!! God Bless■ Bette and Larry Jackstien

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