



## Billy Ray Hearn

April 26, 1929 - April 15, 2015

Billy Ray Hearn born April 26, 1929 in Beaumont, TX to Opal Georgia Ray and Mitchell Hearn, died April 15, 2015 at his home in Nashville TN.

He is survived by his wife Nancy Peterson Hearn, three children Vicki Horne (Rick), Bill Hearn (Charmion) and Holly Whaley (Mark), two grandchildren Ashley Horne and Trevor Redding (Lane) and his great grandson Huck Nathanael Redding.

Billy Ray served in the United States Navy and was the first to graduate from Baylor University with a degree in Church music where he later served as a Regent for nine years. He spent many years following serving as minister of music in Baptist churches throughout the South.

Billy Ray was a pioneer of contemporary Christian music starting Myrhh Records in 1971 and founding Sparrow Records in 1976, signing artists such as Keith Green, BeBe and CeCe Winans and Steven Curtis Chapman. He became President and CEO and later Chairman of Capitol Christian Music Group, the world's largest Christian music and publishing company.

He is a member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and recipient of The Recording Academy President's Merit Award and Baylor's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Billy Ray has also faithfully served the Nashville community for more than 25 years through his contributions to and work with The Nashville Symphony, TJ Martell Foundation, The Nashville Wine Auction, Saint Cecilia Fine Arts Building Fund and many others.

Billy Ray Hearn was bigger than life and inspired countless people all over the world with his passion for life and his love of music, flowers and birds and great food and wine.

Visitation will be Friday, April 24 from 4-7 pm at BMI 10 Music Square East, Nashville TN 37203 and services Saturday, April 25 at 11 am at Brentwood Baptist Church, 7777 Concord Road, Brentwood, TN 37027.

In Lieu of flowers please consider a contribution to one of Bill Ray's favorite charities listed above.

PHILLIPS-ROBINSON FUNERAL HOME, (615)262-3312.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Ray Hearn*

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“ *May you find comfort from your memories, as well as GOD's word the bible. Why do people we love die? This is a question most of us ask , At Romans 5:12 says "That is why, just as through one man [Adam] sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of GOD to promise what is found at Rev. 21:4 that one day soon all sickness and yes death will be gone forever. If you like more information on why we die please visit [jw.org](http://jw.org).*

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“ *I would like to express my condolences to your family, it can be hard for friends and family to find the right words to express at difficult times like these. The Bible is a great source to look into and has helped me personally when My dad passed away. Jesus Christ promised that millions now dead will live again on this earth and have the prospect of remaining on it forever in a peaceful beautiful paradise earth. (Isaiah 35:5,6 John 5:29) A comforting thought is at Revelation 21:3,4, where it states "...And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry be anymore the former things have past away". This scripture gives us hope for the future! You can also find comfort in Acts 24:15 - Death does not end it all. May Jehovah God bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time. (Ps.46:1, Ps.83:18)*

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“ Vicki-We were so sorry to read about your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God be with you, Donna Adams Zemanek, RHS'69 Janet Adams Slaughter, RHS'72 Columbus Avenue Baptist

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**Donna Zemanek** - April 19, 2015 at 03:56 AM