



Dr. William Love

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Bill Love was born February 27, 1940 in El Paso, Texas to William and Lillian Love. At a very early age, the family moved to Oakland where he remained for the rest of his life. He was a product of the Oakland Public School system, attending Lafayette Elementary School, Lowell Middle School, McClymonds High School and Oakland City College. He played sports throughout his youth including baseball and football. He was on both the McClymonds and Oakland City College football teams. After Oakland City College, he matriculated at Humboldt State University, where he received both his Bachelor of Arts and Master's Degree in Psychology. While at Humboldt, he continued to play football. He was a member of the undefeated 1960 football team that competed for and won the NAIA National Championship.

On September 30, 1967 he married Willie Simmons and they remained married until his death. At the time of their marriage, Willie had a son Ronald, whom Bill subsequently adopted. Their marital union produced two daughters, Michelle and Barbara. His children were a source of joy to him. "Alles für die kinder" was a favorite saying of his – Everything for the children.

Bill was a community activist. He loved Oakland and more specifically West Oakland and its residents. He helped found the West Oakland Cultural House, Inc. and for a time served as its president. Following the Loma Prieta earthquake, he and a group of West Oakland residents founded the Citizens Emergency Relief Team (CERT) to assist in the rebuilding of West Oakland. Specifically, they worked to prevent the 880 Freeway from being rebuilt in its previous location - which had divided west Oakland. For this accomplishment, CERT received recognition from local and state officials.

Bill began his professional career at Cal State Hayward in the late 1960's. In September 1970 he joined the Peralta Community College District as one of the faculty for the new College of Alameda. During the next forty years he served in many capacities: Instructor, Athletic Director, Affirmative Action Officer, President of the Faculty Senate and Union Representative. He taught



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at College of Alameda, Laney College, and Merritt College. In 1975 he was named an ACE Fellow (American Council on Education). His great love was teaching. During his tenure he was able to impact the lives of thousands of individuals. Additionally, he was able to expand the COSER (Community Social Services/ Substance Abuse) Program. After retirement in 2004, he continued to teach in this program until his illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Ronald and brother Earl. He leaves to mourn him: his wife Willie, daughters Michelle and Barbara, his closest nephews William Eskridge, Jr. (Joyce) and Earl Love, Jr., nieces Robin Love (Amina Finley Love), adopted granddaughter Layla Juarez (Sergio and Rebecca Juarez), and a host of nieces, nephews, sisters and brothers in laws, other relatives, and dear friends too many to mention by name.

Viewneral Service Name: Funeral Service of Dr. William J. Love III

Funeral Service Link:

Please click the following link to join:

<https://viewneral.zoom.us/j/95076378271?pwd=RGNxRWpYaGI5TTRsNDl0RjMvU3gzdz09>

Viewneral ID: 950 7637 8271

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To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. If you are planning on attending a service, please contact the funeral home in advance, so that we can plan accordingly.

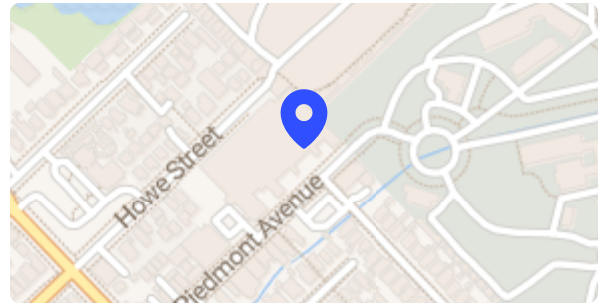


Events

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Visitation

- 📅 **Monday**, February 1, 2021
- 🕒 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM PT
- 📍 **Please contact family for details**
AK



Funeral Service

- 📅 **Tuesday**, February 2, 2021
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM PT
- 📍 <https://viewneral.zoom.us/j/95076378271?pwd=RGNxRWpYaGI5TTsNDI0RjMvU3gzdz09>
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Tribute Wall

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Chapel Of The Chimes Oakland shared a **Webcast Video**.



February 1 at 5:10 AM



Robin Love February 2 at 5:46 AM

From Linda Love 🌈👤 I will miss your laughter and smiling eyes ❤️ SAFELY HOME I am home in Heaven I, dear ones; so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light. All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last. Did you wonder I so calmly Trod in the shade? Oh! But Jesus' illuminated Every dark and glade. And He came Himself to meet me In that way so hard to tread; And with Jesus' to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread? Then you must not grieve so sorely, For I love you dearly still: Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's Will. There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand; Do it now while time remains - You shall rest in Jesus' land. When work is all completed, He will gently call you home; Oh the rapture of that meeting, Oh the joy to see you come!
:pray::skin-tone-4:



Arthur Wong posted:

I met Mr. love when I was auditing a Physical Education class at College of Alameda. Mr. Love is a true gentleman and a scholar. My condolences to out to his family. Stay strong.

February 13 at 11:10 PM



Aduery White posted:

I was so hurt when I heard about it and I thank my brother Ron being under his wing remember one year he was going to play Santa Claus for Street Scholars thank you Mrs Janice

April 12 at 10:13 PM



Michael, Christine, Ayanna And Jayden sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Love family.



February 2 at 7:00 AM



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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Love family.

February 2 at 1:26 AM



Alternier Cook lit a candle in honor of William.

Dear Love and Minniweather Family. Please accept the sincere condolences from the M. Robinson Baker Family. Sincerely, Alternier Baker Cook

February 1 at 4:34 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Love family.

February 1 at 1:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Joyful Memory to the Love family.

February 1 at 3:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Love family.

January 31 at 11:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Love family.

January 31 at 9:25 AM





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Mo, Matt, Drew, Steen And Families sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Love family.

January 31 at 8:56 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Love family.

January 24 at 5:56 PM



Carolyn Roundey posted:

Skipper was always warm and welcoming and interested. He shared his joy and wisdom whenever and wherever I saw him. His memory will be a blessing for all. My deepest condolences to Willie and family. Lots of love and hugs to you., Carolyn

January 24 at 11:57 AM



Margo posted:

We remember Skipper's brilliant mind, sharp sense of humor and warmth. He always admonished me, "you, public defenders need to organize. You fight for your clients but not yourselves." He told Cathy over and over again that "you're family." He will live in our hearts forever! Margo & Cathy

January 17 at 3:46 AM



Karen Chaney January 31 at 9:31 AM

Prayers and condolences to the family, thank you Dr. Love for always helping me through school, what a great man



Lily Samoranos January 22 at 10:50 PM

We will miss Bill "Skipper" for his sense of humor, kindness intelligence and humanity. He is larger than life and when he walks in the room, his wonderful presence fills the air. God bless Skipper and rest now in God's loving peace!Love, Lily, Reynold Samoranos



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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