



William Anthony Slatten

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William Anthony Slatten on Sunday February 26, 2006 at 10:15 A.M after a long and courageous bout with cancer. Billy was 66 years of age, a native and lifelong resident of New Orleans, LA. Beloved husband of Alma de Arrigunaga Slatten.; Son of Cecilia Bisso Slatten and the late James E. Slatten; Father of William A. Slatten, Jr. of Covington, LA, Scott Tappan Slatten of New Orleans, LA, and Elizabeth Slatten Healy, of Covington, LA; Brother of Mary Elizabeth Slatten of New Orleans, LA and the late James E. Slatten, Jr. and Cecilia LeBreton Slatten; Grandfather of William A. Slatten, III, Andrew Montgomery Slatten, Laura Elizabeth Slatten, Allison Edrington Slatten, Katherine Woodworth Slatten, Michael Bisso Slatten, Isabella Slatten Healy, William Dunbar Healy and Hyde Alford Healy. Affectionately known as “Captain Billy”, he graduated from Alcee Fortier High School and attended Tulane University. He was Chairman and CEO of Bisso Towboat Co., Inc. and was a U.S. Coast Guard Licensed Master of Rivers, Unlimited Tonnage. He was also President of Slatten Realty Co. and served on the Board of Directors of the Intercontinental Corp., Hickory, N.C. and Covenant Underwriters, Ltd., Covington, LA.

A dedicated Republican, he served as the President of the Orleans Levee Board from 1980-84 under the administration of Governor David C. Treen and also served as the Vice-President of the Lower Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association during this same time period. In 1995, he was named the Maritime Person of the Year and received the C. Alvin Bertel Award from the World Trade Club after serving five years as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, including one year as the President of the Board.

In 1996, he and his wife Alma were honored by the Preservation Resource Center for their continued support. He was a dedicated supporter of various charities and schools, including St. Andrews Episcopal School, Louise S. McGehee School, Isidore



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Newman School, Christ Episcopal School and Trinity Episcopal School. A lifelong supporter of Tulane University and its athletics programs, he served on the Board of Administrators of Tulane University from 1992 – 2005 and was a member of the Paul Tulane Society. He Co-Chaired the Committee for Athletic Giving, 1987-1992 and also Chaired the National Steering Committee, Campaign for Tulane Athletics, 1995. In 2003, as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Board which undertook the review of Tulane Athletics and its future viability, he championed the continuance of Tulane as a Division I-A program. In 2004, he received the inaugural William A. “Billy” Slatten Lifetime Achievement Award, named in his honor, from the Tulane University Athletics Department and was inducted into the Tulane Athletics Hall of Fame.

He was a member of the Bienville Club, Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the War of 1812, Mallory Society, Round Table Club, Men’s Opera Club and several Carnival organizations. He was also a member of the Southern Yacht Club and the Pass Christian Yacht Club and a lifetime sponsor of Ducks Unlimited.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services on Thursday March 2, 2006 at 2:00 PM from Christ Episcopal Church, 120 S. New Hampshire St., Covington, LA. Visitation will be from 11:00 AM until service time at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Tulane Athletics Fund, James W. Wilson Athletics Center, New Orleans, LA 70118-5698. Interment will be private at a later date in Metairie Cemetery. E. J. Fielding Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



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CH

Capt. Gerald Huber Sr. posted:

I can't express how much I respected and liked Capt. Billy, he decked with me and then gave me my first Captains job when I was only 19 years old. Capt. Billy was tough, but fair with his employees and I can honestly say I'll sure miss him even though we have lost contact over the years. THe many things he done on the river and for Tulane University was well appreciated and I know Capt. Billy is in Heaven with God, he was truly a great man. May God Bless his soul.

March 10 at 7:00 PM

JM

Jerry Miller posted:

I am very sorry to hear of Capt. Billy's passing. I had the pleasure of working for him at Bisso. I knew both Scott and Billy Jr well. Billy and I worked together on the mary S one summer. I am far removed now from my time on the river, but I think of it often and remember the good times I had their, times which Capt Billy allowed me by employing me. Rest in peace captain.

March 6 at 7:00 PM

RT

Robin Terrebonne posted:

My heart is aching for you and for your family. I'm so glad I knew him. Love, Robin

March 5 at 7:00 PM

BI

Blaine Dempke, Markey Machinery Co., Inc. posted:

Our thoughts are with you and your family. Take Care. Blaine

March 2 at 7:00 PM

CS

Chris Scelfo posted:

A dear friend. Rest in peace.

March 1 at 7:00 PM



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CL

Caroline And Dylan Langdon posted:

Dear Slatten Family,Liz and Dunbar Healy: Our prayers are with you and your family. We are saddened by the loss of such a good man.We feel blessed that we saw Capt. Billy and Alma at Church recently and know that he was and is at peace. God Bless, Caroline and Dylan

March 1 at 7:00 PM

GW

George A. Williams posted:

Please except my condolences. George

March 1 at 7:00 PM

SL

Sidney And Marilyn Lassen posted:

Alma: Marilyn and I were saddened to learn of Billys passing. Our thoughts are of all the happy times we spent together with you and the Captain. We wish we could be with you today to convey our sympathy and concern to you but we are exiled to Palm Beach Florida due to the destruction of our family houses in Lakewood. Billy was a great friend and we shall miss him. Sidney and Marilyn

March 1 at 7:00 PM

FL

Farrell Latour posted:

To Scott and family: So very sorry for yours and the community's loss. This man was a giant in his very wide sphere of influence. Speaking in behalf of industry, he will certainly be missed. His was always a moderating presence in the marine industry

March 1 at 7:00 PM

KC

Kevin R. Cole posted:

To the Slatten family, you have my deepest sympathy in the lost of captain Billy.

March 1 at 7:00 PM



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JS

John Schackai posted:

Capt Billy was a man who spoke the truth and who was strong enough to withstand the consequences. When John Hainkel asked Gov Treen to name Capt Billy as President of the Orleans Levee District, that appointment saved hundreds of camps along Lake Pontchartrain. Under Capt Billy's direction the focus of the Board was turned from patronage to the business of levees. He was a remarkable man.

February 28 at 7:00 PM

CC

Carol & Bob Cudd posted:

We send our deepest sympathies to the family. We came to know Billy through a common interest in Tulane athletics and through Tulane Board meetings and activities. He will be missed by so many people.

February 28 at 7:00 PM

HG

Herman Gros posted:

Fair Well Captain Billy, God Speed. My condolences to The Slatten Family.

February 28 at 7:00 PM

ET

Ed "Butch" Taylor posted:

Capt. Billy was a fine, upstanding man whose loss will be felt by all who knew him. I offer my condolences to his entire family for their loss. They are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

February 28 at 7:00 PM

BC

Bob Camba posted:

my deepest sympsthy upon the passing of this good man. He has blessed many and can stand before His Maker unashamed.

February 28 at 7:00 PM



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NK

Nancy & Allan Kancher posted:

Our thoughts are with you.

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PB

Perrin And Holly Butler posted:

Bill, Scott, Liz and Mrs. Slatten, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Capt. Billy was a great person who made so many contributions to family, friends and the community. He will be missed.

February 28 at 7:00 PM

BB

Barbara Burk posted:

Dear Alma, I am so sorry to hear about your husband's passing, and wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this very difficult time.

February 27 at 7:00 PM

MB

Marta Bordeaux posted:

Captain Billy was a larger than life man. He will be missed.

February 27 at 7:00 PM

RE

Richard Edmundson posted:

Captain Billy was a very generous man and did alot for my father when he was sick with cancer. He also gave me an opportunity to work for a great company which I am still indebted for much. He will be missed.

February 27 at 7:00 PM

SJ

Sherrie Buras & Norman J. Manton, Jr. posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. May the love of God, family and friends help to ease the pain in your heart.

February 27 at 7:00 PM



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ES

Elizabeth And Billy Sewell posted:

We were so sorry to hear of Billy's death. I know it must be a help to you, in these days which are so sad, to know how many people will miss him. We send you all our deepest sympathy. Billy and Elizabeth Sewell

February 27 at 7:00 PM

LT

Laura Theriot posted:

I was very sorry to hear of Billy's passing. I thought of the good times we shared, especially between he and Leon. He was a special husband and father. I am so sorry that I am unable to attend the funeral. A family member passed away and the funeral is the same day. I will offer prayers for the family. In sorrow, Laura

February 27 at 7:00 PM

CJ

Capt.&Mrs Joseph Johnson posted:

My entire family sends our prayers and condolences to the Slatten Family. As Capt. Billy would say Roll Green Wave. Joe Johnson

February 27 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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