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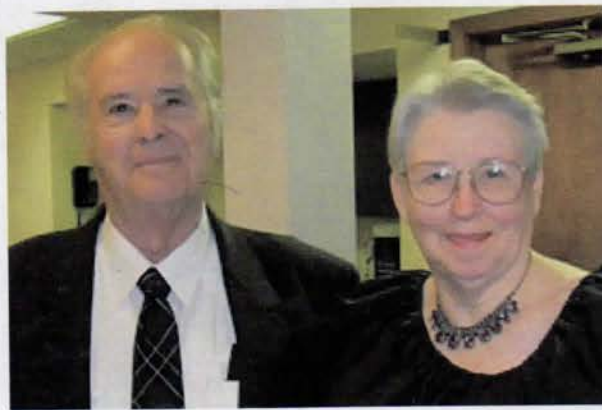
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*Bill and Oletia at the 2009 HATDS Holiday Ball*

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*From [Houston Area Traditional Dance Society](#)*

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Memorial Services will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, December 26, 2009 in The Carriage House at Country Place at 2620 McHard Rd East of HWY. 288. Dress is casual. Please send no flowers. In Lieu of flowers please make donations to Friends of Clayton Library 5300 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004. Please note that any checks must be made out specifically to

"Friends of Clayton Library" to be sure donations go to the correct destination.

Condolences can be sent to the Teas Family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at [www.jeterfuneralhome.com](http://www.jeterfuneralhome.com).

**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of William Edward Teas (SS# issued in TX), last residence Pearland, Brazoria Co., TX.

Folks who attended the 1999 meeting in San Antonio, TX, will remember Bill with his early version digital camera taking photos everywhere.

His Alford lineage, from his great-grandmother: Christina Josephina "Jossie" 1860 Sweden<sup>4</sup>, Frank 1820 Sweden<sup>5</sup>.

The following poem, posted at the HATDS website, was written by Barbara Moore and read at Bill's memorial service on December 26, 2009.

BILL

I sat Christmas night with a hot cup of tea,  
    Bundled up against winter chill  
As thought crossed my mind of a unique experience  
    Meeting a gentleman by the name of Bill.

He truly studies computers  
    Their programs and their quirks  
Through massive ancestral journeys  
    He also made it work

Oletia and Bill, so much in love  
    Enjoyed going places,  
Everyone knew they shared something special  
    By the "knowing look" on their faces

We'd form a group for a trip  
    To the Renaissance Faire  
Good friends, good food and lots of laughter  
    In the open air.

I guess the Fates had crossed our paths  
    Through genealogy  
From that day forward we were together  
    As much as we could be

We all talked of folks wearing Chain Mail  
    Their bodies almost like an open book  
He referred to the women with "pans of roasting  
    hens"  
Oh yes, he DID steal a look.

Do-si-do and promenade your "corner"  
    The caller told us all  
And Bill would proudly escort  
    His partner through the square dance hall

I don't think he knew any strangers  
    He always spoke to everyone  
And God help all the restaurant staff  
    He always told a joke or pun!

Find a partner, Improper lines!  
    We heard the caller say  
So conscious of the new ones there  
    Bill helped them Contradance that day

Bill's life had facets like a diamond  
    In our lives he has been a gem  
How very fortunate and blessed  
    For us to have known him

"I just can't make this program work"  
    He heard someone's concern  
He quickly stepped over to explain to them  
    That he could help them learn

I'll think of things he taught me  
    As I struggle up "Research Hill"  
This sweet, distinguished gentlemen  
    We all knew as Bill.



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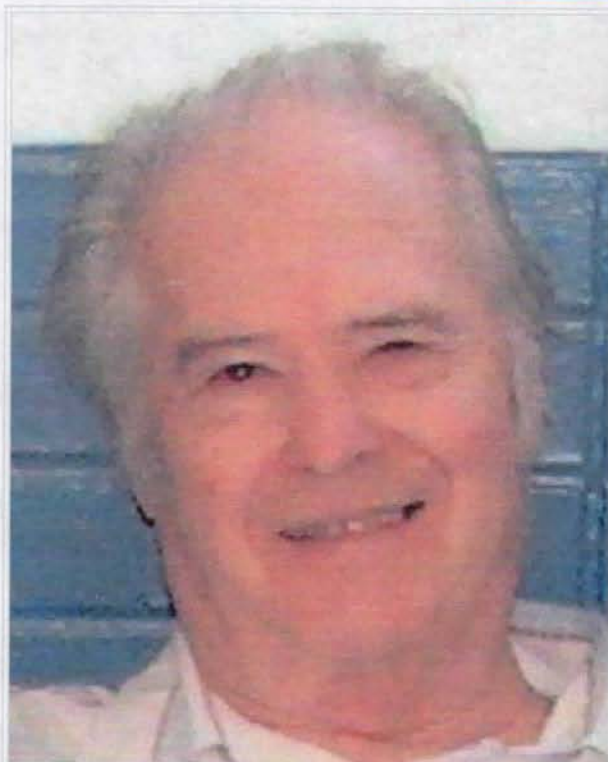
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I am Barbara Moore, friend of the Teas family. I am helping send out notices to friends and others For his wife Oletia. Bill Teas passed away due to a heart attack on Sat., Dec. 16, 2009. There will be a memorial service on Sat., Dec. 26. 2009 from 2-6 p.m. at the Country Place Carriage House at the Country Place retirement community. Directions: Take Hwy. 288 south to McHard exit, just before 518 in Pearland. Exit right, take a left at the light at McHard Rd. and go under 288. Go to the second stop sign and make a right to enter Country Place. At the security check, tell them you are going to the Teas Memorial in the Carriage House. You will take the first right turn, then a right into the parking area. Carriage House is on the left.

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