



Clarence "Babe" Dreymla

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Clarence "Babe" Dreymla passed away on August 1, 2021 in Dallas, TX at the T Boone Pickens Hospice Center surrounded by family and friends. We offer thanks to all who provided excellent care and support in the past 15 months as he battled a lengthy illness with chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP). He met his illness with courage and conviction.

Babe loved his family and friends fiercely. He was always the life of the party with a laugh as big as Texas. Babe was there to lend a hand with a funny joke, or a shoulder to lean on, or a dollar to borrow. He never said no to those in need. He was a generous man. Babe will be remembered as a beloved husband, terrific father, the best "Poppy" ever, loving brother, and wonderful friend to many. He loved UT football, good food, fine wine, travel with friends and family, cooking marvelous meals, esp. Thanksgiving dinner, daily "calisthenics" at the "J", and above all spending time with his family, esp. his granddaughters whom he loved unconditionally.

Born on February 19, 1937 in Edna, Texas to Cecilia and Fred Dreymla, he faced many hardships. Babe graduated Stephen F. Austin high school in Houston where he was a football standout. He was heavily recruited by many legendary coaches of the SWC (inc. Bear Bryant), but decided to accept a full ride scholarship to play for young upstart, 1st year coach, Darrell Royal at The University of Texas. This was a life changing decision and shaped so much of Babe's subsequent life. "Royalisms" were part and parcel of the Dreymla household. In Jan. 1960, the Longhorns played for the National Championship in the Cotton Bowl against Syracuse. Darrell said this group of young men was the greatest group of overachievers he ever coached. Babe was 1st team All SWC, an All American and drafted by the Buffalo Bills in 1960. Babe bled burnt orange! He graduated UT with a BBA degree, and was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity where he made many lifelong friends.

Babe and Barbara planned to marry on Christmas break of their senior year, but in Dec. of 1959, Coach Royal asked Babe to postpone their wedding until after the "Big Game", so on Jan. 23, 1960, Babe wed his college sweetheart, Barbara. They celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary this



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year. He and Barbara raised 3 strong willed children with a firm hand and lots of love which was often a challenge but also his greatest joy. He was very proud of his family.

Babe rose from humble beginnings by hard work, determination, an abiding faith, and the strong love of his family. He gave 100% of himself to all endeavors. As he was fond of saying, "Any job worth doing is worth doing well!" He was a successful business man and entrepreneur who gave generously to the church and to mental health charities. He was the owner and operator of Ed W. Smith Machine Works from 1977-present. After retiring, he and Barbara traveled the world seeking adventure: from riding camels in the desert, to wilderness fishing the remote lakes of Canada with his son and buddies, to exploring ancient civilizations throughout Eurasia with his wife, daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and the Ya -Yas and Yo-Yos. These were happy years filled with food, fun, fine wine, and "family". He regaled family and friends alike with wild stories after these trips which seemed to grow with each passing year.

Babe will be greatly missed by all, including, survivors: Wife, Barbara Dreymala and their 3 children and spouses: Michael and Suzette Dreymala, Natalie and Dan Brown, Laura Dreymala; grandchildren: Madeline Dreymala, Erin Lickteig Smith, and Nicole Brown; Brother Leonard Dreymala, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are on August 26th at 11 am at St. Rita Catholic Community, 12521 Inwood Road, Dallas 75244. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to PLAN of North Texas, Planntx.org/donate.



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Cemetery Details



Restland Memorial Park

13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243





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