



## Forrest Wilson McCollum

September 3, 1947 - May 7, 2019

Forrest Wilson McCollum, 71, Dallas, Texas passed away on May 7, 2019, in Dallas, Texas. He was born on September 3, 1947, to Glenn McCollum and Lois Lutrell McCollum in Oakland, California. He married Beverly Brooks McCollum on September 10, 1973, in Hugo, Oklahoma. Woody began his career in the banking industry in various Bank of America predecessor banks. He began in the asset-based lending group in the field examination department. After Bank of America, Woody spent time with Chase Bank as well as Wells Fargo Capital Finance working his way up to Sr VP and portfolio manager in asset-based lending. In his final years before retirement, he joined Marquette Business Credit as a SR VP and Account Executive and retired from Marquette in March of 2018. Woody was admired by all individuals whose path he crossed. His favorite thing in life was to travel with Beverly to Oregon and to watch his precious grandchildren grow and play their favorite sports of soccer, baseball, and football. He was beloved by his friends and coworkers and cherished by his family. He was a good man. Forrest is preceded in death by his father and mother Glenn and Lois McCollum. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Beverly of Dallas, Texas and Daughter Lesley Kaff, husband David and their children Caden and Cooper of Frisco, Tx. Son, Nathan McCollum, wife Jodi and children Madelyn of Lindale and Jackson and Luke of Waco Tx. Sister Dorinda Jordan and her daughters Jeanie and Penney of Irving, Tx, sister in law Lynda Young and husband Roy of Millington, Tn, brother in law Ron Brooks of Little Rock Ar., brother in law Randy Brooks, wife Alexis and their children Christian and Ryan of Ft. Worth, Tx. The family would like to express their gratitude to Forrest's team of doctors led by Dr. Kartik Konduri. He always felt well cared for in Dr, Konduri's presence. We will have a come and go celebration of life. Visitation will be held Monday, May 13, 2019, at Restland Funeral Home.

# Comments

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“ Woody and I worked together at Interfirst Bank Dallas in the late 70’s and early 80’s. He was really my favorite working associate there. He was highly intelligent and we had many enjoyable conversations over the years. Woody had a great sense of humor and I have thought of him many times over the years. I’m very sorry to learn of his passing.

**Tad Bennett** - August 01, 2020 at 10:59 AM

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“ I will always remember fondly of Woody, we worked together for so many years. He was funny, supportive, & knowledgeable about many things. I loved hearing his vacation stories!

**Elaine Bratcher** - May 12, 2019 at 08:00 PM

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“ Beverly, Leslie, Nathan and their families have our deepest sympathies over the loss of Woody as a wonderful husband, dad, and a grandad. More than 30 years ago, the McCollums moved into the house across the street from us with two small kids. In a sense, we grew up ourselves as neighbors, and it is from that standpoint, I'd like to make a couple observations about Woody I formed from watching him work in his yard. Based on 30 years of general observation, I can say that outside yard work was a chore Woody and Beverly usually tackled as a team. Beverly did all the mowing and Woody brought her water to drink on the very hottest of days. That of course is a small joke –they worked outside together as partners. That is, they did so until one day last summer when a professional yard crew appeared and began performing the job under Woody' supervision. I understood why. The first time they took up this task, Woody looked across the street and in his droll way said to me: “Don't Judge!”For each of these 30 years, Woody would always spend the day after Thanksgiving putting Christmas lights out along the sidewalk, climbing a ladder to reinstall a wreath outside a second story window, and hanging hundreds of lights on his front yard tree. It was almost a day long affair. With the precision and timing of a Swiss watch, this job would be tackled every year on that very same day. On the day after Thanksgiving 2018, I noticed Nathan's help was finally enlisted, and I understood why. The sprinkler system in his yard was his loyal friend — until it was his worst enemy. He would hunt down broken heads, dig them out, and spend whatever time it took to replace them, whatever the weather, and however long it took. With Woody, the job as not “done” until it was done! \*\* \* When you see the little things getting done right when no one is watching , day in and day out, year after year — your mental image of that person begins conjuring up descriptive words like “dedicated, self-motivated, committed, self-sufficient, determined, steady, reliable, etc.”; i.e., words that speak to that person's essence, his character. Woody made a long career in finance and worked steadily until he recently retired at age 70. The strong personal attributes I recognized from watching him work in his yard for so many years, were no doubt carried over and put to work in other parts of his life as well. As Admiral William McRaven pointed out so compellingly in his great motivational speech “start with making your bed “, If the little things are taken care of, you know the big things are as well. I suspect Woody made his bed each morning. He was a good man and he will be missed by his friends and neighbors on Gatetrail!

Bill and Nancy Healey - May 12, 2019 at 04:12 PM

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“ Words cannot express how much Woody will be missed. He was one of a kind with a big heart. All of us who worked with him were blessed to have known him.

Tom & Jan Null - May 11, 2019 at 04:24 PM