



William Cobb

April 13, 1936 - October 31, 2020

William Dowell Cobb (Bill), age 84, a resident of Arlington, Texas, passed away on Saturday, October 31, 2020. He was healthy and active until being taken too soon by the COVID-19 virus. He was the loving husband of Gail (Palmer) Cobb, to whom he was married for 63 years.

Bill was born on April 13, 1936 in Dallas, Texas, the son of the late Earl Dee and Vera (Dashner) Cobb. Bill and his wife Gail met as teenagers, and were sweethearts at North Dallas High School. He attended Southern Methodist University where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega, and the ROTC. He graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing. Within a week of graduation, Bill and Gail were married, and Bill was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. He served active duty until 1960, in posts both overseas and domestic, including Turkey, Wyoming, and Michigan.

In the 1960s, Bill began a 25-year career with Montgomery Ward, managing retail operations in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Colorado. After retiring from Montgomery Ward, he had a second career with H&R Block, working with tax clients, and training other tax consultants. For the past 43 years, Bill and Gail have had their home in Arlington, Texas. Bill was a faithful member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he served in many roles, as a Ruling Elder, a Sunday School teacher, and on occasion, even as a lay preacher. He was a devoted fan of the SMU Mustangs, regularly attending football games through seasons thick and thin. He especially enjoyed spending time in South Padre Island with his family and friends, where for several weeks each year he perfected the fine art of sitting on a sunny beach, enjoying conversation, and laughing with others and at himself.

Bill is survived by his wife Gail Cobb, of Arlington, Texas, and his sister Deeann Calvert, of Longview, Texas. He also leaves his two sons, William D. Cobb, Jr. (and wife Stacy) and Russell D. Cobb (and wife Lisa) both of Dallas, Texas, along with grandchildren Claire Cobb Lick (and husband Brady), Ryan Cobb, William B. Cobb, and Casey Cobb, and his great-granddaughter Lily Cobb.

Due to COVID restrictions, the family will conduct a private memorial service. Memorials may be made in Bill's name to Westminster Presbyterian Church or to Arlington Life Shelter, both in Arlington, Texas.

Comments



“ Bill, Stacy, Claire and Will -

Mona and I are so sorry for the loss of your father and grandfather. I know he will be missed by all of you.

Our deepest sympathies.

Tim and Mona Wilson

Tim Wilson - November 10, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ I was sorry to see Bill's obituary. I have many fond memories of square dancing with Bill in the Levis & Lace square dance club.

Gracie Linch

Grace Linch - November 08, 2020 at 06:45 PM



“ Stacy and Bill and family,
I was so saddened to read of Bill's father's death in the paper today. What a lovely tribute to a life well lived. David and I are thinking of you and we send our heartfelt condolences.

With sympathy,
Mary Louise Hopson

Mary Louise C Hopson - November 08, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ Bill, Stacy, Claire, William-

It is with sadness for your loss that we read your father's obituary this morning. We both have face that which you dreaded as a young child and it isn't less difficult as an adult. Expected or unexpected it is a time we need God's Grace to carry us safely just as God's Grace carried your father safely home.

God bless you all-

Shalom

Bruce and Carol

Rev Bruce Buchanan - November 08, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ Gail and sons, Bill's obituary in today's paper was perfect and interesting, accompanied by a handsome photo. You know our thoughts have been, are, and will be with you in this difficult time.

I treasure the years I have been able to be a part of the "olde Bulldogs" group.

Dolores Rogers

Dolores Rogers - November 08, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Katherine & Robert Elrich purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of William Cobb.



Katherine & Robert Elrich - November 05, 2020 at 04:32 PM