



William C. (Bill) Lonquist Jr.

December 13, 1926 - January 20, 2020

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1926 – 2020

Bill died January 20, 2020 at the age of 93

Bill was born December 13, 1926 in Houston to William C. Lonquist Sr. and Lillian Louise Lonquist. Bill attended grade school in Cayuga, Texas and high school in Palestine where he lettered in football and basketball. He was Co-Captain of the basketball team.

Bill entered Texas A&M, as a member of the Corps of Cadets, in June 1944. At the end of his freshman year, he was drafted into the U.S. Navy during World War II. During his service, he was assigned to the Port Director on the Island of Saipan.

At the end of the war, Bill returned to Texas A&M and rejoined the Corps of Cadets. In 1948, he was elected a YELL LEADER, was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army, and graduated from the School of Engineering.

After graduation, Bill was employed as a Petroleum Engineer with Seaboard Oil Company in both south and west Texas. Later in his career, he was employed by Texas Eastern, first as a Division Engineer, later as Manager of Contracts and Land, Manager of Worldwide Exploration and Production and President of its Worldwide Exploration and Production Companies. During his employment with Texas Eastern, Bill also attended South Texas College of Law and earned his Juris Doctor of Law.

He left Texas Eastern and formed Memorial Exploration Company and served as its President until 1997 when Memorial was sold. He relocated to College Station so he could be close to his beloved Texas A&M.

Bill was a Proud Graduate of Texas A&M, Class of 1948 and his love of A&M continued throughout his life. He and his wife endowed scholarships in the School of Petroleum

Engineering, The Corps of Cadets, The Mays School of Business and a President's Endowed Scholarship. Among his other services to Texas A&M, he was a long time member of the 12th Man Foundation, served as Vice President of the Texas A&M Former Students Association, was a member of the Texas A&M President's Advisory Council and served as the President of the Association of Former Yell Leaders.

Since moving to College Station, he was an active member of the Christ United Methodist Church.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Paula Chambers Lonquist and her three sons, Dr. Preston C. Conrad, Curtis P. Conrad and Glen C. Carson.

Bill is also survived by his first wife, Antoinette Gratz, who is the mother of his two sons, Dr. Paul Kyle Lonquist and Richard Ross Lonquist.

Bill is also survived by 14 Grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren. He also leaves behind many long-time friends in Houston, College Station and Corpus Christi. Services to honor Bill's life will be arranged at a later date.

Comments



“ Some of my fondest memories since moving to College Station have been spent with Paula and Bill. Dutch always enjoyed going to Quarterback Club with Bill and the other guys prior to Aggie football games. Now both our guys are gone and we will miss them. My love to Paula and all the family in the loss of Bill.
Mickey Ohlendorf

Mickey Ohlendorf - April 15, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ Dear Paula, Paul and Dick,
With sadness I read the notice from A&M of Bill's passing. I had just had the privilege of reading the article in a recent publication about Bill being the last living yell leader, what an accomplishment.
I grieve with your family and I remember back to many, many fun times together in Corpus Christi and Houston and many, many fun games at Kyle Field.
Paula, it was wonderful to have seen you and Bill at Nick Holland's memorial in Houston a few years ago. You were still Paula and Bill, elegant and faithful.
Prayers for your hope, trust and well being as life puts you into a new season.
Love.
Pat Holland
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Pat Holland - January 28, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ My heart is saddened to know Bill has left us . He did not leave without leaving many wonderful memories behind for perusal by family and friends. He was part of our "early married couples" life, celebrating Thanksgiving in hotel rooms, cheering for his beloved Aggies, along with my late husband, Joe Mueller. Such fun and comradeship. My condolences go out to his family, along with prayers. Patty Mueller

Patty Mueller - January 27, 2020 at 10:49 AM



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Paul Lonquist - January 26, 2020 at 08:28 PM



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Paul Lonquist - January 26, 2020 at 08:26 PM



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“ Dear Paula:
We are saddened by Bill's passing. We have many fond memories of our fun times together, and spending time with you and Bill at your home in C.S. We love you, miss you, and wish you well.
Love, Bob & Carol Winckler

Robert E. Winckler - January 25, 2020 at 09:05 AM