



Douglas Amos Bertling

August 25, 1924 - June 17, 2017

Douglas Amos Bertling, 1924-2017

Douglas Amos Bertling, 92, of Huntsville passed away on June 17, 2017, in El Campo. He was born Aug. 25, 1924, in Galveston, the son of Lewis Clyde Bertling and Sadie Mattie Ryman Bertling. He married Doris Harrington Wolf Feb. 3, 1947, in Waco.

Bertling graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1948 and worked in the insurance and hospitality business in Waco, Longview, Clear Lake City, Austin and Baytown before moving to Huntsville in 1975. In Huntsville he managed a Bonanza Steakhouse and the Chicken Shack restaurant, before managing and owning a number of his own restaurants, which included the Café Texan on the Huntsville Square, the Hitchin' Post restaurant, and Mr. B's Catering. He was known as "Mr. B" to many in Huntsville, where his catering business ranged from serving holiday meals to three shifts of workers at a manufacturing facility to gymnasts attending summer camp at Olympic Coach Bela Karolyi's Gymnastics Camp near New Waverly for 18 years.

He had served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church of Huntsville and was a longtime volunteer for the Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce. He received the prestigious Mance Park

Lifetime Achievement Award from the chamber in 2005, surrounded by family members and friends. For 32 years Bertling and his sons were volunteer chefs preparing hundreds of lobsters for the chamber's Lobster Fiesta, an annual fundraiser.

Bertling entered the Army from his hometown in Bellville and was a staff sergeant in the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He served in World War II in Italy and Southern France before being attached to the 82nd Airborne Division and fighting in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Belgium and received a Purple Heart and five campaign badges.

He volunteered for the HEARTS Veterans Museum in Huntsville, speaking to many community and school groups about military service.

He was recognized for his 65 years as a member of the Masonic Lodge in 2012, and was a past president of the Heart 'O Texas Chapter of Lions Club International in Waco (1954-55), a past president and area governor of Toastmaster's International in Waco. He has been a member of the Rotary Club and Lions Club and was a lifetime supporter of the Crippled Children Camp in Kerrville. He received the Sam Walton Leadership Award and the Hero Award from Huntsville High School.

A memorial service will be held at 9 a.m., Friday, June 23, at First Baptist Church of Huntsville, 1229 Avenue J, in Huntsville, Texas. A graveside service will follow at 12:30 p.m. at Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive in Houston.

Bertling is survived by his wife Doris Bertling; brother Francis Lee (Penny) Bertling of LaMarque; and four adult children, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. They include daughter Penny Lucille Hiltbold of El

Campo and her adult children, son Carl Hiltpold and wife Jill Hiltpold and their sons Carson, Jackson and Max, and daughter Rebecca Hiltpold Pfardrescher and her husband Blair Pfardrescher and their children, Kate and Rhett; son Douglas Earl (Bo) Bertling and his wife Patricia Bertling of Huntsville and their adult children, daughter Angela Love Bertling, sons Jordan Douglas Bertling and his wife Dana Olson, Jacob Benjamin Bertling and his wife Courtney Bertling and son Blake Christopher Bertling and wife Jessica Bertling, and grandchildren Tyler Elizabeth Roberts, Cole Benjamin Bertling, Charlie Douglas Olson Bertling. Mr. Bertling is also survived by his son Frank Clyde Bertling and his wife Terry Scott Bertling of San Antonio, and their son Bradley Austin Bertling and his wife Lindsay Bertling, and their children Austyn and Walker. And son Christopher Caleb Bertling of Houston and his children Nikolaus and Jenna Bertling, and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to Huntsville Baptist Church or a favorite charity.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **23**. 9:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Huntsville
1229 Ave J
Huntsville, TX

Graveside

JUN **23**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77038

Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Amos Bertling*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My condolences to the family and friend's of Mr. B. I was fortunate to work at the Cafe Texan during my time attending SHSU and will cherish those memories. Praying you each receive peace and strength at this time.*

Sherry Richardson - June 22, 2017 at 11:17 PM

CW

“ Hi Doris, We tried to find you when we had Region VI reunion .
Never thought to try El Campo. I missed you! I am so saddened for
the loss of Doug. He was always the one who did things right and
did them first. We now have a vacuum in our lives which will be hard
to fill. I found a poem I want to share with you which takes into
account the closeness of husband and wife.

And if I go and

while you're still here,

know that I live on,

vibrating to a different measure

-behind a thin veil you cannot see through.

You will not see me,

so you must have faith.

I wait for the time when we can soar together again,

-both aware of each other.

Until then, live your life to its fullest,

and when you need me,

just whisper my name in your heart,

I will be there.

Charles Wagamon

Charles Wagamon - June 22, 2017 at 07:55 PM

JJ

“ Art and I are so very sorry for your loss. Mr. B was a special person and will be missed. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.



Jeannine Jacoby - June 22, 2017 at 04:41 PM

SD

“ Mr. B was the best boss anyone could ever have! He was kind, thoughtful, and made all of us feel like family at work. Mr. B you will be missed by so many and I'm glad I had privilege of working for you. My Mom worked for you at the Cafe Texan, I worked for you at the Hitchin Post Restaurant and my daughter Elizabeth work for you at the Bella Karoli gymnastic camp. Three generations!!! Thank you for all you did, always on the go, staying busy!! Orman and Sandra Dixon

Sandra Dixon - June 22, 2017 at 12:13 PM

GM

“ I am so thankful that I had the pleasure of working with Mr. B during my time in Huntsville. when ever there was a community event you could always count on Doug Bertling to be a part of it. He was always had a can do spirit and encouraged me both professionally and personally. Even though we lost touch after I moved, my family and I would often think on the times we spent at the Hitchin Post, and the great memories we had there because of Mr. B. Prayers for your family

Gerry and Tess Moore

Gerry Moore - June 22, 2017 at 09:18 AM

KA

“ *Kari lit a candle in memory of Douglas Amos Bertling*



Kari - June 22, 2017 at 12:29 AM

AD

“ *What a wonderful man! He was always so kind to my son John and my daughter Erin. He will be greatly missed.*

Amma Davis - June 21, 2017 at 06:20 PM

DE

“ *Such a precious man and special family. He will be missed on this earth, but he is a great addition to heaven! Hugs and prayers to his entire family.*

Dee Everett - June 20, 2017 at 07:21 AM

MW

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. He was such a good man. He will be missed.*



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - June 19, 2017 at 09:03 PM

DM

Mr. B was a very good man, and great boss, worked for him and all the Bertling Family, for many years, at The Bearkat Hut, Mr. B's On The Concourse, Hitchen Post Restaurant, And Caterings For Bella Karoli gymnastic camp and many other caterings. He will be missed. My Prayers go out to all of you. Dotti Miller

Dotti Miller - June 19, 2017 at 10:11 PM

SB

So sorry to hear about Mr. B. I enjoyed getting to know him and the family while working for him at Chicken Shack many years ago.
Sharon (Ware) Burton

Sharon Burton - June 21, 2017 at 05:14 PM

VS

Mr. B, You will be missed here on earth and as you go on to live your heavenly life may you touch as many lives there as you did here. Thank you for doing all the things you did for Huntsville, the Hitchin' Post, and for Stan, God rest his soul, and our family. With tears of joy and sadness I bid you farewell.

For me, my children, and grandchildren, our thoughts and prayers are with all of your family.

Bertling Family, I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless you and keep you, comfort you today, tomorrow, and always.

Vickey Saucier

Vickey Saucier - June 23, 2017 at 11:19 AM