



Gilbert "Bo" Grounds

February 11, 1937 - January 21, 2014

Gilbert A. Grounds, Jr. ("Bo") was born to Gilbert and Edna Mae Grounds on February 11, 1937 in Houston County, Texas, spending most of his young years in Crockett where his parents ran a Humble gas station. The family moved to Pasadena, Texas in 1949, where Bo attended Jackson Junior High and Pasadena High School, graduating in 1955. While at Pasadena High, Bo's main sport was baseball. Not only was he a good player, but his coach profited from Bo as well. Before the start of some games, Bo's coach would bet the opposing coach that he had a boy who could stand on home plate, and without a running start, rare back and throw it over the left-center field fence. When the opposing coach would ask which one, Bo's coach would point at Bo, all 5 foot 8 inches 155 pounds of him. The opposing coach would usually take that bet. The opposing coach always lost that bet. Upon graduation in 1955, Bo went to work for Houston Lighting and Power, where he worked his entire career until retiring in 1992. He started as a grunt on a line crew, and exited as Division Manager. You've probably seen some of the work of his hands. When you're crossing Galveston Bay on Interstate 45, and look over to the side of the freeway, you'll notice the power lines on the towers which run from the mainland to Galveston Island. He was a member of the crew which hung those lines. Considering the work and courage involved in hanging those lines across the bay, it was a crew of men who performed that work. In his spare time, Bo played fast-pitch softball at a major class level. In the 60s and early 70s, he was considered by some as the Brooks Robinson of fast-pitch softball. One summer, he played 89 games without making an error. When he threw the ball across the infield to first base, the ball would rise from about waist level to chest level for the first baseman. Another big part of his spare time consisted of hunting, mostly deer and elk. He was quite the marksman. One weekend, he returned from West Texas with four whitetail bucks. Each was shot from hundreds of yards away, across ravines. He also shot an elk in Colorado from about 1,200 yards. His .270 rifle was good to him. Most importantly, Bo was a Christian, and a great husband and father. Bo became a Christian in November, 1956 at the age of 19, while under the preaching of Lloyd Stewart (Juanita's father). He was always involved in church, serving as Treasurer for churches attended. Bo was also a talented bass singer. He often sang solos, including church services, weddings and funerals, and loved to sing in quartets. People often requested for him to sing.

Perhaps his biggest moment of singing was when he sang the National Anthem as part of a quartet at an Astros game in 2001. Bo married Juanita Stewart of Palestine, Texas on August 3, 1957. For the 1950's, it was a long-distance relationship, as it was a 3 hour drive from Pasadena to Palestine. Bo made the drive 71 weekends in a row until they were married. Bo's love never faded, and he remained a faithful, terrific husband for over 56 years. Bo and Juanita had two sons, Stewart and Barry. He was as good of a father as he was a husband. We love him to this day and always will. Bo is survived by wife Juanita, son Stewart and his wife Tasha, son Barry and his wife Sherrie, and his 6 grandchildren: Barry's daughters Katie, Kristen and Karlee, and Stewart's sons Cody, Tucker and Zane. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Frances Hood. Services will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 11:00AM at Elkins Lake Baptist Church with a Graveside Service in Denson Cemetery, Grapeland, Texas at 3:00PM. Visitation will be held Monday, January 20, 2014 from 5:00-8:00PM at Elkins Lake Baptist Church. Memorial donations may be made to Traditions Hospice or Elkins Lake Baptist Church Building Fund 206 State Hwy 19, Huntsville, Texas 77340. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gilbert "Bo" Grounds*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Juanita, We just now learned of Bo's passing; a great loss for our community. We know God will comfort you with Grace and courage in the days before you.*

Catherine and Toby Tobias - January 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM



“ *Juanita, I am so sorry to hear that Bo passed away. You and your family are in my prayers!*

*Love,
Eva*

Eva-Maria Cole - January 27, 2014 at 11:01 AM



“ *I just learn from Sharon Haines of Bo's death. He was very special to me. I still have the Jewelry Box that he and Juanita gave me a long time ago. I remember his singing at his table at the Retiree Luncheon. He was keeping perfect time singing along with the quartet on the stage. He had a beautiful voice. I know that he will be singing with the angels.*

Bernice Allen - January 24, 2014 at 07:53 PM

SL

“ Dear Friend, I heard today by accident that one of the dearest and sweetest friends had gotten his wings. No one could make me feel more special when we met. He didn't need one big hug but at least, two. You both have been such wonderful people in my life. Although, so much time would pass from our meeting, it was like just another good day. Your boys and their families will be there to share this blow. You have had to handle a lot together, as illness is never an easy thing when it is done alone. Bo was so very proud of you and his family. His voice was memorable, whether speaking or singing. Knowing you rely on the Lord God to ease your loss gives me comfort. He is steadfast and guides me daily. One more personal note. I found out in December 2013 that I am remission, again, from the cancer. Know I love you and pray for you. Hoping to see in the months ahead. With love, Shirley LaVergne

Shirley LaVergne - January 24, 2014 at 05:46 PM

CB

“ Bo Grounds was just one of those people in the church that everyone knew regardless of their age. His low-pitched voice would rumble through the choir every Sunday morning. My family always enjoyed some hot chocolate and desserts on Christmas Eve when out for our annual caroling. Everyone that knew him, loved him.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

-Revelation 21:4

Clint Brown - January 21, 2014 at 10:21 PM

JF

“ Bo was a very special person, a one of a kind. Any time we ran into him here at Elkins, he wanted a "Pasadena hug". Every one who met Bo just felt like he was their very special friend. You both were a beautiful couple and an inspiration in the way you handled his illness. Bo will be missed. May God keep you close and grant you the comfort and peace in the loss of your loved one. Ken & Dee Murphy

Juanita & Family - January 21, 2014 at 12:55 PM

SD

“ Nita and Family,
My heart breaks for you all. When Wayne (Trey to you) told us Sunday morning right before Sunday school that Bo had died, I felt such a loss. We had prayed for you both Wednesday evening at church and had had Bo on our prayer list at church several times. I did a special for church on Sunday, but before I sang I praised Bo, his beautiful singing voice and said that if you knew him for even five minutes, you knew he belonged to God. There was no doubt about that.
Also, am sorry about the death of Bamma.
Please know, that I love you all and are praying for you. He was a wonderful person and he is now in the arms of Jesus. The one that he sang such beautiful praises to while here on earth.
Love to all
Sharon Duerer
Palestine, TX

Sharon Duerer - January 21, 2014 at 08:06 AM

GG

“ What a dear, sweet man. So many fond memories of our time at Elkins Lake Baptist, singing with Bo. He never complained through health concerns, singing by memory with the same power of that beautiful bass voice. May God give you His blessing.

Greg and Dani Gathright - January 20, 2014 at 09:23 PM

JK

“ Mrs. Grounds, We are so sorry for your loss. You and your husband were a beautiful couple. We will always fondly remember the nice visit we had with you both last summer. We are your nearby neighbors and if you ever need anything, we would be happy to help you in any way. We are praying for you in the days to come. We trust that God will give you His peace and comfort.

John & Genevieve Keefe - January 20, 2014 at 09:00 PM

NT

“ Juanita I was so sorry to hear about Bo. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Nelda Teague - January 20, 2014 at 11:42 AM

GS

“ My condolences to the family of Bo. Anyone who met Bo was an instant friend for life. There will never be another Bo and he will be missed by all who know him.
Gerald Skidmore

Gerald Skidmore - January 20, 2014 at 10:40 AM

LB

“ *Juanita and Family: Bo was indeed special to me. He and I were team mates on the PHS "Eagles" varsity baseball team. Not a better third baseman ever handled the 'hot-corner' during a ball game. He was my brother, partner, team mate, and friend. He will be missed so very much. His memory will live in my heart beyond the time when all of the sand in the hour glass runs out and the final strike is thrown in the ball game of life. He was (and still is) so very special. God bless Bo and may he rest peacefully in the arms of the Lord.*

LTC Roger & Caroline Boyd - January 20, 2014 at 10:30 AM

GW

“ *Juanita and Family:
No one in the world was more special than Bo. He was my friend for 72 years. We met in Goose Creek (now Baytown) when we were 4. Went to school together in Pasadena and graduated together. His positive attitude was remarkable. He was always the first one to call me on my birthday every year. His passing is a loss to the world -- but Heaven's gain!*

Gay Williams - January 19, 2014 at 09:05 PM