



Robert Everett "Coach" Williams

November 5, 1933 - October 2, 2018

The family of Robert E. Williams, Jr would like to announce that he went peacefully to be with the Lord on October 2, 2018, at the age of 84.

Bob will be lovingly remembered by his three children; daughter and son-in-law Stacy and Matthew Wagner of Huntsville, son and daughter-in-law Dallas and Diane Williams of Huntsville, and son Riley Williams of the Woodlands, as well as his brother, Stanley Williams of Houston. Bob has seven grandchildren; Jaron Wagner, Sierra Wagner Henry, Clay Williams, Wade Williams, Jude Williams, Natanyah Williams, and Naomi Williams Seidel. He also has three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother Georgia Howell Williams and father Robert E. Williams, Sr., his wife Dolores Carol Riley Williams, sister Linda Williams Brown, and grandson Joseph Williams.

Bob or "Coach" as many knew him, is best known for his love and passion for the game of basketball. Next to his love for Jesus and his family, basketball was what got him excited. He had a lifetime of basketball knowledge stored in his brain, and he enjoyed sharing and learning from anyone who had the same pursuit...the pursuit of excellence. This transcended into all areas of his life and was taught to his children and grandchildren as well, especially in competitive athletics of swimming and basketball. He was known by those

who ever had the privilege of playing for him, as a fierce competitor, who was committed to helping young people maximize their God given talent through hard work and commitment. His style of leadership was unique yet quite effective, to say the least. He was driven in this pursuit and expected the same from those around him. Color of skin, ethnicity, or size didn't matter to him, only effort level and attitude did. He would often say, "If we are going to play this game, why not try and be the best that we can be." Anyone who knew him and/or played for him will tell you that he was always fair, and all were treated equal. He believed in "Team" concepts, not individuals, and it worked.

His enjoyment and pursuit of the game of basketball began in the late 1940s when he played at Sunset High School in Dallas. His senior year, he led his team to the State semifinals. After High School he moved on to play at Howard County JC in Big Springs, Texas. In two seasons there he earned all-conference honors...known for his toughness and rebounding determination. His second season there his team was a NJCAA semi-finalist. From there he went to East Texas State University in Commerce, TX. where he was one of only two Texas recruited players mixed in with Head Coach Bobby Rogers' Oklahoma players. While at ETSU, his teams made two NAIA National Tournament appearances, winning one and a semi-finalist in another. He received his Masters of Education degree from ETSU in 1967. Just after marrying Dolores Carol Riley in 1955, his coaching career began the following year in Joshua, TX, where he became both the girls and boys head basketball coach. There were several other coaching jobs along the way... Alex Spence Jr High in Dallas, Tx, Mount Vernon High School, and Galena Park High School. He and his young family arrived at SHSU in 1967 where he became the Asst. Men's Basketball Coach under Head Coach Archie Porter. His coaching years at SHSU lasted from 1967-1973. During his time coaching at SHSU, many will remember the progressive growth of the basketball program into a National small college power house, culminating into the 1973 season.

This team became both UPI/AP Small College National Champions with an overall season record of 28 wins 1 loss. He was instrumental in recruiting and bringing to Huntsville some of the Country's best basketball talent of that time, along with developing that talent into a team concept unlike anything that had ever come along in the south. That season will always be remembered by the way it united the community and "packed" the Men's Gym. His support and love for SHSU Basketball has never ended.

A special thank you goes out to each person who called and came by to visit Dad over the past year.

The family will be receiving friends from 5-8pm Friday, October 5, 2018 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. A celebration of life for Bob will be held at 10:00am Saturday, October 6, 2018 at Family Faith Church in Huntsville. Interment will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Irving, TX at 4pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Service

OCT 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Family Faith Church of Huntsville
2407 Sam Houston Ave
Huntsville, TX

Graveside

OCT 6. 4:00 PM (CT)

Oak Grove Memorial Gardens
1413 E Irving Blvd
Irving, TX 75060

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Everett "Coach" Williams*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Trisha Aker lit a candle in memory of Robert Everett "Coach" Williams*



Trisha Aker - October 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ *Since Coach Williams came to Mt. Vernon in 1962 he was an important part of our lives here. We all benefited from his coaching and teaching. As a member of the football and basketball teams for those three years we spent a lot of time and shed a lot of sweat and tears together. At our reunions Coach was a mellower and milder man than we knew as players, and it was a pleasure to have him attend. I wish I had called him the hundreds of times I meant to recently. Our condolences from all of us who knew him here in Mt. Vernon.*

Ed Joyce - October 06, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ *Vicki Pledger Easley lit a candle in memory of Robert Everett "Coach" Williams*



Vicki Pledger Easley - October 05, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert Everett "Coach" Williams.



October 05, 2018 at 10:15 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Robert Everett "Coach" Williams.



October 04, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ *Dr. John Sparks and Staff* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Robert Everett "Coach" Williams.



Dr. John Sparks and Staff - October 04, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Robert Everett "Coach" Williams.



October 04, 2018 at 03:54 PM

JB

“ Jim and Carolyn Blackerby purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Robert Everett "Coach" Williams.



Jim and Carolyn Blackerby - October 04, 2018 at 01:03 PM

CJ

“ Robert Everett was what I called Bob when I wanted to get his attention and he would fire back with Clarence Winfield. This was something only old friends and teammates could get by with. Bob, who was also called Dallas by many, and I first met in Sept. of 1951 when we were introduced as the new Jayhawk teammates of Howard County Jr. College in Big Spring. Bob was the big city guy from Dallas and I was the small city guy from the sand hills of Odessa. We were roommates in a small 10 x 10 bedroom in a private residence since this small college did not have any dorms and for 2 years we formed a lifelong bond as only roommates and teammates can develop. Something told me that I needed to call Bob last week and it was only Friday that we had a long telephone visit talking about the old days and the fun we had had on and off the court during those memorable 2 years in Big Spring. Bob's voice was strong and he sounded like the old Bob and I was shocked to learn of his passing so soon after this. Bob was my oldest and dearest friend and I have no one else now that I can call and talk about our old team's accomplishments, current days politics, our golf games, our ailments, our families and anything else that was on our minds. I am going to miss this loyal friend, Robert Everett Williams. He was a Winner. May he now rest in peace. Casey Jones

Clarence Jones - October 04, 2018 at 11:05 AM

HM

“ Hayley Murphy lit a candle in memory of Robert Everett "Coach" Williams



Hayley Murphy - October 04, 2018 at 06:57 AM

HM

“That day, which you fear as being the end of all things, is the birthday of your eternity.” ~Seneca
Happy birthday, Uncle Bob!

Hayley Murphy - October 04, 2018 at 07:04 AM

AJ

“ Alice and Casey Jones purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Robert Everett "Coach" Williams.



Alice and Casey Jones - October 03, 2018 at 09:47 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Everett "Coach" Williams.



October 03, 2018 at 07:16 PM

KL

“ Alot will say how much they loved this man as a “coach”, golfing buddy, friend, etc but to me he was my “Uncle Bob”...He wasn't really my uncle but our families were so close back in the day, so we all called eachothers parents “Aunt” and “Uncle”. So many good times growing up with all our families together: the Williams, the Murray's, the Campbell's, and the Bohan's,...so many fun memories from my childhood involve these 4 fams! We all drifted apart as all of us kids grew up and had kids of our own, but it didn't mean that we all loved each other any less! The last time I saw him was 5 years ago or so,I ran into him and some of his buddies sitting at the bar of the old Casa (as us oldies all know it) telling golf stories I'm sure. It made me so happy that he knew immediately who I was; I've changed ALOT from those earlier years... He still had that beautiful smile and that twinkle in his eye! I got a big hug and of course he asked about everyone in the family! That's how I remember him! Even as big and gruff as he could be, he was still a big ole teddy bear!! That's how I saw him and will always remember him! Dallas, Stacy, and Riley, I love you all and always will!! You are all in my prayers at this difficult time!!
RIP Uncle Bob!! 🧡🦋🧡

Kelly Bohan Laskie - October 03, 2018 at 06:59 PM

GB

“ Of course the Bohan family sends special condolences to a family we shared many wonderful memories with especially when Dolores was with us. We usually spent every Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners together for many Years! Lots of laughs as you can expect! One memory that stands out is when Bob unintentionally christened my Turkey while trying to open a bottle of Champagne! Actually the turkey tasted pretty good! So many memories, too many to share, but I hope you children knew we always loved your family and will continue to do so! Love and hugs from Aunt Grace and Uncle Harry!

grace & harry bohan - October 03, 2018 at 05:19 PM

DP

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dudley and Kathy Park

Dudley and Kathy Park - October 03, 2018 at 11:14 AM

SS

“ *Sue And Pat Sprott lit a candle in memory of
Robert Everett "Coach" Williams*



Sue and Pat Sprott - October 02, 2018 at 07:45 PM

BN

“ *What a privilege to have known Bob. My sympathy and prayers for
the Williams family*

Beverly Niederhofer

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - October 02, 2018 at 07:31 PM