



Wilbur Lawrence Smither III

August 4, 1946 - July 3, 2015

Wilbur Lawrence Smither III passed away on July 3, 2015 in Denver, Colorado following a brief illness. Born August 4, 1946 in Houston to Ruth Felder Henderson and Robert Bush Smither, he was reared in Huntsville. He went to Southern Methodist University where he majored in business/accounting and earned a B.A. and M.B.A.

He joined the consulting practice of Arthur Andersen & Co. where he became a partner. In 1978, he married and became 'best buddies' with Martha Lynn Mossman. They spent many happy years traveling, golfing, being with family and friends and supporting each other's work and community activities.

In 1987, he joined Blockbuster Video as Chief Information Officer and later moved to Mary Kay Cosmetics in the same capacity. In 1997, he was a Regional Managing Partner for the Year 2000 (Y2K) Practice of IBM and retired in 2000.

Wilbur served on the board of The Winston School until present and was Board President for five years. Following retirement, he and Martha moved to Hot Springs Village, AR but maintained their Dallas connections. Both became active in the community, and Wilbur focused on how to help improve life in the Village. He served as the HSV POA Committee Chair of the Research and Strategic Planning Committee, Board President of the Friends of the Village

and received jointly with Martha the POA President's Award for community service in 2012. He was always available for advice and counsel to those who served the community. In 2012, he initiated the Ouachita Speaker Series which brings thought-provoking speakers to the Village.

Wilbur is preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Bob and John. He is survived by his wife Martha and sisters-in-law Trudie and Stephanie Smither. Trudie's family includes Robert, Sallie and Mark Crotty and children Kate and Stephen, John Jackson Smither and wife Lauren and his son Cole and Mary Kate and husband Stephen Jeffries. Stephanie's family includes John Kerr, son Amon Smither, Ashley and Curt Langley and their children Austin, Madison and Jack, and Paige and Todd Johnson and their sons, Wells, John David, Pierce, Hill and Blake. He embraced Martha's family as his own. He was preceded in death by her parents Hobart and Betty Mossman and brother Stuart Mossman. Wilbur is survived by Stuart's daughters, Rebecca and Dave Marcum, her children Evan, Tori, and Drew Risinger, his sons Cody and Josh Marcum and their daughter Gabi Marcum and Laura Nicholson and her children, Zoe, Jack and Sam. He adored his family and enjoyed being with them whenever possible.

A memorial service will be Wednesday, July 8 at 2pm in HSV, Christ of the Hills Methodist Church. Interment will be Saturday, July 11 at 11:00 in Huntsville, TX, Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation at 10:00 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please make gifts to the Wilbur and Martha Smither Music Education Room in the new Fine Arts Building of The Winston School, 5707 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75229 or to the Ouachita Speaker Series, P.O. Box 8132, Hot Springs Village, AR 71910.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Graveside

JUL 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Oakwood Cemetery
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilbur Lawrence Smither III*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Martha, I was saddened to accidentally stumble on Wilber's obituary while looking for another one in the Dallas Morning News. I think you and I met once. Wilber & I were good friends in the business school at SMU. I tried to find him before our last class reunion to encourage him to come. I'm very sorry that didn't happen. My first husband passed away in 1996, so I can sympathize from my experience. I hope your memories of fun times together with Wilber will sustain you in the months to come. Very Sincerely, Belle Drye Schafer Petkas.*

Belle Schafer - July 10, 2015 at 04:11 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wilbur Lawrence Smither III.*



July 10, 2015 at 09:12 AM

MT

“ Wilbur was one of my all-time favorites from my many years at Arthur Andersen. He was a fantastic mentor to me but I especially remember his jovial friendliness, overall kindness, warmth and and great sense of humor. What a class act! A tremendous loss for his family and all that loved and knew Wilbur.

Michael Travis

Michael Travis - July 09, 2015 at 08:35 AM

UP

“ Wilbur was my mentor and friend at Arthur Andersen from 1979 to 1985. It seemed like a short time, but I learned some much about people, business and life in general. He was one of those who touched us deeply. My heart is greatly saddened by the thought of him not being here for others. My greatest memory is he could prepare a presentation with a fountain pen because his thoughts were so clear and concise.

Martha, I will think of you often over the next days and months. I envied your relationship.

Uel Pitts

Uel Pitts - July 08, 2015 at 07:25 PM

LK

“ I was saddened to learn of Wilbur's passing. I always enjoyed being with him and will remember the fun golf trips we took with he and Tom Kelly. Martha, I wish you the very best. Wilbur was a great man and a great partner.

Regards

Larry

Larry Katzen - July 08, 2015 at 05:13 PM

NB

“ Martha, I am so touched by your suggestion of gifts to the Wilbur and Martha Smither Music Education Room at Winston. That is the loveliest tribute to the many years of service Wilbur gave to the school. I am leaving today and as soon as I get back towards the end of this month I will be in touch with you to show you the plans and identify the room. I am so sorry I will not be with you this week, but know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Nancy Best

Nancy Best - July 08, 2015 at 03:52 PM

BT

“ Oh Martha, am just reading Wilbur's obit. We are so very, very sorry. What a great guy and how lucky we were to know him. God's peace, Martha.

Becky & Brad Todd - July 08, 2015 at 02:45 PM

JS

“ Martha, although it has been many years since we last spoke, I want you to know that I had a great deal of respect and admiration for Wilbur. I learned a great deal from him while at Andersen many years ago and remember some great times with the two of you at the many Andersen parties we all used to enjoy attending. My sincere condolences to you and your family at this time. Sincerely,
Jim Schuchard.

Jim Schuchard - July 08, 2015 at 01:14 PM

MW

“ We are sorry for your loss.

Mellicent Sikes Wiley & Family

Bobby II

Heather Wiley Christian & Jason Christian & children Taylor & Tyler

Heath Wiley

Justin Wiley & Joanna Fowler Wiley & daughters Tess & Tori

Mellicent Wiley - July 08, 2015 at 01:10 PM

LP

“ I was deeply saddened to hear this sad news and I hope that the support of your many friends will bring some comfort at this difficult time. Wilbur made this world a better place and Martha, you continue to do so. What a magnificent legacy. Wishing you peace now and in the days ahead.

Lynn Payette

Lynn Payette - July 08, 2015 at 09:17 AM

DR

“ Martha, Debbie and I were so sad to hear of Wibers passing. Way too young. Our sympathies go out to you. Debbie and Dave Rader

Debbie and Dave Rader - July 08, 2015 at 08:38 AM

CL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Wilbur, family, and friends. We are so sorry for your loss.

Chris & Linda Langley - July 08, 2015 at 07:56 AM

LB

“ Dear Martha, what a shock to read Wilbur's obit in the paper this morning. Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. We have the greatest memories of Wilbur's great sense of humour, his laugh and above all his engaging personality. Bill and I send our most heartfelt condolences to you and all the Smithers family. When you are back in town, please give us a ring, we would love to see you again. Luisa Bridges.

Luisa bridges - July 08, 2015 at 07:15 AM

CH

“ I lived in Fayetteville, AR, 24 years and moved to Denver last year during the HHS reunion. One of my favorite memories was being Wilbur's date to the Boy Scout Employers Ball our junior year. It was a very special event! CA Hughes (Carole Ann Hughes)

CA Hughes - July 07, 2015 at 05:32 PM



“ It is with heavy heart that I hear the news of Wilbur's death. The Smither family has been a huge part of the history of First United Methodist Church. On behalf of the congregation, I send our deepest condolences to the family as well as offer a prayer of thanksgiving for Wilbur's life. Our prayers are with you in the days ahead. Rev. Scott A. Dornbush

Scott Dornbush - July 07, 2015 at 03:44 PM



“ Wilbur was a truly good person-even as an HHS Hornet. He will be fondly remembered. Sue Keyser Cabat

Sue Keyser Cabat - July 07, 2015 at 10:56 AM



“ Dear Martha, We look forward to seeing you on Saturday in Huntsville and celebrating the life of Wilbur Smither. We remember our times together in Dallas when we lived there, coming to your lovely home. We will miss all the Smither boys, as well as their lovely parents, all dear, dear family friends. Bob and I have the same birthday, April 19, 1937. Wonderful memories. Blessed Thoughts, Ann and Charles Mallery

Ann and Charles Mallery - July 07, 2015 at 10:30 AM

PL

“ *Martha and Family :*

Our deepest sympathy on hearing of Wilbur's passing. Your loving CaringBridge reports were anticipated daily and gave some element of hope for Wilbur. His passing certainly brings much sadness and grief. Hopefully , knowing that his earthly pain and suffering have now ceased , bring some degree of comfort thru your tears.

Wilbur , you and extended family continue in our prayers. May this wonderful man rest in peace.

*Pat and Tom Langley
Georgetown, TX*

Pat and Tom Langley - July 06, 2015 at 04:44 PM