



William L Hammock

June 30, 1934 - November 7, 2015

William Lawrence (Bill) Hammock passed away on Saturday, November 7, at his home in Elkins Lake. He was born June 30, 1934, the 5th child of Henry Carson Hammock & Ruby Lee Crumbley Hammock in Henry County, GA. He graduated from McDonough High School, McDonough, GA, where, as a senior, he was co-captain of the school's first football team and was named "Mr. McDonough High School."

Bill served in the United States Navy from 1953-1957 aboard the USS Pocono. After rigorous Diver School training, he earned the distinction of becoming the only qualified diver on the ship.

In 1960 Bill received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from the University of Georgia, where he was a member of Xi Sigma Pi Forestry Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi. That same year he married Juanita Grantham. They were blessed with 54 wonderful years of marriage.

He began his career as Forester & later Area Manager with Georgia Kraft Company. Then in 1970 he became Wood Procurement & Marketing Manager for the Weyerhaeuser Company. In 1973, he, Juanita, and their three children moved to Huntsville, TX, where he began his 24 year career with Champion International Corporation. Upon his retirement in 1997, he was Vice President & General Manager, Gulf States Operations, Champion Timberlands.

Professionally he served as President of the Texas Forestry Association, President of the Texas Reforestation Foundation, and was on the Board of Directors of the American Pulpwood Association.

An active Baptist and ordained deacon, Bill served in numerous leadership positions in the churches of the communities in which his family lived. His heart lay in teaching Children's Sunday School, where he was affectionately known as "Mr. Bill." He also served several terms on the Board of Directors of East Texas Baptist University. At the time of his death he was a faithful member of Elkins Lake Baptist Church in Huntsville.

Bill always felt the need to be involved in the community. He is a past President of the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce and a past Director of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors of First National Bank of Huntsville was a two-term member of the Huntsville City Council and a board member of the Walker County Hospital District.

Following his retirement, he and Juanita did extensive traveling, including a number of cruises and overseas trips, as well as traveling throughout most of the United States.

An avid outdoorsman, he also spent much time on his "tree farm" south of town. He often remarked that he went out daily to "watch his trees grow." It was there he had his garden, camp house, workshop, and deer stands. It became a favorite spot for him to entertain and enjoy his three precious grandchildren who loved spending nights in the camp house and having "Papa" cook their breakfast! In his workshop he built furniture for each of his dearly-loved children and grandchildren. It was also a place where extended family and friends were welcomed.

Bill Hammock was a quiet, generous, unassuming Christian gentleman; a devoted husband; a proud father and grandfather and a trusted friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He was predeceased by his parents and brother Robert Henry Hammock. Survivors include: his beloved wife of 54 years, Juanita Grantham Hammock, daughters Dr. Lauren Anita Hammock and husband, Andrew Lewinter; Leigh Elizabeth Hammock McMillan and husband, Scott McMillan; and son, Paul William Hammock. Grandchildren are Hannah Elizabeth McMillan, Caleb

Scott McMillan, and Tanner William Hammock. He is also survived by sisters Hazel Gardner, Mary Jo Leverette, Ann Gardner, and Linda Branan; brothers Jimmy Hammock, and Larry Hammock, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers include David Baggett, Bill Larrison, John Cooper, Philip Knight, Eric Watson, Noah Speer, Dr. Lowell Rollins, Jerry Phillips, Chris Mahlen, and Scott Williams.

Honorary Pallbearers include Dr. Bobby Marks, Robert McCann, Sonny Sikes, Bill Krick, Erich Krumm, Joe Shaw, Dr. Alvin Jones and Doug Prewitt.

A celebration of his life will be held on Tuesday, November 10, at 2:00p.m. at Elkins Lake Baptist Church in Huntsville. Burial will be in the Mayes Addition, Oakwood Cemetery, Huntsville. Visitation will be on Monday, November 9, from 6-8p.m. at Elkins Lake Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Children's Ministry of Elkins Lake Baptist Church, 206 State Hwy 19, Huntsville, Texas 77340; or to Covenant Fellowship Church Building Fund, 1211 Financial Plaza #1, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery

800 Martin Luther King BLVD.
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Elkins Lake Baptist Church
206 State Hwy 19
Huntsville, TX

Funeral services

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Elkins Lake Baptist Church
206 State Hwy 19
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *William L Hammock*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Bill was a Mentor of mine in Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina. Without his guidance and friendship my forestry career would not have advanced as it did. My time with Bill was with Georgia Kraft and Weyerhaeuser Companies. He wanted me to move to Texas & Champion Paper Company with him but I elected to stay in North Carolina.*



He will be sorely missed.

Clyde G. Britt

Clyde G. Britt - May 04, 2016 at 09:01 AM



“ *We remember Bill with sincere gratitude during John's early medical struggles. He was genuinely concerned for and understanding of our family's needs at that time. Bill will be remembered for his strong leadership and authentic Christian life.*

Dave and Sally Macher

David G. Macher - November 15, 2015 at 02:08 PM



“ *Our Love and Prayers.*

Barbara@DarryCook - November 14, 2015 at 08:44 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William L Hammock.*



November 11, 2015 at 07:01 PM



“ *Mr Hammock touched many lives during his distinguished forestry career, mine included. I am personally grateful for the personal and professional interaction I had with Mr. Hammock and his lovely wife Juanita. I treasure my early forestry career time in East Texas. Mr. Hammock provided invaluable guidance as a mentor and role model for a young forester finding her way. My deepest sympathy and condolences to Juanita and the family on your loss. May God's love comfort you. Joann Meyer Cox*

Joann Meyer Cox - November 11, 2015 at 05:56 PM



“ *I have great memories of how enjoyable Mr. Hammock was to work with. Our prayers go out to his family in this time of loss. God bless you --Bill Jacobs*

Bill Jacobs - November 10, 2015 at 01:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William L Hammock.*



November 10, 2015 at 12:39 PM

MW

“*Mr. Hammock*” was one of the most respected men of forestry in East Texas and Eastern United States. A true gentleman!

Marshall

Marshall Willey - November 10, 2015 at 07:41 AM

JJ

“*I will miss Mr. Bill very much but am thankful that I had the opportunity to get to know him. Every time he came in my office at ELBC I loved his sweet smile and his caring heart for the church and for his family. Never a complaint always in a great spirit. The children of ELBC loved Mr. Bill as well as we all did. Ms. Juanita I love you and praying for you and your family at this time.*

Janna Jacob

Janna Jacob - November 09, 2015 at 09:30 PM

JC

“*Sending much love, hugs and prayers to all of you. Bill and Juanita have been a beautiful gift to me in my life and in my ministry in Turkey. You are generous and kind and precious examples of what God's family is for one another. Thank You Bill.*

Jill Campbell - November 09, 2015 at 08:20 PM

WD

“ To Paul and the entire Hammock family:

I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking with Bill when I would see him around town during my "adult" years in Huntsville. But, I really remember how nice he was to all of us "kids" hanging out at your two houses in Forest Hills during our growing up years. He will be missed by so many people in all different walks of life in Huntsville, including me. You are in my prayers during this difficult time. God Bless.

Very Truly Yours,

Will Durham

Will Durham - November 09, 2015 at 04:10 PM

CW

“ You have our sincerest prayers and condolences.

Wyatt (Dub) and Carolyn Wallace

Carolyn Wallace - November 09, 2015 at 12:27 PM

BT

“ THE HAMMOCK FAMILY WERE ONE OF THE BEST OUR
PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH ALL THE FAMILY BETTY
TACKETT

BETTY TACKETT - November 09, 2015 at 11:35 AM

DH

“ Bill was a true Southern gentleman.

David Henderson - November 09, 2015 at 06:37 AM