



William Prentiss Reeves III

May 9, 2019

William Prentiss Reeves III, age 82, passed away after a brief illness on May 9, 2019. Bill touched the lives of everyone around him. More important he was the loving patriarch of his family. He was a true gentleman in every way. He exemplified unconditional love and kindness in his daily life. He was a longtime member of Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, elder and leader of Stephen Ministry. Bill's high school education was from Christ School in Arden, NC. He received a business degree from the University of Tennessee. At UT he was president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and was a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership fraternity. After graduation, he served in the Army Quartermaster Corps with rank of captain. After his military service, Bill joined Safety Equipment Distributing Company. Later he became the company's president and owner. Bill served as president of the National Safety Equipment Distributors Association and president of the National Industrial Glove Distributors. He was president of Cherokee Country Club and Civitan Club Knoxville. He served as Chairman of the East Tennessee Automobile Club and Shannondale Health Center. He also served on the board of the Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity, SunTrust Bank, and Helen Ross McNabb Center. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Barbara Lou and William P. Reeves Jr. He is survived by his wife Carole Cody Reeves, daughters and sons in law Calli and Bill Taylor and Amy and Matt Kerlin. Grandchildren Steele and Jordan Taylor, Cody and John Barry Jenkins Jr, Will Kerlin (fiancee' Hannah Stites) and Anna Katherine Kerlin, Great Grandson John Barry Jenkins III. He also is survived by his sister Barbara Lou and Hugh McWilliams, brothers Robert and Siglinde Reeves, Michael and Nancy Reeves and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service for Bill's life will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends from 2:00pm - 3:45pm in Barron Hall, followed by the memorial service at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to: Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church 3700 Keowee Avenue Knoxville, TN 37919. Condolences may be made to the family at www.rosemortuary.com. Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Events

MAY **Receiving of Friends** 02:00PM - 03:45PM

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Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church

3700 Keowee Avenue, Knoxville, TN, US, 37919

MAY **Memorial Service** 04:00PM

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Comments



“ Our deepest condolences to all of Bill's family. He was certainly a great positive influence in my life, starting at a very early age.... I have thanked him in my heart many times over the years for being my "Guardian Angel" when I needed help and guidance. Bill has certainly earned his rest and reward for a job on Earth well done.

Wesley E. "Pat" Patton

Pat Patton - June 02 at 05:17 PM



“ so saddened to hear of his passing when I worked at CCC he was so nice to all of us and I enjoyed serving him for 14 years he enjoyed his GOLF with his buddies too. .Sincerely TAnne Foschino

Anne Foschino - May 18 at 07:31 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I really enjoyed growing up with Bill as we roamed around Sequoyah Hills: sledding down the death defying Oakhurst Dr., tackle football(no pads!) on a vacant lot off of Oakhurst, basketball on Al Chavan's? hard surface court on Scenic Dr. Later, of course, fun at the SAE fraternity at UT. I still have a picture of a group of couples (Bill and Carol, Charlie and Becky Haynes, Thad and Peggy, among others) at a pajama party in the out-building basement of the old SAE house on South 17th. Good times. My condolences to all of Bill's family.

Mead Cox

Mead Cox - May 17 at 06:09 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I remember Bill at UT. We were in SAE Fraternity together. I remember what a great job he did leading us to a victory in All Sing and his leadership skills as President of the fraternity.

James Biddle - May 14 at 12:10 PM



“ I admired this wonderful gentleman. I am so sorry for your loss and will keep the family in my prayers. With Love, Tammy Graham

Tammy Graham - May 14 at 11:43 AM



“ All through the years since Sequoyah elementary school - Bill was younger but a favorite-
With special thoughts to his family. Sorry I am still in Florida and will be unable to attend service.
Sue Gray Walker

Sue Gray Walker - May 13 at 08:51 AM



“ I remember Bill from Chemistry Lab when we were freshmen at UTK. He married my classmate from high school, Carol Cody Reeves. My sympathy to Carol and the family. Dolores Ramsey Ham.

Dolores Ham - May 12 at 09:32 PM



“ When Bill, Charlie Pettway and I were riding aimlessly around Sequoyah Hills as kids, little did we realize that we had a future leader in our midst- a leader in school, business, civic life, church and in family life. Yes, that's Bill Reeves. We are so sorry to hear about his passing, but know he has gone on to the next stage of eternal life. This being Mother's Day, I also remember his sweet mother. Also, Barbara, my sister Elizabeth remembers you fondly and sends her condolences. Our warmest condolences go out to Carol, his daughters, Robert, Barbara and all the family. Our birthdays are one day apart and he called to wish me a happy birthday frequently through the years. I will certainly miss that call. Eternal rest, Bill. Charlie and Jane Kirby

Charles And Jane Kirby - May 12 at 04:58 PM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of such a caring and great person. We enjoyed his friendship so very much. Especially when we were all together in Florida. Wish that we could have visited this spring on the way home, but things didn't work out. Bill was one of the nicest individuals that we have every known and will miss him very much. We feel blessed that we were able to call him our friend.
God is getting one of the greatest people on this earth.

God Bless Carol and his family.
Jim and Marty Winkley

James and Marty Winkley - May 12 at 10:40 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William Prentiss Reeves III.



May 11 at 09:05 PM



“ True gentleman and a wonderful caring person. I will miss my friend Bill. Larry Dougherty

Larry Dougherty - May 11 at 07:07 PM