



William "Bill" Thomas Gorbett

April 21, 1932 - April 9, 2019

William (Bill) Thomas Gorbett, 86, passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in New Braunfels, Texas. He was born on April 21, 1932 in Cleveland, Ohio to Robert Roy Gorbett and Mary Veronica Murray Gorbett.

Bill graduated from Cathedral Latin High School in Cleveland, Ohio and from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He married Carol Cavanaugh, his college sweetheart, and they raised three daughters (his Allstars). He lived in Japan, Illinois, Ohio, New York, North Carolina, Florida, and Texas. For most of his career, Bill worked in the trucking industry in labor relations and he was the guy you wanted at the negotiation table.

Bill was an avid golfer and everyone wanted to be part of his foursome. While never scoring the elusive hole-in-one, there were many times he "pert' near canned it." As a proud Irish Catholic, his faith in "The Big Guy" was second to none. He believed family was everything. The twinkle in his beautiful blue eyes, his big smile and warm hugs made everyone feel like family. He enjoyed the heck out of life and made sure everyone around him did too. There will never be another Bill Gorbett.

Bill was preceded by his wife of 37 years, Carol Gorbett. He is survived by his girlfriend, Judith Fontenot; children, Cathleen Gorbett, Lyn Litchke (Scott), Ann Gorbett-Barrera (Polo); grandchildren, Nicholas Sansavera, Zachary (Xander) Saunders, Samantha and Jared Litchke, and Marissa and Ariana Barrera.

Funeral services will be held at Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee (200 John

Knox Rd.) on Friday, April 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with interment to follow later at Roselawn Cemetery (W Piedmont Dr. Tallahassee, FL) on Friday, April 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army and Guide Dogs of Texas.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Gorbett family with their local arrangements. (850-385-2193 www.bevisfh.com)

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
386 N. Castell Ave.
New Braunfels, TX 78130

Reception

APR 16. 11:30 AM (CT)

Lux Funeral Home & Cremation Services
1254 N Business IH 35
New Braunfels, TX 78130

Funeral Service

APR 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Private Interment

APR 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Roselawn Cemetery
815 West Piedmont Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall

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“ Bill and I were close friends thru gradeschool, highscool and at Miami Univ. Last July we got together in Pinehurst for our big 6th grade reunion. unfortunately our pal, Al Birchler had died in June, but his wife said let's have the reunion anyway. I thank God that Beverly and I got to see Bill and his good friend, Judith for the last time.

Bill Horrigan - April 20, 2019 at 05:59 PM

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“ To know Bill Gorbett is to love him. When you were around him you had to be happy.
Liz and I already feel a void knowing that Bill is no longer with us.
We feel truly blessed that Bill was part of life.

Perry and Liz Jacobsen

Perry and Liz Jacobsen - April 17, 2019 at 09:39 PM

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“ *"There will never be another Bill Gorbett" - SO TRUE!*

The Brower family of Oxford, Ohio will forever be indebted to Bill & Carol for fixing up Fred & Cookie in 1955 at Miami University. How we all have enjoyed our multi-generational friendship with the Gorbett family in the decades since then. We will hugely miss the twinkle in Billy's beautiful blue eyes and his big smile (what a wonderful obituary!) just as we have missed Cavity's gorgeous smile and fun-loving nature. How happy we are to know the two of them are reunited -- and certainly playing on a golf course where they can both achieve a hole-in-one.

With all our love and compassion to Cathy, Lyn, and Ann and their families.

~Fred & Mary Jane Brower and daughters Betsy O'Beirne, Becky Osborne, and Susie Sadler

Becky Brower Osborne - April 12, 2019 at 03:18 PM