



Robert William "Bill" Elder

August 4, 2015

Robert William "Bill" Elder, 83, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. A native of Albuquerque, Bill graduated from Albuquerque High School in 1949, and received his undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of New Mexico. In 1950, Bill married his beloved Beulah, and they enjoyed almost 64 years together. During the Korean Conflict, he proudly served as a lieutenant in the Air Force. Bill worked at Albuquerque National Bank, later renamed Sunwest Bank, for over 40 years before retiring in 1992 as Vice Chairman of the Board and Chief Administrative Officer. Committed to physical fitness, Bill exercised at the YMCA regularly, and served on their board of directors for many years. Bill was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves his family a legacy of integrity, service, and humility. Bill is survived by his son Thomas Elder and wife Linda Byrd; his daughter Kristin Owens and husband Ron Owens; his grandchildren Angela Elder, Daniel Elder, Emmaly Owens, and Elizabeth Elder; great-grandsons Jasper Elder and Charlie Dobransky; and siblings Jack Elder and Ann Kellogg, both of Albuquerque. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beulah, and his son, Robert Charles Elder. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at French – Wyoming. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 215 Locust St. NE, Albuquerque 87102.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **15**. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ I remember Bill before either of us went to school, meeting him at David Becker's house. Then we went all through school together. Great guy, wonderful sense of humor.

God Bless!

Dave Matthews

Dave Matthes - August 15, 2015 at 08:54 AM

CP

“ My name is Carol Provance and I worked with Bill at the Albuquerque National Bank branch on Menual. I was a teller there for three years. He was great to work with and very supportive of me and the other staff members. He made me laugh, work hard and appreciate a 'great manager'. God Bless to his family.

Carol Provance - August 13, 2015 at 09:22 PM

TM

“ Bill was my mentor, my friend. He grew me up. Job well done..
Thanks Bill
I never forget the love and caring I received from Bill and Beulah.

Tanda

Tanda Meadors - August 12, 2015 at 02:19 PM

EF

“ I met Bill and Beulah in 1998 through my college roommate their grand daughter Angela. We spent Easter together, they were a big part of Angela's life. Another set of parents to her. I enjoyed all the time I spent with them over the years despite the smoke cloud that surrounded them. :) Bill was quick to laugh while Beulah was so nice and comfortable to be around. I was touched by the generosity they showed their family and everyone around them. It was touching to see a couple who's been together so long, still so obviously in love. I think more than a little of Bill died when he lost Beulah and Chuck. He was a strong proud man, but I think that strength was built on the love he had for his family. At least now he is reunited with his loved ones that he prematurely lost. Bill was loved and he will be missed.

Elle Fore (Highlands Ranch Colorado)

Elle Fore - August 11, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JB

“ Hello to Bill's dear family (Hi Kris and Tom), I am Beulah's 2nd cousin, Jennifer. My grandparents raised Beulah and her sister. Darlene. I have known Bill since he and Beulah got married and cared for him deeply. I watched their three beautiful children grow up. Chuckie was close to my age. Bill and I both worked in the Simms Building in downtown Albuquerque in 1967-69 when he worked at the bank. He was always so kind and professional to me, and I was proud to call him my cousin-in-law. I am deeply saddened by his passing but very happy that he is at peace and is now where he wants to be. My best to you all, ~Jennifer Yearout Burk

Jennifer Yearout Burk - August 09, 2015 at 07:23 PM

RB

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Bill Elder from our Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast, which he attended for the last 15 years or so. He was a true gentleman and was from one of the original families that go back to the time Albuquerque was incorporated. I enjoyed hearing his stories of what it used to be like here, and I believe his ancestors came here in the 1880's from New York state. Is that right? I will miss him.
Rick Ballentine

Rick Ballentine - August 08, 2015 at 01:55 PM

RS

“ On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Richard T. Stewart - August 06, 2015 at 02:28 PM