



## James Vance Scoggin

December 31, 1932 - April 8, 2019

James Vance Scoggin passed away April 8, 2019 in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo at the age of 86. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Sanders Funeral Home.

James was born December 31, 1932 in Spindale, North Carolina. He graduated from Greensboro High School in 1951. After graduating he joined the Air Force and served in Korea. He then moved to Lubbock where he served at Reese Air Force Base. During this time he met and married the love of his life Bobbie Gentry and was happily married for 51 years. He then attended and graduated with a Bachelor's in Engineering from Texas Tech University in 1960 and remained in Lubbock. James enjoyed local politics, tennis (won the Senior Olympics), flying and instructing students as well as coaching basketball, and spending time with family, especially his granddaughters.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ina Allen and Nathan Scoggin; sister, Elizabeth Pickard; brother, Harold Scoggin.

He is survived by his son, Steve Scoggin; granddaughters, Stevi and Alli Scoggin; great-granddaughter, Karsyn Scoggin; brother and wife, Roy and Anne Scoggin.

All donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

# Tribute Wall

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“ James Vance Scoggin was my father and I loved him with all my ❤️ . I was truly blessed to have in my life. He was a true "man's man." He always protected and provided for his family. He was always encouraging and supportive of me and his granddaughters. If my dad wasn't coaching me he was sponsoring my teams. He never missed a game or practice that I attended in 18 years. He was my biggest supporter on and off the field as well as the golf course or tennis court. I was very blessed that we were able to spend so much time together , even in his later years. My father was definitely an original when it came to telling jokes. His sense of humor was very unique and one of his best qualities. But what I admired most was his character. He served his country in the Korean War as a pilot in the United States Air Force. He also graduated from Texas Tech University with a mechanical engineering degree in three and a half years. My father was married to my mother, Bobbie Scoggin for 51 years , that is very rare in today's society. He loved his granddaughters, Stevi and Alli with all of his heart. He rarely missed any of their sporting events as well. My father was always hands on and available for any of his family members or friends. I miss him and think about him everyday. I actually pick up the phone wanting to call him and get his advice on life, that is how important he was to me. Thank you dad for all of the wonderful and exciting memories that you shared with your adopted son.

Steve Scoggin

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“ The first thing I think of when Vance's name comes up is how much fun he was. When he and Bobbie would come to visit us he would always have a funny story or joke. He would see my football and would ask me to throw it with him. He would fix a broken balsa wood glider so that we could throw it back and forth. He would run play and laugh when we did anything outside. I wasn't used to getting so much attention. I was in kiddy heaven.

*I know how much he loved Bobbie. She used to tell a story how he once told her, "Stick with me baby and we'll go places." This meant to me that he would be successful and she would share in his great success." Bobbie loved to tell that story and laugh. It was left unsaid that she was as successful or even more successful than Vance. We all loved the story maybe even Vance. I think Bobbie could have said most anything and Vance would laugh along with it.*

*When Cathy and I got married in May of 1970 we went to Ruidoso, NM for our honeymoon. It was Memorial Day weekend and there was a big crowd at Ruidoso Downs horse race track. We were walking around trying to find a seat. I looked down at all the old losing tickets which sort of gave me pause. Then I looked up again and there was Vance. We had no idea he was going to be there. Cathy didn't even know Vance and Bobbie. We sat next to the two of them for the next few hours losing about \$2 per horse race.*

*Vance started talking and telling funny stories while we laughed. The people behind us and in front started listening to Vance's tales. We were having a mini-party with Vance as our leader. Vance got up to place a bet or get a hot dog. The minute he left the guy sitting behind Vance leaned in to me and said, "That guy is funny. I love his stories....." I agreed with him. I didn't tell the guy we were relatives. I wanted to know what he really thought of Vance. It was all good. Vance told the guy we were relatives and I was really proud to be related to Vance. I got to share in his glory for a few minutes. There were plenty of accolades for Vance to go around. He was a people magnet and an entertainer. It all seemed so*

*natural. I will miss him.*

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