



William Buck Waters

February 5, 1934 - November 10, 2018

William Buck Waters, born in Wheeler, Texas on February 5, 1934, passed away Saturday, November 10, at Covenant Specialty Hospital in Lubbock, surrounded by family and prayer. He was the son of Texas Ranger Capt. Raymond Waters and Mae Adams Waters. Bill was the husband of Sharon McCauley Waters — they were high school sweethearts and graduates of Lubbock High School. They shared almost 65 years of marriage.

After graduation from high school, Bill went on to Texas Tech where he later earned his Masters of Education. In 1957, Bill was drafted to play pro-football with the Baltimore Colts. He went on to a long football coaching career starting as a high school coach in Dalhart, Artesia, and Carlsbad. After that, he coached at the University of New Mexico. His passion for the sport influenced those that he coached and led to lifelong friendships.

After a coaching career, the Waters returned to Lubbock where he became Director of Management Training at Furr's Cafeteria. He taught Management (Hotel and Restaurant Management) in the Department of Human Sciences at Texas Tech.

Bill was a member of the Masonic Hall in Carlsbad, the New Mexico Coaches Association, and First Methodist Church. After retirement, the Waters spent most all summers in Ruidoso at the Little Creek RV Park where Bill was

lovingly called “Mayor” and they named a street after him called “Waters Way”. Another shared passion of the Waters was vegetable gardening — including gourds, which he turned into an art form! His decorative hand-carved gourds were sought after and cherished works of art.

The Waters always enjoyed spending time with family. They have two sons: Bill Bryan Waters and wife Katrina, children Tracee and Wesley; son Byron Waters and wife Cindy, children Jason, Stephanie and Andrew; and seven great-grandchildren: Tristen and Will, Veyda and Connor, Addison, Buck and Elizabeth. He was pre-deceased by his parents, one sister, two brothers, a niece, a nephew, and the Water’s long-time four-legged friend “Freckles”. Survivors include several nephews and close relatives by marriage.

A very special word of appreciation goes to Dr. Piyush Mittal who showed such compassionate care. A word of thanks also goes out to the caring staff of Covenant Specialty Hospital.

There will be a come and go visitation at your convenience Wednesday, November 14 at Sanders Funeral Home. The funeral will be held on Thursday, November 15 at 2 P.M. at Sanders Funeral Home, 1420 Main Street, Lubbock, Texas. Pallbearers include Bobby Davis, Brad Reed, Brent Reed, Jason Waters, Andrew Waters and Wesley Waters. Graveside services at Lubbock Cemetery will be immediately following the funeral.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Cal Farley’s, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174-0001, (1-800-687-3722).

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Buck Waters



Sanders Funeral Home - November 14, 2018 at 12:24 PM

NB

I am so sorry about Bill's passing. I am sorry so many years passed when you all left Artesia that we never connected again. I cherished our time together in Artesia. Love, Novice

Novice Kirkpatrick Boyd - November 14, 2018 at 06:54 PM

BG

I am very grateful for my memories of Coach Waters. I was a lowly team member and he reached out to me in so many ways to show I was appreciated back in the days. When I was staying in Lubbock for treatment several years back Coach and Mrs. Waters invited me into their home for dinner and we had such a great visit. (AND THE MEAL was fabulous, thanks to Mrs. Waters) He also invited me to come out to the 'farm' and see him, and again telling me how much he appreciated me. I am thankful I was able to see him in his last week and tell him how much I loved and appreciated him. Coach Waters motivational techniques and talks he shared with the team were priceless. I was able to take my son Zak with me and introduce him to Coach Waters when they spent the summers in Ruidoso years back and that was special.

My prayers for Mrs. Waters and the family. Love you Coach and we will see you over yonder.

*God Bless,
Boz Green*

Boz Green - November 15, 2018 at 07:37 AM

PR

“ *Bill Waters was my mentor, my friend, and one who taught me more about the game of football than I thought possible. As a young coach he always had time to answer my questions and show me proper technique. I appreciate every minute I got to spend as his pupil and those memories will stay with me forever. Bill loved to work with young men and they prospered under his direction. He taught lessons about life and living as a winner. Bill will be missed by many. RIP my friend.*

Paul W Ricker - November 14, 2018 at 08:49 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Buck Waters.*



November 14, 2018 at 07:43 PM

MF

“ *Great coach and even better man! I owe every great football memory I have to you. Coach Waters you were the guy every one of us prayed our boys could play for. God bless you! We'll meet again someday. (Hope it's not at practice though). Mike Forrest*

mike forrest - November 14, 2018 at 07:05 PM

DW

“ *Coach always cared about all of us. It's great to be a Bulldog because of people like him. Thank you for the memories, Coach. We'll never forget you. DeeBee Worthington AHS Class of '64*

DeeBee Worthington - November 14, 2018 at 06:11 PM



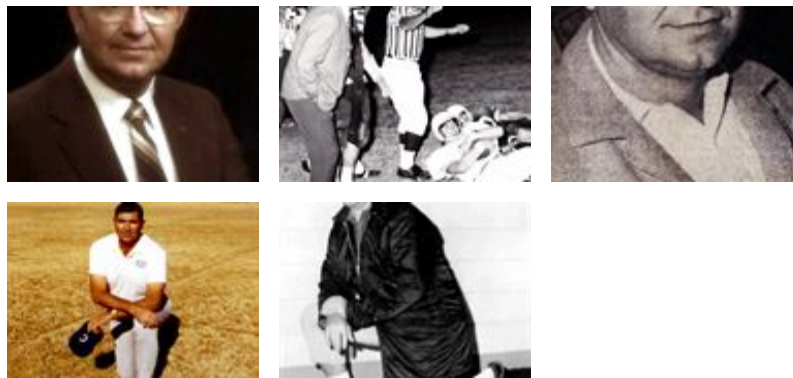
“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Buck Waters.



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Sanders Funeral Home - November 14, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ Bill always made me feel welcome and part of the family. Even though I didn't have the privilege of being around him very often I always enjoyed visiting with him on our trips to Lubbock. We would always share our pet stories. He'll be missed by all he touched.



Susie McCauley - November 13, 2018 at 10:42 AM