



Mr. Robert "Bob" Garner

July 16, 1931 - February 3, 2019

Robert L. (Bob) Garner was born July 16, 1931, the oldest of three children to the late Lillie Iris Lee Garner and William Chester Garner. A veteran of the United States Air Force, Bob received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Tennessee in 1957. In 1959, he received a Certified Public Accountant Certificate. Later that same year, he married the love of his life, Helen Brown Garner and in his words “the prettiest girl in Lawrence County.”

Professionally, Bob was a founding partner of Winnett Associates, held memberships in the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, past board member of Shelbyville & Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, past president and 45 year member of Rotary International, where he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. He chaired the development committee of the H.V. Griffin Park Complex, and served on the board of directors of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration for 18 years with 3 terms as chairman of the board. Bob was inducted into The Celebration Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Bob Garner Room in the Calsonic Arena was named in his honor. He was a champion of numerous civic and charitable causes and held many leadership roles at First Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville where he was a member for over 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his son Greg Garner, and sister Sassy Garner Blackwell.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Helen Brown Garner, a brother Bill (Kathy) Garner, Lake City, SC, and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Greg Garner Memorial Scholarship Fund @ First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brittain ST., Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Funeral services will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church. Reverend Allen Cross will officiate with burial to follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“One of the most genuine and sweetest souls I have ever had the honor of knowing. Bob truly was one of the "good" guys...we will have nothing but wonderful memories of him and will miss him dearly! We love you too, Helen!!! God Bless”

John and Ginger Olson

John Olson - February 05, 2019 at 09:39 PM

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“Will miss Uncle Bob, was so blessed to have known him. And will hold the family reunion time in my thoughts. Love you Uncle Bob!”



cheryl rooker - February 04, 2019 at 11:40 PM

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“I had the great privilege to work with Mr Bob at Winnett Associates. Always such a gentle kind man. Janie Bowman

Janie Bowman - February 04, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ *Many years ago students from our area high schools were to visit UT. I was a student at Community High and was selected to go. Due to a mixup in departure times, the bus left without us. Mr. and Mrs. Garner waited and drove us up and back in their car so we would not miss out. Over 50 years later I still remember their kindness and the fun we shared. My condolences to Mrs. Gardner and the family.*

Lanell Crowell - February 04, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bob" Garner.*



February 04, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ *He was the sweetest man. Always smiling and saying hi at church. Helping out at the church. He will be SO missed. My heart aches for Helen, they were a pair, not see one without the other most times. Blessings.*

Pat Thompson - February 04, 2019 at 12:58 AM