



## Charles 'Chuck' Bloom

Charles Andrew "Chuck" Bloom Born Aug 1952 in Detroit, MI and passed away Aug 6, 2015, in Plano, TX at age of 62. Chuck Bloom was a retired award-winning community journalist who was active in Texas journalism for over 30 years. During his career, he earned more than 75 first-place state and regional press awards, four times as the state's top columnist in his division and four times his papers were named best in Texas. In his career, Bloom penned more than 1,500 columns. Survived by his family: Wife Jodie Zoeller Bloom and Children: Robert Bloom with his partner Leslie Beck, Lisa Bloom with her partner Austin Simmons, Kelsey Bloom with her partner Casey Clow; Grandchildren: Riley Bloom (8), Kaylin Clow (3) and Jackson Simmons (newborn); Sister Vicki Bloom and husband Mike Scullion. The memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 29th 12:30pm at Dallas Fair Park Hall of State auditorium. There is nearby parking on the grounds of Fair Park. <http://www.dallashistory.org/visit/plan-your-visit/> Please wear a sports team shirt or something Celtic, he would love it. Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, can be made to the North Texas Food Bank, the Samaritan Inn (McKinney), Southwest Celtic Music Association or the University of Michigan. Chuck was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, he attended the University of Michigan (Class of 1974), was the assistant sports editor of the Michigan Daily and spent 2 ½ years a student assistant in the U-M sports information department. He arrived in Texas in 1976 to begin his journalistic career as sports editor/columnist of the Conroe Daily Courier in suburban Houston and worked

for newspapers in the Texas Gulf Coast, Texas Hill Country and suburban Dallas area. He owned and operated several small community newspapers (Nixon News, Stockdale Star) in South Texas for almost 14 years. Health issues forced his retirement, but was frequent contributor of opinion columns for the Plano Star Courier, Dallas Morning News, Romeo Times, and MGoTalk.com. For the last 13 years, he was actively involved in the annual North Texas Irish Festival. He served as the Editor in chief of the Southwest Celtic Music Association Ceili newsletter. In 1985, he was named Citizen of the Year by the Nixon Area Chamber of Commerce. Bloom served as a city councilman and president of the chamber of commerce in Nixon, a member of the Lancaster Charter Review and Downtown Revitalization Commissions, president of two Texas regional press associations, director of Texas Press Association and president of the Lancaster Lions Club Charles Bloom Photo 2