



Doak Worley

Doak Worley, of Austin, passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2016. DOAK MATTHEWS WORLEY BORN June 3, 1932 DIED March 23, 2016 Born at home in Sumner, Mississippi on June 3, 1932, Doak Matthews Worley grew up hunting and fishing on his family's cotton farm. Doak attended preparatory school at Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee and received his B.A. in business administration from Vanderbilt University. Doak was a Naval Aviation Intelligence Officer with the VF-173 aviation unit from 1952-1955. He traveled to Asia and Europe on the U.S.S. Wasp until bad shellfish sent him home, airlifted from Italy, a rather indecorous end to his military career that he loved to joke about for years to come. He met the love of his life, Marylyn Wolpert, on a blind date in Jacksonville, Florida on November 13, 1954 and they eloped shortly after in Georgia (because you couldn't get married on the same day in Florida) on January 15, 1955 and never told anyone. Their family, never the wiser, held a wedding on November 19 that same year in Orlando. While his wife raised their two young children, Doak continued his studies at University of Mississippi and earned his masters in nuclear physics from Rice University in 1960. Doak then went on to be an account executive at Merrill Lynch, Senior Vice-President of Investments at River Oaks Bank & Trust in Houston and Executive Vice President of BancTEXAS in Dallas. After retiring from banking in 1984, Doak and Marylyn traveled the U.S. in a camper van and enjoyed tennis, bird watching and grandchildren. Doak was a hobbyist - mastering woodworking, boating, Asian cooking and teaching the history of religions at his church. Above all, Doak loved instilling a love for life and learning in his grandchildren. Doak is survived by his wife Marylyn, his son Matt and his family Donna and Doak, his daughter Beth and her family David, Constance, Kurt, Katie, Cora and Kyle.

Tribute Wall

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“ I learned a lot from Doak during our time at BancTEXAS. One thing I shall forever be grateful for—he introduced me to the western novels of Louis L’Amour. I think I have now read all of them. Some glad day I hope to be see Louis and Doak in Heaven.

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