

David Vann
DeCordova, Sr.

February 26, 1939 - August 16, 2018

A Celebration of the Life of
David Vann DeCordova, Sr.
Monday, August 20, 2018 10:00 a.m.
Calvary Baptist Church
Beuamont, Texas



“How Great Thou Art”
Congregation

Prayer and Scriptures
Dr. Nathan Harold Cothen

Obituary

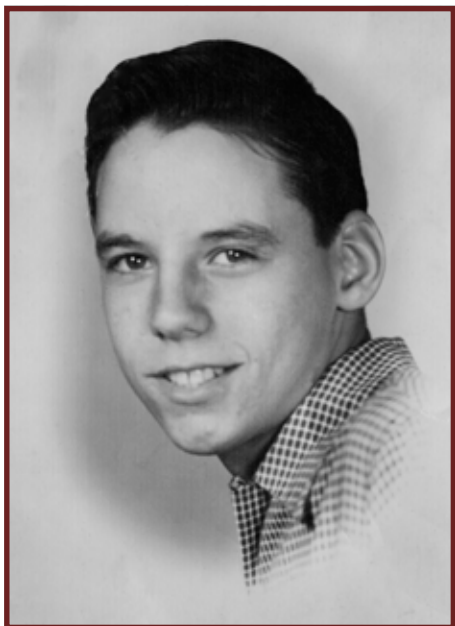
“When We All Get to Heaven”
Congregation

A Tribute of Praise
David Vann DeCordova, Jr.

“One Day at A Time”
“It is Well with My Soul”
John Griffin, Bethany Rench

Message
Dr. Nathan Harold Cothen

“Amazing Grace”
Congregation





David Vann DeCordova, Sr., 79, of Beaumont, passed away at home on Thursday, August 16, 2018, in the loving arms of his sweet wife Mary Lynne Alford DeCordova. He was born February 26, 1939, in Beaumont, Texas, to Lester I. DeCordova (1901-1998) and Sue Anna Weber DeCordova (1910-1962).

David's survivors include his wife Mary Lynne; daughter D'Ann and husband, Randy Riggs; son David Vann DeCordova, Jr.; grandson, Taylor Riggs, all of Beaumont, Texas; granddaughter, Ashley Riggs Crill and husband, Wes

Crill; great-granddaughters, Presley Ann and Quinn Victoria Crill of Austin, Texas; and by Boston Muchala who called him "papa." David also is survived by his late brother, Donald Lester DeCordova's (1935-2002) two sons, Bryan Mace DeCordova and wife, Benita, and Mark Lester DeCordova and wife, Kristina, and their respective children, and by first cousins, Kathy Weber Woolridge and Dr. Bill Weber. David's youngest son, Jon Wade DeCordova, passed away November 6, 2009.

David's Texas roots run deep. He is a fifth generation Texan and is a second great-grandson of Texas Jewish pioneer Jacob DeCordova (1808 - 1868). Jacob, born in Jamaica, B.W.I., settled in Texas in 1839, founded Waco, Texas, and became one of Texas's largest land agents, controlling over 1,000,000 acres in central Texas. Proudly hanging in David's office is a replica of the 1849 Texas map Jacob produced. Scholars credit him with bringing more settlers to Texas than Stephen F. Austin. Jacob married outside of his faith, and his children were raised in the Christian faith by his wife Rebecca Sterling (1808 - 1882).

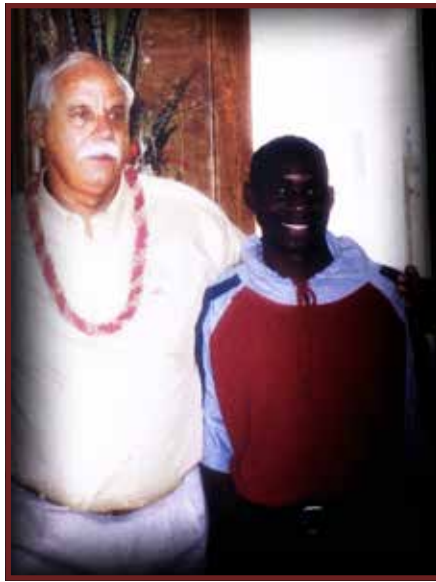
David was a Christian. He loved his church, Calvary Baptist, lamenting often of his physical inability to attend in person. He missed hearing the choir sing, and the "preacher preach." David loved too his Aggies, playing center on the Aggie team for Coach Bear Bryant after graduating Beaumont

High School in 1957. David bravely, and without open complaint, fought a constant forty-year battle with heart disease, having had his first bypass at thirty-six. While doctors were continually amazed, his family knew it was his love of God and his family, especially his precious twin great-granddaughters, that kept him going well beyond what medical science even thought possible. David's love of the outdoors, especially hunting, was also a likely positive factor, enjoying an African Safari and many hunting trips with friends and his son-in-law Randy, remarking only last week that hunting was off the table this year because he likely could not use his walker at the deer lease. A close second to hunting was David's love of animals, especially his little canine companion Gracie Belle, who never, ever left his lap or side, even as EMS personnel tried to revive him.

David's always generous smile, quick wit, slowness to anger, his generosity of spirit, time and purse, gentleness of spirit, and his kind, humble and loving heart made him someone extraordinary and special to all who were privileged and blessed to know him. He fought the good fight, but was tired, very tired. Our merciful God knew and choose to call him home. David is now healed, with a new body, and is at rest and peace for eternity with his Savior. While we deeply mourn the loss of our sweet father, husband, grandfather, great-grand father, and dear friend, we give glory to Jesus for the Truth that we, as believers, will all be together again. This is not the end, it is the beginning of forever. We mourn, but also celebrate.

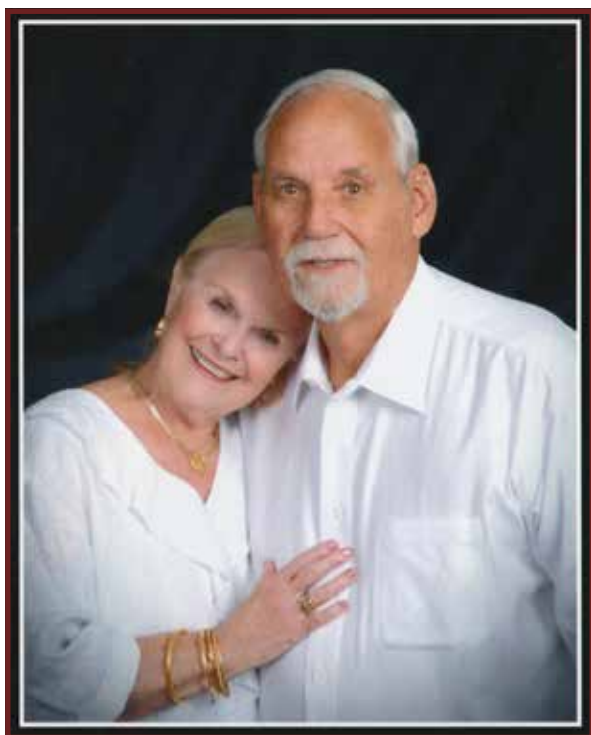














Pallbearers

Bryan Mace DeCordova	Taylor Riggs
Mark Lester DeCordova	Will Tinkle
Jay Phelps	Joe B Persohn

Honorary Pallbearers

Randy Riggs	Bud Nolan
Wes Crill	Boston Muchala
David Smith	Jay Koch
Wayne Sheffield	Ralph Babineaux

The Members of the
Sportsmen Sunday School Class, Calvary Baptist

Interment

Forest Lawn Memorial Park
Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

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