

Bob Gaskin

November 20, 1933 - January 29, 2024

Celebrating the Life of

Bob Gaskin

Monday, February 26, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Broussard's Chapel

Beaumont, Texas

Prelude

Welcome & Invocation

Seth Gaskin

Opening Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5, 9-13

Donovan Adams

Special Music

Because He Lives

Family Remembrance

Bart Gaskin

Poem & Music

Sparrow Psalm

by Bob Gaskin

The Poet Speaks (Der Dichter Spricht)

by Robert Schumann

Shared Memories

Patrick Phelan, Tracie Middleton

and Lisa Quebedeaux

Message of Hope/Eulogy

Seth Gaskin

Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace

Benediction

Postlude

Piano: Samuel Gaskin; Song Leaders: Malcolm & Ferdie Gaskin; Violin: Mary Gaskin

The family invites everyone to a reception for food and fellowship immediately following the service. The Come-and-Go event is located at:

5995 Ventura Lane
Beaumont, Texas 77706

Shall We Gather at the River?

V1 Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God*

V2 Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown

V3 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

John 1: 1-5, 9-13 **NKJV**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made though Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Sparrow Psalm

A sparrow trapped inside the sun porch
tries and tries again and again to fly
through the unforgiving screen.
It drops to the deck for a half rest.
The beat of its despairing heart is visible.
I open the outside door to the yard
And then must frighten it to freedom.
This has happened before. I exult in this,
To watch it dart wildly into the free sky.
One may not by analogy anoint oneself.
Still, I cannot help but think of Him
who knows the poor creatures one by one.

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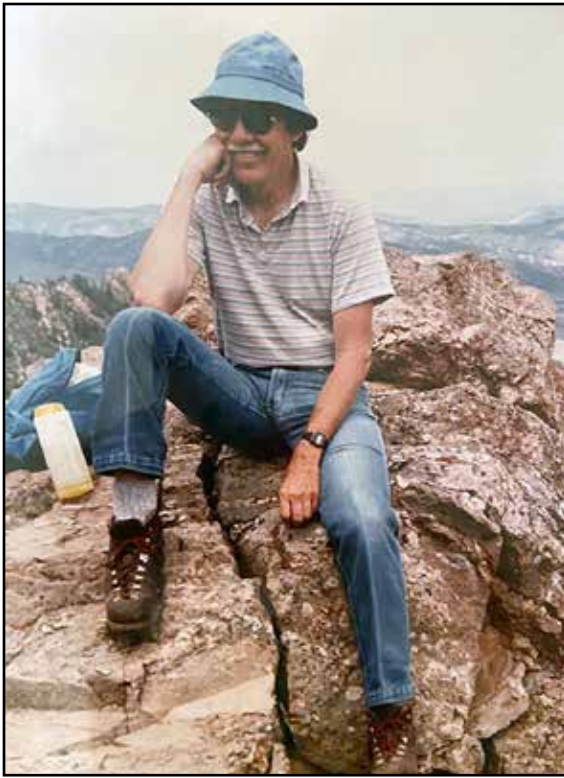
Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.



Bob Louane Gaskin was born in Beaumont, Texas on November 20, 1933, and died on January 29, 2024. He and his late twin brother, Jerry, were the children of John Louane Gaskin and Beulah Brashear Gaskin.

Bob graduated from Beaumont High in 1952. For several years he was a rodeo bull rider before being drafted into the U.S. Navy for two years. He then settled down

to raise three children with his first wife, LaNorma. He worked 35 years as a lab technician for Fina Oil. Bob was a problem solver—he put together a piece of German distillery equipment that everyone assured his supervisor could only be done by a specifically trained person. He opted to work evening and graveyard shifts in order to attend classes at Lamar University. While working full time, he earned a degree in Psychology and then a Masters in English.

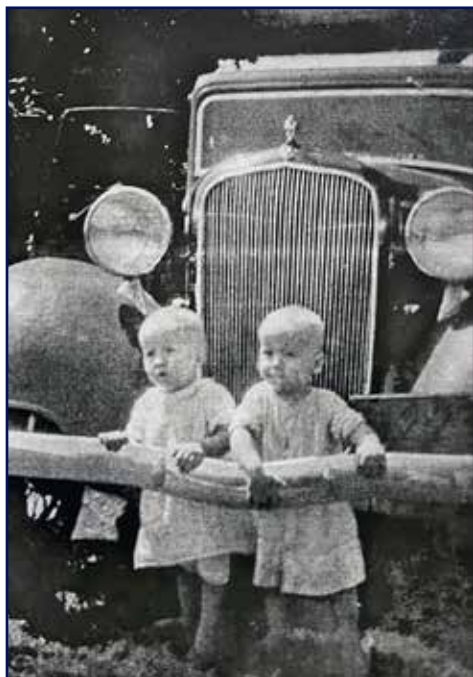
Bob taught his kids the love of fishing at Lake Sabine. Every summer he used his vacation time to take his family on camping and hiking trips to the hill country, New Mexico and the Colorado Rockies, fostering in his kids a great appreciation for the outdoors.

In 1986, he married Joyce. They made many annual trips to Germany where Bob enjoyed speaking German with the locals. He loved the history of the German resistance to Hitler and pursuing details of specific resistors such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer and members of the White Rose. Following retirement from Fina, Bob taught English at Lamar University for 15 years. His ability to reduce complicated ideas to simple, understandable concepts made him well-suited for success as an ESL instructor for his international students. He soon became co-director of Lamar's Language Institute.

Bob was an accomplished, yet very private poet. Many of his poems were published in university press magazines. He was especially proud to have one published in the NYC based religious journal *First Things*. For a number of years, he had been compiling a collection of his poems which will be published as a book by the end of the year.

In 2001, Bob and Joyce bought Red B4 Books. Here was another place for Bob to share his interests in philosophy, psychology and history. Along with running a bookstore together, Bob and Joyce spent years trekking back and forth to Houston to attend plays, movies, and concerts. Also in Houston Bob ran two marathons. When he no longer ran, he coached and supported Joyce's running.

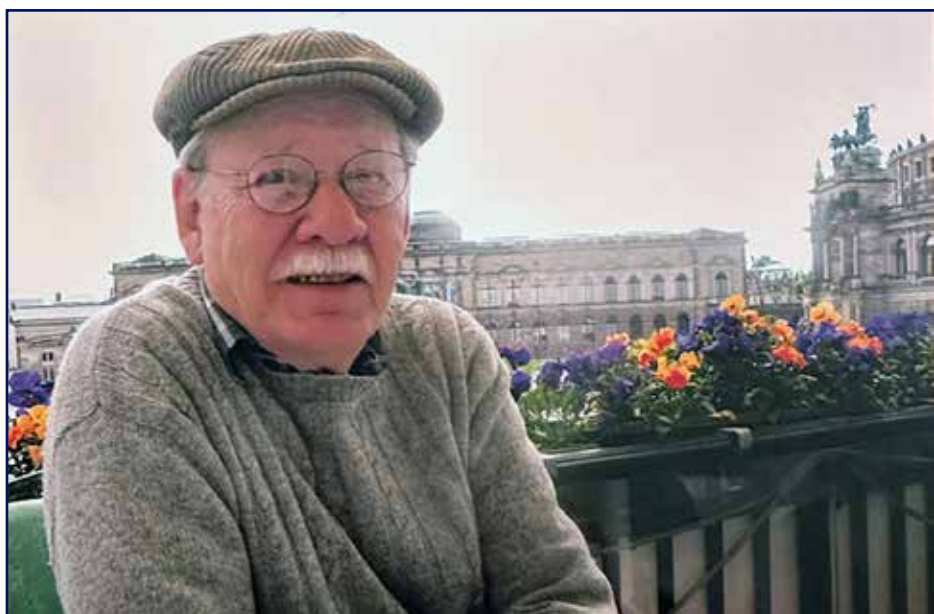
Bob is survived by his wife, Joyce, and by his children: Venita Gaskin, Bart Gaskin and wife, Masako, Malcolm Gaskin and wife, Ferlie; step-daughter, Melanie Adams and husband, Peter; and by his grandchildren: Daniel Gaskin and wife, Anna, and their three children; Seth Gaskin and wife, Mary, and their two children; Anna Gaskin, Samuel Gaskin, Kieu Le, Donovan Adams, and Jon Adams.

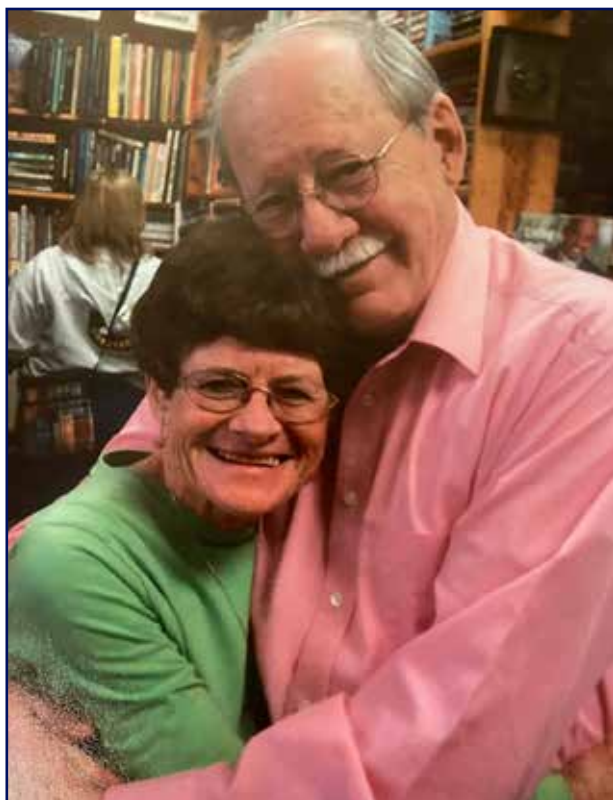






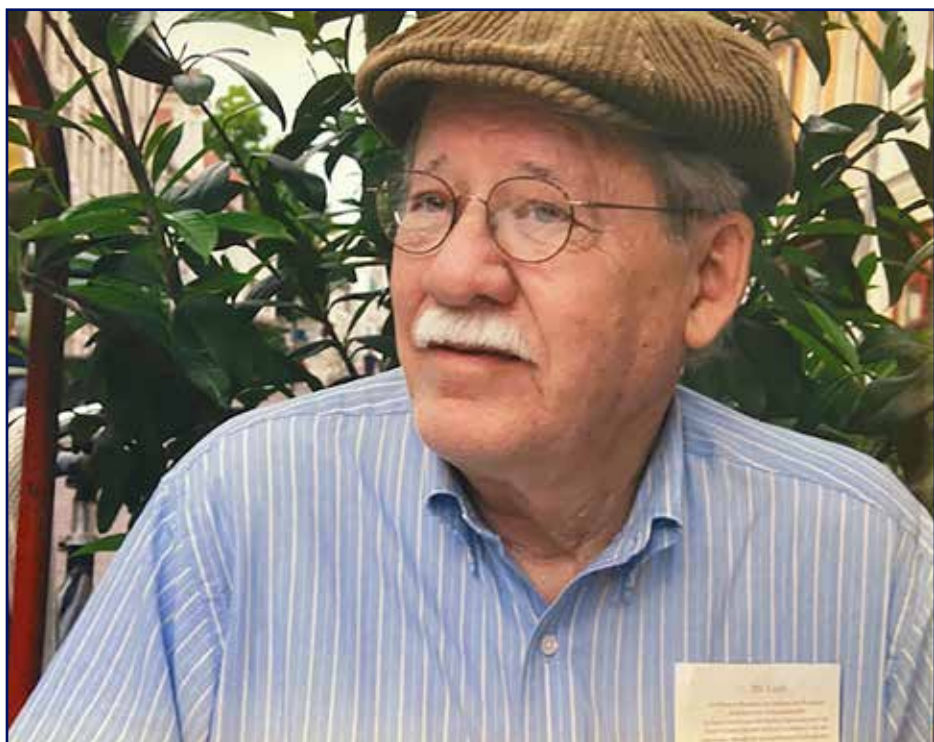












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