



William "Bill" Bode

September 4, 1944 - February 20, 2024



William “Bill” Bode passed away peacefully at home in his sleep February 20, 2024, at the age of 79 following a brief intense battle with cancer.

Bill was born on September 4, 1944, in Louisville, Kentucky, to Helmuth “Bo” and Emlyn “Emmy” Bode.

Upon his graduation as a Chemical Engineer from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, he began his career with Sinclair Petroleum in Philadelphia, Pa. on April 1, 1968. He moved to Beaumont, Texas, in 1970, with his young family. The name of the Refinery changed several times (Sinclair, BP, Fina and Total), but he did not. He served in numerous management functions and retired after 40 years on April 1, 2008.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman and spent any and all of his spare time fishing, hunting or racing his sailboat at the Port Arthur Yacht Club, depending on the season. He received many awards for his outdoor abilities in the

many tournaments he participated in as is evidenced by the numerous trophy mounts in his home. One story I fondly remember was he and Pete Hebert, a lifelong friend, heading to the Flower Garden to fish overnight with two 55-gallon barrels of fuel on the back of the Center Console so they could make the trip without running out of fuel.

On December 16, 1977, he married his true soul-mate and love of his life Elizabeth “Liz” Bumstead, and finally gained a bonus son, Sean. Bill and Liz spent many vacations driving throughout the United States visiting places neither had been and then started Cruising so they didn’t have to drive.

Bill thoroughly enjoyed his time serving on the following Board of Directors: Beaumont West Homeowner’s Association beginning at its inception in 1982, for many years as president; Peregrine Homeowner’s Association from 1985 – 2022, (many years as president and vice president); and The Landing at Seven Cove’s (as Vice President). He put everything he had in these groups to make them the best they could be.

Bill is survived by his wife of 46 years, Liz Bode; his daughters, Denise Turner (Mark) and Heather Duke; son, Sean Ohlrich (Melissa); grandchildren, Ashley Boston (Jordan), Christine Scarbrough (Stephen), Katie Smith (Travis), Dustin Womack and Jared Ohlrich, and 4 great-grandchildren with another one on the way; sister, Lynn Dunn (Crae); and brothers, Bob Bode (Julie) and John Bode (Mary Beth); and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emmy and Bo Bode and brother, Jim Bode.









Funeral Service

Saturday, February 24, 2024 2:00 p.m.

Broussard's Chapel

Beaumont, Texas

Mr. Sam Wax

Pallbearers

Sean Ohlrich

Dustin Womack

Jared Ohlrich

Stephen Scarbrough

Kyle McMillan

Mark Turner

Interment

Knipple Cemetery

Silsbee, Texas

Memorial Contributions

Julie & Ben Rogers Cancer Institute

3555 Stagg Drive

Beaumont, Texas 77701

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