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If you greeted Howard Loveless with the question, “How are you?” his answer was, invariably, “Never better!” This greeting resonates even more clearly today, as he has entered into the heavenly presence of God and his Savior. Howard passed away peacefully on April 27th, at the age of 83, in this Eastertide season celebrating Christ’s Resurrection. Howard William Loveless was born to Nora Robnett Loveless and William Edward Loveless on July 10th, 1927, in Stuttgart, Arkansas; he remained a proud “Ricebird” all his life, organizing and attending class reunions right up until the most recent one in 2010. After serving with the occupational forces in Japan as a member of the First Cavalry, he attended Tulane University on a full scholarship, where he was the House Manager for the Kappa Sigma fraternity, a position which helped him hone his business acumen and fiscal conservatism, traits for which he would remain well-known throughout his life. He earned both MBA and JD degrees from the University of Tennessee, where he was selected to ODK, honored as a UT Torch Bearer, served as president of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. It was at UT where he met the love of his life and fellow Phi Beta Kappa member, Lucy Hall Moore. He considered himself most fortunate that Lucy agreed to marry him in 1951, and then he launched his career, first at Coopers and Lybrand in New York; then at Malone, Robnett and Barclay in Memphis. He also taught accounting and the CPA review course at UT Memphis. In 1958 he started his tenure with Slumber Products Corporation (Sealy Southeast) ultimately rising to become the company’s president. He remained at Slumber until the company was sold in 1986. He was a loyal Rotarian, and held memberships in the Chickasaw Country Club and the Friendship Force. A faithful member of Second Presbyterian Church since 1957, Howard especially enjoyed the Thursday morning Amen Bible Study. Everywhere Howard went, he was famous for his outgoing, never-met-a-stranger personality and a remarkable generosity of spirit. For all of his professional and



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community achievements, Howard's passion was his family, starting with his beloved "Lu." Howard and Lucy loved to travel together, driving thousands of miles on adventures both in the United States and in over twenty countries around the world. Their marriage of 60 years was an inspiration to all who knew them and produced five children and a rollicking, loving household built on faith and love. All five children survive: Constance Loveless Friend (Connie); Dr. Howard William Loveless, Jr. (Hal) with wife Kathleen; William Edward Loveless II (Bill) with wife Mary; Dr. Scott Barclay Loveless with wife Minette; and Lucy Robnett Loveless Archer (Robbie) with husband Reyn. He also leaves sixteen grandchildren who adored their "Pa" almost as much as he adored them: Katie and Joey Friend; Suzie, Laura, Olivia, and William Loveless; Mary, Lucy, and Kate Loveless; Sarah, Scotty, Libby, Clay and David Loveless; Will and Edward Archer. Howard was predeceased by his parents and five of his six brothers: Al, Wilmer, Walter, Boddie, and Larry. He is also survived by his wife Lucy; his brother Dr. Donald E. Loveless of Tulsa, Oklahoma; his sister Dorothy Loveless Harlan of Stuttgart, Arkansas; his aunt Annette N. Robnett of Houston, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held in the sanctuary of Second Presbyterian Church at 1:00 on Saturday, April 30th with visitation immediately following at the church. The family asks that memorials be directed to the Mission Fund of Second Presbyterian Church or the Neighborhood Christian Center.



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WS

Wes Stevener posted:

Lucy & Family, Libby told me about Howard's passing. I am sorry. He was always like a second dad growing up. Our loss is definately heaven's gain. I would love to get back in touch.

October 18 at 4:14 PM

LY

Libby Stevener Yearty posted:

Lucy-I was in Memphis and saw where Howard passed in April. You both were very special to us growing up and we have such great memories.

October 18 at 1:44 PM

JW

Josephine Williamson posted:

Dear Lucy & Family, I just learned today of Howard's passing. I am so saddened to hear it. Howard made a lasting impression on me when I first met him while attending the "Ricebirds' class reunions in Stuttgart with my husband Bill, who was a classmate.

August 19 at 2:25 PM

CK

Cathy Kirby posted:

would a Robert Loveless, age would be apx 48-51 yrs old be related to this family, back in 1981 he and his parents lived in Big Spring Texas, I lived in Big Spring back then and have lost contct with him and would love to reconnect. thanks.

July 7 at 1:23 PM

PN

Porter And Juanita Ncclean posted:

Howard and I were KS fraternity brothers and dear friends for 61 years. I watched him woo Lucy and win her heart. After graduation and the Army, when I moved back to Memphis, my new bride was instantly embraced by both Howard and Lucy, and that was the s

April 29 at 5:57 PM



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NW

Nora Heflin Williams posted:

Dear Connie – I was saddened to read of the loss of your father. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May wonderful memories help you get through this difficult time. Nora Heflin Williams

April 29 at 4:20 PM

JM

Jennifer Moore posted:

Hal, Kathleen, and kids: You all are in our thoughts and prayers as you are going through such a difficult time. It sounds like he lived his life to the fullest, and look at all the memories! I wish I could have met him! (Kathleen's YMCA friend)

April 29 at 3:40 PM

KR

Kendall Robnett posted:

I want to extend my heartfelt condolence and let you know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Howard was an amazing and kind man and he will be truly missed. I regret that my job prevents me from being able to attend the service Saturday; ho

April 29 at 3:09 PM

TC

Tim Clay posted:

To Scott Loveless & his family: Our prayers are with you in this trying moment. Your Step Study Brothers

April 29 at 2:50 PM

JB

Janeene Barnett posted:

To the Loveless family, No words can express my admiration for Howard. His love and care for everyone was always evident. He will be greatly missed. Our love to you all. The Barnett family, Terry, Janeene, Adam, Jessica and Matthew

April 29 at 4:46 AM



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Deanna, Lance, Gunnar And Max Loveless posted:

We are so sad that Howard had to leave us. However, Heaven received a new angel and we received a new guardian angel. He was a wonderful, sweet soul who welcomed me into the Loveless family with open and loving arms. I will never, ever forget him and w

April 28 at 7:33 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Howard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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