



## Andrew Edward “Andy” Box

November 4, 1935 - April 29, 2017

Andrew Edward “Andy” Box was born November 4, 1935 in Waco, Texas, and passed away peacefully on April 29, 2017 at his home in Round Rock, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert “Buster” Box and Janet VanZandt Box; his daughter, Sherry Lynn Box Martin; and his great-granddaughter Anabelle Olive Anzaldo. Andy was blessed with a large, loving family who will forever love and miss his quick wit, teasing and his special fun nicknames. Surviving him are: wife, Linda Casinger Box; daughter, Dee Anna Box Pittman; son, Danny Edward Box and wife, Kathy; son, Dean Allan Box; and step-son, Jeffrey Casinger and wife, Pepper Chastain. Grandchildren: Melissa Pittman Taylor; Jonathon Pittman; Jake Box and wife, Krista; Ben Box and wife, Jennifer; Kaley Box Anzaldo and husband Sebastian; and Kendall Casinger. Great-grandchildren: Skye & Aimee Taylor; Camp, Enock & Della Box and Deacon & Mary Beth Box; and brother, Robert “Randy” Box.

There will be two memorial services to honor Andy, the first on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 11:00 at Hill Country Bible Church Pflugerville (303 E. Pflugerville Pkwy., Pflugerville, Tx.). The second service will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 in the chapel at the Brookwood Community (1752 FM 1489, Brookshire, Tx.)

Andy made his living in the import-export/freight forwarding business off the traffic of the Houston Ship Channel and later air freight out of his Dallas office. Working his way up from office boy (at age 17) to eventual Vice-President of J. R. Michaels Company and later of the Harper Robinson Group, Andy was responsible for huge projects such as the exporting and customs clearing of the riggings, heavy equipment, trucks and even sand, required in the Saudi Arabian oil fields. One of his best business moves was hiring Ken Sekula with whom he would later form their own company in 1977 called, Expeditors International. It was his humor, his “whatever-it-takes” kind of attitude, and his commitment to treating people well that made Andy an international business success.

Andy had a “work hard-play hard” approach to life. It was common practice for him to schedule a lay-over in Las Vegas on his way home from business trips to San Francisco.

In addition to playing in several Caesar's Palace & Desert Inn Golf Tournaments, Andy's love was playing Blackjack. He was a disciplined player and won often, enough to pay for his pontoon boat on Lake Conroe and later, to treat his children and grandchildren to a trip to Las Vegas. But learning to "play the cards you've been dealt" was more than a game strategy for Andy, it was a philosophy of life. Whether it was losing a hand of cards—or eventually losing a leg—Andy played well every challenge he was dealt.

After retiring, Andy's hobbies eventually moved from golf to a love for turning wood. Andy's beautiful solid wood and segmented pieces adorn his home, as well as the homes of his children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, and church staff. In 2011, Andy moved Linda and his woodshop from his beloved home in Walden on Lake Conroe to Round Rock, Texas. Immediately, he and Linda began attending Hill Country Bible Church Pflugerville, pastored by his son, Danny Box. Andy became a serious student of the Bible, personalized his faith, and hosted a men's bible study in his home on Tuesday evenings. As throughout his entire life, Andy quickly made deep friendships in both his church and his neighborhood. His directness, along with his wit and wisdom, attracted friendships of all ages and from all walks of life.

Andy and Linda met on a blind date to Hawaii and were married 31 years ago on a Friday the 13th at Caesar's Palace. Together they traveled the country coast to coast, enjoying everything from old saloons of the west to lighthouses of the east coast. Several times they included his daughter & son, Sherry and Dean, whose interaction made for especially fun and memorable road trips. Linda demonstrated her deep love for Andy by graciously enduring his unrelenting teasing and sarcasm and especially by caring for him through his physical challenges that began stacking up in recent years. Andy's deep gratitude of Linda's love for him, and for his entire family, is hard to capture in words and it was last wish to confirm that his long-term plans for her, his son, Dean and all the family, were properly in order.

In keeping with Andy's love for classic westerns beginning with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, (and his favorite Gunsmoke), all of us wish "Happy Trails To You", Andy. Riding off into Heaven's sunset must be amazing.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his memory, to Brookwood Community for Disabled Adults ([Brookwoodcommunity.org](http://Brookwoodcommunity.org)) or Hill Country Bible Church – Pflugerville, Tx. ([www.hcbcpf.com](http://www.hcbcpf.com)).