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David L. Pollard of Austin passed away on Thursday morning May 12, 2011.

He was born October 14, 1938 in Dallas to Les and Ann Pollard. Soon after his birth, the family moved to Austin, where he spent the majority of his life. As a child and teenager, he was passionate for athletics. Football was his first love in which he excelled. It wasn't just the game that he loved, but the people he was honored to share the time with that made it truly special. He starred at Austin High School as a Fullback, Halfback, and Punter and received All-District and All-State Honors as a senior in 1956. His teammates that he shared a special bond until passing include Mack Breedlove and Alton Greeven. His Quarterback and good friend John Babcock preceded him in death.

Following graduation from Stephen F. Austin High School, David made a decision to enter the Army National Guard and served at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas. He then enrolled at the University of Texas studying Business and joining Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. Upon graduation from Texas he married his college sweetheart, Ruth Elizabeth Day of Houston. He accepted a position in banking at Republic National Bank in Dallas before coming home to Austin to help his dad run the family finance business. Years later, he opened Champions Men's Clothing. Following the closing of Champions he worked in several business ventures prior to retirement.

His family was his passion and he dearly loved his daughter Laura Elizabeth Pollard, his son David Bradley Pollard, his sisters Gretchen Pollard Richardson of Crane, Texas, and Judy Pollard Weatherford Freeman of Dallas, and his many cousins, nephews, and nieces in Lubbock, Dallas, and throughout Florida. No one seemed to make him happier than his three beautiful grandchildren Blake Miller Pollard (11yrs), and twins (5yrs) Hudson Bradley Pollard, and Emersen Kaye Pollard. He lived for those moments with them and they dearly loved their Grandad.

David enjoyed his last years of life working at Hardin House, a private freshman women's dormitory at the University of Texas. He also loved gathering with his coffee group called the AHS Klatsch Group, which is made up of graduates of Austin High Class of '56 that meet every Thursday. In addition, he enjoyed anytime he could spend with family and friends. He loved drinking coffee and eating dinner with his daughter Laura and looked forward to his visits down to Cypress, TX to see his son Brad, daughter-in-law Dallas

and three grandchildren to enjoy some home cooking. He was thrilled any chance he had to watch his grandson's sports activities and get big hugs from his granddaughter, Emersen.

For those that knew David, you would know that he loved the Longhorns, lived for watching golf and college football, loved to chat, and never met a stranger.

There will be a celebration of his life for friends and family on Saturday May 21, 2011 from 4-6 pm at Central Market at 4001 N. Lamar in Austin.

The family asks that instead of flowers that donations be made to the Stephen F. Austin High School Continuing Education Foundation <http://www.austinhighfoundation.org/donate.html> or to Hardin House, David Pollard Memorial at 2206 Rio Grande, Austin TX 78705-5130, kparke@hardinhouse.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Pollard*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *David Pollard*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *David Pollard*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *David Pollard*

Michelle Chasnoff - July 16, 2013 at 01:58 PM



“ *For the past three years David and I worked together at Hardin House. As I got to know him it was easy to become friends with him. I miss him and wish to honor him for his strength, his will, his joy and his bravery. May you be at peace. You are loved.*

Debbie Garibay - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ David- The things I will miss about you... the smell of your coffee when you visited, watching college football and you singing me- "poor aggies" (you couldn't sing it this last season!!!), you telling the grandkids- "let's have a chat"!, your abundance of questions, you having holiday meals with us, the hams, the tradition of bringing down your favorite snacks for the kids, the perfect cards you sent in the mail for birthdays and the cards you sent the grandkids for holidays, your kindness to Ruth these last few years, your adoration for your son and grandkids. "Hook 'em Horns David"! We will miss you.

Your AGGIE Daughter-in-Law,

Dallas Pollard

Dallas Pollard - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I remember David from Allan Junior High and Austin High as a nice guy and a wonderful athlete and, more recently, as a frequent visitor to our Class of '56 coffee klatsch. His humor and kindness never altered over the years, even though I know he suffered considerable physical pain. I send my deepest sympathy to Brad and all his family. We have all lost a great friend.

Ann Lavercombe Doctorman - May 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Hey,Bro,

I'm going to miss you sooo much! Although we were not close growing up, we became best friends about 10 years ago! I am very happy for that time with you, and I will miss our regular talks on the phone.

From this guestbook, you certainly have had a lot of good friends who cared about you very much.

I promise that I forgive you for running over my foot with the lawnmower when I was six. The worst part about it was my missing the Maypole Dance at Pease Elementary School.

*I will always remain close to Brad and Laurabeth
forever!*

Love,

Gretchen ("Teta Shoes")

Gretchen Richardson - May 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *We will miss your smile and happy face. You were a good friend. The pain is gone. Rest in peace.*

Keith & Gayle Grimmer Harrell - May 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

OJ

“ Even though I hadn't seen David since we were in High School, I recognized him when I went to Klatschers for the first time last year. I don't go to Austin that often, but when I did, I'd go to Klatschers and everytime I saw David I got a big hug. I didn't see him the last few times I was there and I missed not seeing him. Now that he's gone, I miss him even more. It made me sad when I learned of his passing. I will always remember him. He was such a warm and friendly guy. My prayers & sumpathy are with his family.

Ophelia Macias Juarez - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *How much fun we all had when my daughter married your son. During the holidays, when everyone would get together, the parents would either go to Cypress or Austin. These visits would include the best home cooking or most fabulous restaurants.*

The bowl games brought great rivalry since we had two Longhorns, one Aggie, a Red Raider, and of course a USC TROJAN!

You were a proud dad that became a dotting grandfather. You were SO FUNNY when you would have your little "chats" with the grandkids.

In 12 years we had lots of good times and made lots of good memories and saw our family grow. It doesn't get much better than that!

Jere Hill

Mother of the Bride

Jere Hill - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ the way i think of my grandad honest and a very well hearted man the one thing that i loved when my Grandad would visit was he would say lets have a chat i always loved when Texas was playing he'd come down and watch it with us. i will never forget when i was 6 he gave me my first foortball uniform and he is the one that made me love the sport today i am really glad i got to spend my eleven years with him because he was the man that i would always talk about and you can really get a long talk with him

Your grandson Blake

you will always be here in my heart

Blake Pollard - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ MaryAnn and I send our prayers to the family and regret that, living in Nacogdoches, we will be unable to share in the celebration of his Diavid's life next Saturday.

Walk with God!

Farrar Bentley

Nacogdoches

15 May 2011

Farrar Bentlry - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ WOW!!!! The messages left prior to this one speak to David "Bull" Pollard that I know.. He came into this world a few years before me, but we shared some common threads, Austin High, football and FIJI at The University. Met "Bull" in the 70s and no matter the day, the time, the good or the struggle, he was kind, gracious and humble with a great big smile. Have not seen him in 8+ years and

am sincerely sad of his passing. The Lord called His' Saint home. All the very best to the Pollard family as there is no words, nor preparation to ease the grief or pain of losing a Dad, Grandad, mentor, teacher or friend. But when our time comes, wouldn't it be nice to be remember as is "The Bull"..... Godspeed, Jim

Jim Geary - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time. David and I go back to Pease Elementary,Allen Jr. High,and then A.H. S.

David was such a warm,loving person

I spent about 30 minutes with him on Monday at Seton Hospital catching up.

David was such a special person and will be missed by all of us who knew him.

God Bless you,David--and your family.

Pat Tumlinson - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ To my dear friend David, Potshot, gone but never forgotten. I'll bet you will meet my brother, Henry, in heaven and just continue talking football and other sports. Love to you David.

Ruth Heath Cowen - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Was so sorry to hear about David's passing. We knew each other in high school but really became good friends at our weekly Koffee Klatsch. he will be missed so very much. My thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family. Don Streetman

Don Streetman - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM