



Hiram Bowmer Skelton Jr.

December 24, 1928 - May 25, 2019

Hiram Bowmer (H.B.) Skelton Jr., a beloved and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend, passed away from cancer on May 28, 2019. H.B. was born on December 24, 1928 to Hiram Bowmer Skelton and Zelda Shackelford Skelton in Groom, Texas. He spent his younger life in the Texas Panhandle, living in Groom, Claude and Panhandle. He found his love of photography when he was 8, taking stunning photos of a dust storm with his Kodak Brownie camera. He excelled in school, both academically (student council, journalism and top of his class), and in athletics, playing football and as a member of the track and tennis teams. Beginning at age 16, he worked for the Dept. of Agriculture and as a Deputy Sheriff of Carson County. His father began Skelton Brothers Theatre partnership, which expanded from the Panhandle to Gatesville and Temple and for a period of time H.B. managed The Loop Drive-in in Temple. H.B. met and married Nine Mae Comer in 1950 and in 1951 their daughter, Vicki was born. They lived in Panhandle for a few years, then H.B. decided to continue his college education in Austin, where he proudly graduated from The University of Texas in 1958 with a degree in Sociology. Upon graduating he went to work for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals as a sales rep, and the family moved first to San Antonio then to Tulsa, where in 1961 their second daughter, Cynthia was born. In 1963 the family moved to Waco. In 1968, H.B. began working for the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles as a Parole Officer retiring in 1995 as a highly respected Regional Director over 28+ counties. Throughout his career,

H.B. was known across Texas and beyond as a dedicated, intelligent, caring and compassionate leader who was respected and loved by those who worked alongside him. In 1988, Nina passed away after a long illness. He continued to live and work in Waco until 1991, when he moved to Austin. In 1997, he married Anna Rose Tangredi and adopted Nicholas, a joyous blessing to his family. He always referred to Nicholas as “Tiger” and coached his little league team, never missing a practice or game.

H.B.’s love of photography never left him, and he became a master. He began developing his photos in a small bathroom, advancing with technology to become proficient at digital photography, taking beautiful photos throughout his life. An amazing sequence of photos of an eagle’s nest at Lake Buchanan, from mating through the hatching of eggs, was sent to Texas Parks and Wildlife and published on their website. Everywhere he went his camera was by his side. H.B. also spent countless enjoyable hours fishing in many bodies of water, Lake Buchanan being his favorite. He taught himself to make flies for fly-fishing, a love he got from his father and grandfather. H.B. loved grilling in his backyard, and could smoke a brisket or turkey to perfection. Camping was a big part of H.B., Anna and Nicholas’s lives. They traveled for 6 weeks along the east coast visiting the 9-11 site, making their way into Canada and coming back through Niagra Falls. Thanksgiving and Christmas were very special times for the Skelton family with the loving blended family bringing him smiles and happiness throughout his life.

The University of Texas held a very special place in H.B.’s heart; he had his season tickets to the football games for over 40 years. When each of his daughters were young, he taught them the art of “watching” UT games not in Austin on the radio, using his yellow legal pad to mark every play. All three of his children attended their first UT game when only months old. Through the years, H.B.’s contagious love for The University of Texas and UT football spread among his family and continues to this day.

H.B. loved his family above all else. H.B. was extremely proud of his heritage as a Mayflower double descendant. He loved talking about family history, smiling and laughing about his amazing life. His stories were endless.

H.B. is preceded in death by his mother and father, and his first wife Nina. He is survived by his wife, Anna Rose of Austin, daughter Vicki Perrin and husband Gerald of Lago Vista, daughter Cindy Wallace and husband Terry of Georgetown, son Nicholas Skelton-Tangredi and partner Kelsey Wagner of Manor, grandchildren Tricia Frazier, Roy Bowmer Wallace and wife Taylor, and Bethany Wallace, great-grandchildren Curt and Jake Frazier, Addison, Jaxon, and Stetson Wallace, brother Roland and wife Gail of Houston, brother Joe Frank and wife Deanna of Bellevue, Colorado and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on June 15th, 1p at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 14311 WellsPort Dr., Austin Tx 78728.

The family would like to thank oncologists Dr. Nataji and Dr. Nuesch for the dedicated care they provided to H.B. and his family. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Austin Hospice, 4107 Spicewood Springs Road, Suite 100 Austin, Texas 78759, or www.hospiceaustin.org,

Tribute Wall



“ *Hiram Bowmer Skelton Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Hiram Bowmer Skelton Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Hiram Bowmer Skelton Jr.*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *H.B. was only 7 years younger than my Dad so I grew up loving him like an Uncle rather than a cousin. I was in awe of him as well as Dewitt, Sonny, and Judge. They were all very handsome but took time out to notice us and keep us safe. They handled the dangerous fireworks like cherry bombs. We had such a large loving family and H.B. was the oldest of us. He was funny, caring, and loving and I have many cherished memories of him. We both loved the Longhorns and bled orange. I know he is at peace now and is with all of his family who have gone before him. My love to Anna Rose and Nicholas for the love you have given him. He loved being with Nick as he grew up. My love to Vicki and Cindy and all his grandchildren at this time of sorrow. Please know we all sure in your sadness and that we love you all.*

Jo Lynn Skelton Brown
Ronnie Brown
Trey Jackson, Michelle Girouard, Jo Beth Hoermann



JoLynn Skelton-Brown - June 12, 2019 at 04:11 PM

MU

“ Anna and family. So sorry to hear about H.B. Passing. This is Mary Urban I worked with him in Waco Parole Office.

Mary Urban - June 02, 2019 at 03:51 PM

SJ

“ HB was a unique individual. I worked for him for 7 yrs and he was always a fair man and his word was his bond. You always knew where you stood with him. He could really make us laugh too and I will always remember him walking around the office with a coffee cup in his hand. Oh how he loved his coffee. Rest in peace HB. Shari Jones Waco Tx.

Shari Jones - June 02, 2019 at 06:49 AM



“ Celia White lit a candle in memory of Hiram Bowmer Skelton Jr.



Celia White - June 01, 2019 at 03:51 PM

JF

“ *H.B. was such a special person, who had the greatest love of life. His laugh was infectious and full of joy. He was my wonderful older cousin who was always so sweet to me. Loved his wife, Anna Rose...loved his girls and their families...loved his University of Texas! Delighted in receiving his fantastic photography. He was the Skelton's storyteller and could bring us right into the middle of his tales. There is an enormous hole in our very large family with the loss of this dear man. Rest In Peace, dear H. B.*

*God bless,
Janice Skelton Faulk
Jim Faulk
Families*

Janice Faulk - June 01, 2019 at 12:51 PM

PC

“ *Really going to miss this guy. Thanksgiving will never be the same. Who's gonna do the Turkey and make his famous pecan pie. When I look back, there are so many memories. Makes me sad and still seems unreal that he is gone on to the big game in heaven. I know he will be watching when UT football starts. HB was the kindest man I have ever known and such a good friend and a big part of our family. He was so good to my sister. I know she will miss him terribly. Love to all and prayers.*

Phyllis Chirafis - May 31, 2019 at 11:00 PM

LP

“ *Linda Pacella lit a candle in memory of Hiram Bowmer Skelton Jr.*



Linda Pacella - May 31, 2019 at 06:28 PM

GR

“ Anna.....so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear husband. Sending my deepest condolences to you and your family. May the Lord comfort you all during this difficult time. Hugs.



Gisela Ryan-Bunger - May 31, 2019 at 02:00 PM

BO

“ To both the Tangredi and Skelton families, Rick and I want express our deepest sympathy. HB was such a dedicated man to his family. I know he will be missed, but I we both know the memories and legacy he left will be treasured forever.

Ben Patterson and Rick Ortiz - May 31, 2019 at 01:48 PM