



Robert "Bob" Gene Randall

September 8, 1930 - May 14, 2016

A celebration of life service honoring Robert Gene Randall, 85, of Tyler will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the First Christian Church in Tyler with Dr. Chris Pulliam officiating.

A private burial will be held prior to the service at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Randall passed away Saturday, May 14, 2016 at The Hospice of East Texas in Tyler.

He was born September 8, 1930 in Quapaw, Oklahoma to Charles and Catherine Alexander Randall.

Bob was a graduate of Quapaw High School and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma. After college he joined the military, becoming an Officer in the US Army. Bob began his professional career with the J. C. Penney Company in 1955 as a management trainee. He began working in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1955 and transferred to Florida in 1962, where he served as a division manager, assistant manager, group sales manager, merchandising manager and store manager in numerous stores until 1968. Before coming to Tyler he was based in Dallas as a district manager over stores in West Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma for 37 years. He chose to move to Tyler in 1971, excited for the opportunity to plan, build, open and become the Manager of the first J. C. Penney store in a mall between Dallas and Shreveport in Tyler's Broadway Square Mall, where he worked until his retirement in 1988.

During his 45 years in Tyler, Bob was continually involved in his community. He served on the Tyler ISD Board of Trustees as President from 1976 to 1982, the Board of Directors for United Way, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, Tyler YMCA, Opportunities in Tyler, Advisory Board of Tyler Commercial College and was active in the Smith County Heart Association. Bob was instrumental in bringing the Better Business Bureau to Tyler and served as its first Chairman.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Randall was preceded in death by his first wife of 43 years, Mary Ward Randall.

He is survived by his loving family including wife, Mary Helen of Tyler; sons, Bob Randall, Jr. and wife Gail of Flint and Mark Randall and wife Ashley of Tyler; daughters, Suzanne Elder and husband Hayden of Athens and Stephanie Rumbelow and husband Bruno of Grapevine; eleven grandchildren, Ashton and Forrest Elder, Drew, John Robert and Libby Rumbelow, Riley, Jonathan, David, William, Elizabeth and Caroline Randall; step-sons, Scott Davis and wife Anita and Steven Davis; step-grandson, Cody Davis and step-great-grandson, Piper Davis.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Newton, Bill Martin and Bob Gentry.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation to the following Doctors and caregivers for their special care, The Hospice of East Texas, Dr. Edwin Duncan, Dr. Thomas Bright, LaTonya Henderson, Tacola Austin, Brenda Villeas, Rachel Sanders, Jessica Villegas and Damaysha Foster. If desired, memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, 4202 S. Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
4202 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX

Tribute Wall

KL

“ *Key Concrete LLC purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Gene Randall.*



Key Concrete LLC - December 16, 2021 at 02:48 PM

SW

“ *I remember Bob at JC Penny's when I was a broadcaster in the 70's in Tyler. He was a really nice guy. Sorry to read of his passing.*

Stanley Waghalter - May 19, 2016 at 08:16 AM

KH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Randall family. I am sorry for your loss.*

*Sincerely,
Kurt Hunt*

Kurt Hunt - May 18, 2016 at 05:43 PM

CH

“ *Chris, Valerie, Garrett and Hailey Hudson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Bob" Gene Randall.*



Chris, Valerie, Garrett and Hailey Hudson - May 18, 2016 at 05:28 PM

CR

“ *My deepest sympathy goes to the entire family. Bob was one of the best people I have ever known. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I always looked forward to seeing him at our monthly JCP luncheons. May he RIP and may God comfort you all during this time of grieving.*

*My love and Symphony,
Carole Ryan*

Carole Ryan - May 18, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Gene Randall.*



May 18, 2016 at 10:10 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Gene Randall.*



May 18, 2016 at 08:32 AM

LR

“ *Mr. Randall was such a sweet man - always had something positive to say and lift you up . He will be missed*

lori rumbelow - May 17, 2016 at 09:25 PM

EM

“ When Bob was president of the Tyler American heart ASSOC, we had a breakfast that represented a fat free and tasty meal. When Bob started his opening comments he grabbed at his chest and slumped to the floor! The audience was frozen, but Jane Austin, an RN rushed to his aid in a flash. She yelled "Bob can you hear me?: Bob responded, just kiss me! Needless to say the crowd broke out with laughter and relief. Bob had a great sense of humor, and kept you on your toes! May he rest in eternal peace. our prayers and thoughts are with the Randall family.

elmer meadows - May 17, 2016 at 07:45 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Gene Randall.



May 17, 2016 at 02:10 PM

JB

“ Bob Randall is my Uncle. He was a really good guy and a welcome member to our family. As my Mother used to say, "Bob Randall is my favorites son-in-law." We are fellow OU fans so the following is for you Bob: "Boomer Sooner !" Exceptions allowed to the fans of UT and TAM.

John Brewer - May 17, 2016 at 02:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Gene Randall.*



May 17, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ *Bobby and the entire Randall Family, your Dad was a wonderful man and I have thought of him often through the years. You are all in my thoughts and my prayers.*
Becky Bryant

Becky Bryant - May 16, 2016 at 02:00 PM



“ *Dear Family, I worked for Mr. Randall in the Tyler JCPenney store for four years. He was exemplary in his people skills and leadership. I learned a lot from him about serving customers and the community.*

I took the liberty of sending information about his passing and the services to the Southwest JCPenney retiree group and will share the obituary when available.

My prayers and sympathy are with you.

*Sincerely,
Jeannette Siegel*

Jeannette Siegel - May 16, 2016 at 01:46 PM