



Harold Robert Kaufman

August 17, 1926 - March 17, 2019

Harold Robert Kaufman of Wimberley, Texas was born in Frederick, Maryland on August 17, 1926, and left his earthly body on March 17, 2019, at the age of 92. He was born to Hilda Schenkein and Leon Max Kaufman and spent his early life in Roanoke, Virginia. Harold enlisted in the Navy during WWII at the age of 17 and served as a Seaman First Class until the war ended.

Harold received a Bachelor's degree in Forestry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech). He later went to the University of Houston and earned a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry. Harold's career as a chemist spanned decades in the plastics industry, and he was an accomplished gas chromatographer. He worked for US Industrials for most of his career before becoming partners with several others to form a plastics company in La Porte, Texas, Bayshore Industrials.

Harold is survived by his beautiful wife of 48 years, Bonnie Brown Kaufman. He loved her visual art and supported her in her artistic endeavors. Harold and Bonnie traveled the world together and made several bicycle trips in Europe. She was his primary caretaker during the last seven difficult years of his life.

He is also survived by his step-children: Rev Dr. Kate McLennan and spouse, Dr. Sharon McGeeney; Mike McLennan; Kelly Gloger and husband, Chris

Gloger; and Pat McLennan. Harold is blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who loved him: Kris Kohler and family; Ryan Doxey and family; April Doxey and family; Pamela McLennan and son, Bryan; Lauren McLennan and daughter, Kennedy; Travis McLennan; Natalie McLennan; Jake Gloger and Trish Gloger.

His mother and father, and his sister, Miriam Trimble, preceded Harold in death. He is survived by his nephew, Dr. Michael Trimble and family; and niece, Laura Trimble.

Harold was an exceptional human being, a good man, and was loved deeply by his family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Funeral

MAR 20. 1:15 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Robert Kaufman*

October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM

JC

“ From my early childhood until now and for the rest of my life Harold Kaufman has had and will have a very positive influence on my life. I remember seeing Harold grin and chuckle in his friendly, approving way when my parents would call me in the living room to dance The Twist to "Hit the Road Jack" by Ray Charles when I was 3 or 4 back in 1960 or '61. Harold was a great family friend and came by to visit quite a bit as we were growing up. I have many great memories of Harold visiting our home or going on family outings with us. He always had a way of bringing a little humor to a situation as well as showing that he thought well of you, which was especially wonderful for those of us that endured a stint or two of awkwardness in our early teen years. In the early seventies Harold met the love of his life, Bonnie Kaufman, and began his new life as a family man with Bonnie and her 4 wonderful children. Harold was with us on several long hikes in the Rocky Mountains, one or two of which Bonnie's youngest son, Pat, was with us. Some of the hikes were a full day slog through the snow up the mountain side. Then we would set up camp for the night and dry our wool socks by the campfire. It was always great to have Harold on those trips as he was always good at humoring or teaching us boys something and he never seemed to have a problem with endurance, never complained about the cold or the wear and tear on the body.

I worked with Harold fairly closely for about 8 years in the early days of building and operating Bayshore Industrial. It was a tight budgeted, built from the ground up, entrepreneurial endeavor. My father hired Harold to build and run the laboratory, but in those days we did anything that needed to be done to get the plant built and running. I remember Harold and I assembling the re-bar for the foundation beams, then carrying sections of re-bar up the foundation slope and installing them in the beam trenches. Once again, I never heard Harold complain. He was 52 at the time and I was a strapping 21 year old. I worked with Harold on all manner of equipment rebuilds and building construction required to get the 1st production line going, and it was always an honor for me to work alongside Harold as he was such an admired and important adult figure to me as I was growing up. He and I both said that we were

going to write a book about our entrepreneurial experience in the early days of Bayshore. As the years went by we would kid each other and ask "Have you started your book yet?"

As a production guy, the product I was making required rigid examination by the lab to ensure it was "in spec." So I was continually in contact with Harold needing lab analysis. He was the best possible lab manager I could ever have hoped to work with during that time. Whether it was 3 in the afternoon or 3:00 am, Harold provided the analysis I needed. I hated to call him for help at midnight or 2:30 a.m. or whatever time it was, but once again, he never gave me a hard time or complained. As the plant grew he had help to handle the late night coverage, so I didn't have to call him after hours.

*Years later after both of us had left the plastics business. Harold asked me to finish a partially completed house in Wimberley that he and Bonnie had planned to live in after retirement. I was honored to do the job for he and Bonnie and the process went fairly smoothly. Over the last several years, I had not made it by to visit Harold near as much as I would have like to, but when I could make it by, I always thoroughly enjoyed visiting with him. He always had a way of making me feel that he thought well of me, and I always enjoyed his humor, intelligence, and insight. I'll miss him greatly and having Harold in my life as an admired elder, a co-worker/business associate, and a great friend has been a true honor as well as a blessing from God. My deepest condolences to Bonnie and family.
Jack Cabler*

Jack Cabler - April 03, 2019 at 12:03 PM

GL

“ *My deepest sympathy to you all. God will grant the peace needed.
Much love, Glenda Wilkinson*

Glenda - March 20, 2019 at 07:37 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Harold Kaufman*



revdrkate - March 20, 2019 at 09:36 AM