



## Dr. Richard Carr Bass, Lt. Col (Ret.)

*April 25, 1917 - May 6, 2004*

Dr. Richard Carr Bass, Lt. Col. (Ret.), 87, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, born April 25, 1917 in McKinney, TX and passed away after a short illness on May 6, 2004. He is preceded in death by his wife Bette Vaughn Bass, his brother Bill D. Bass and sister Poppy McKissick of McKinney, Texas. Growing up in McKinney, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout while at McKinney High School. He graduated from TCU in 1937, where he competed in the inaugural Cotton Bowl New Years Day in 1937. He served in WW II as an Intelligence Officer, where his duties included studying bomb damage at Hiroshima, Japan. He graduated from Texas A&M as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and enjoyed the profession for some 40 years in Houston. He is survived by his daughters, Patricia Bass Vinson of McKinney, , Penny Kast and her husband Peter of Ft. Collins, Co., Betsy Bass Pearce and her husband Jay of Austin, and son, Richard C. Bass and his wife Kathi; grandsons, Michael O. Vinson and wife Priscilla, Matthew D. Vinson and fiancé Ashley Teller; grand daughters, Mandy Vinson, Kelda, Holly and Amy Kast, Haley and Leah Robinson, Kaitlin and Erin Bass, and great grandson Travis Vinson. He is also survived by numerous loving family members and friends. His love of golf was only exceeded by his love of family and faith in Christ. Commenting on life he is quoted as saying, "I have been very blessed." Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 10, 2004, at the First Christian Church of McKinney with Dr. Neill Grimes officiating. Interment will follow at Pecan Grove Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Sunday at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Collin County SPCA; 8520 FM 720, McKinney, Texas 75070.

## Memorials

*I worked for Dr. Bass several years in the mid 70's. I remember him to be one of the most genuine people I have ever met. While there, i was told a story about Dr B: When dogs have their ears cropped, it was customary to use white*

*medical adhesive tape to hold the ears in place. To reinforce the grip, the skin of the ears are thoroughly cleaned and dried. Ether was one of the best ways to accomplish this. It is also HIGHLY flammable. Well, it seems that one of his partners had just worked on a Dobeys ears and put the swab laden with ether into the trash hole in the exam room tabletop and left the room. Everyone knows how much Dr. B loved his pipe, right? Well, it seems that he came walking into the room and, as usual, tapped his pipe in that trash hole. The result was that supposedly Dr. B had his eyebrows singed and never used that method to clear his pipe again! Fond memories of a great man. He WILL be missed... Galen Scott gjscott@houston.rr.com*

**GALEN JASON SCOTT, MAY 19, 2004**

*Pat, Penny, Ricky, & Betsy, Your Dad was always like an Uncle to me, and I have so many great memories from when we all were youngsters! The old "bridge club" was one big happy family!...I hope you are all doing well and I wish you the very best!...And my thoughts are with you as you celebrate such a wonderful life and such an incredible man...Harper*

**HARPER WOFFORD, MAY 11, 2004**

*I Love you Daddy and I miss you!*

**BETSY PEARCE, MAY 11, 2004**

*In Philippians 4:4-7 he says to let your gentleness be evident to all. Bobby was one of the kindest and most gentle men I have ever met. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**JOE, JUDY, KATE, EMMA VINSON, MAY 10, 2004**

*Your family is in our prayers. Dr Bass was such a joyous person and such a wonderful father and grandfather. Yours truly Susie, Eldon, Terry, Tracy, Andrew and the whole family.*

**SUSIE & ELDON MCCRACKEN, MAY 10, 2004**

*With deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**ED & BETTY TAFEL, MAY 8, 2004**

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bobby was always special to us, and he'll be sorely missed.*

**GEORGE & LAURA RAGSDALE, MAY 8, 2004**

*With our love and deepest sympathy for all of Dick's family. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

**BOB AND MARY ELLA EVANS, MAY 7, 2004**

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