



William Charles Becker, Jr.

May 17, 1943 - October 29, 2006

William Charles Becker, Jr., age 63, passed away peacefully at his home in Fairview, Texas on October 29, 2006. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 17, 1943, the son of William C. Becker and Louise (Shirley) Becker, both of whom preceded him in death. Bill graduated from George Washington High School in Indianapolis in 1961, earned a BS in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University in 1966 and a MBA from Butler University. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Purdue, active in S.I.O.R., the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors. After graduating from college, Bill, was employed by Eli Lilly for thirteen years in various capacities, including Industrial Engineer and Pharmaceutical Rep. He left Lilly to venture into commercial real estate in Texas. While working for Coldwell Banker, he was one of the top salesmen in the country. Later, he enjoyed a successful career with Cushman Wakefield in Dallas and retired from the Company in 2000. Bill was a loyal, hardworking, and generous family man who dedicated his life to his family. Although he was an avid golfer from his youth and realized his dream of living on a golf course and playing golf with his sons, son-in-law, and friends, he was happiest when he was surrounded by his loved ones at home or at the lake. Bill was a member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano, Texas. Bill is survived by his loving wife of over 40 years, Marsha (Brown) Becker; three devoted children and their spouses, Bradley Allen Becker and his wife Brandy, Julie (Becker) Alston and her husband Rob, and Mark Becker and his wife Christy; five grandchildren, Jillian, Lance and Brock Alston, Cameron Becker, and William Becker III, all of whom held a special place in his heart. Also surviving are his sister Kathy (Becker) Barr and her husband Bruce; brother-in-law Gary Brown and his wife Judy; two aunts; and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill touched many lives and will be missed by all who knew him. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 AM, Thursday, November 2, 2006 at St. Andrew United Methodist Church of Plano, with Pastor Robert Hasley officiating. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park. Family will receive friends from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Wednesday, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home. The family requests that memorial contributions be made in Bill's name to MDA/ALS Division, 12750 Merit Drive, #1220, Dallas, Texas 75251.

Memorials

Well, it is May 17th, Billy's 65th earthly birthday. Can't believe he has been gone over 18 months--we still miss him very much, don't we! Think of you Marsha, Julie, Mark, and Brad every day and love you and the kids very much.
Kathy/Aunt Kathy

KATHY BECKER BARR, MAY 16, 2008

Marsha – I was so very sorry to hear about Bill. I am so glad I got to see both of you a few years back at our Class of '62 reunion. My memories of Bill and the good times we all shared in the 60's are very special. Know that I will be keeping you and your family in my heart and prayers....Mary Lou (Comer) Hartnett

MARY LOU COMER HARTNETT, NOVEMBER 15, 2006

Billy shadowed me when we were children and he was always smiling. No matter how many times I tried to escape, he was always behind me--SMILING! I think he smiled all the time because he knew what NOT to do, based on my performance. Mother told me to stop being mean to him or else he would clobber me when he got older. And, he did! Then I smiled because I knew Daddy would spank him. When Daddy came home, he jerked off his belt and marched Billy downstairs to the basement for a spanking. Boys never hit girls in those days. As soon as the door shut, I heard so much screaming that I thought Daddy was killing him. I locked myself in the bathroom and cried. I felt so sorry for Billy and knew I had provoked him. Pretty soon he and Dad came upstairs, and Billy was smiling. Daddy told us that he never spanked him because he couldn't catch him. Billy ran around and around the support poles in the basement, screaming all the way, until Daddy gave up. I was very glad that escaped "the belt." I learned a lesson, too. From then on, I tried to be a little nicer to Billy. He was a good brother, even if he did sneak into my room with Jimmy Somrak to look at my "untouchable" doll collection. Really! I miss him terribly but know that he is in heaven, SMILING, and that some day I'll join him. I am thankful that I was able to tell him "goodbye" in person. He died two hours after I arrived. Billy has touched so many lives in a positive way, and I'm glad mine was one of them. Marsha, Brad, Julie, and Mark, you are in my

prayers. I love you all and your wives and husband and children. Billy was so proud of you all and loved you very much. See you soon, Sister Kathy

KATHY BECKER BARR, NOVEMBER 13, 2006

Sorry for your loss. 1961

DEE (DOOLEY) CAPLINGER, NOVEMBER 11, 2006

Went to school with Bill. (1961) Sorry for your lose.

DELORES Y (DOOLEY) CAPLINGER, NOVEMBER 11, 2006

I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's death. I grew up with Billy and Kathy and remember all the fun we had especially the summer we had the big stamp swap meet in the Becker's back yard. Stamp collecting was big in those days. Mom (Joyce Smith) sends her thoughts too.

JANET SMITH DENCE, NOVEMBER 9, 2006

Marsha, I was sorry to read of Bill's death. I don't know that you actually met Bill in my biology class at GWHS, but I do remember both of you as excellent students.

ALAN M. HAMILTON, NOVEMBER 8, 2006

I remember walking into CB and there was Bill with that million dollar smile. Always willing to extend a hand and to help. As the single lady broker of the group Bill looked out for me and helped to guide my path and was instrumental in my career at CB. We all have great memories of the times at the house. Bill, spoke always about his beloved Marsha and the kids. He was great man.

NORA AND BOB HOGAN, NOVEMBER 6, 2006

Marsha: Our lives touched at GWHS, Purdue and at class reunions, even though our contacts have been few and far between I always remember Bill as one of the good guys. My condolences. Karen (Turner) Ricks

KAREN RICKS, NOVEMBER 6, 2006

Thinking of you and all of the great times we've spent with Bill.

BUD AND BARB PARKER, NOVEMBER 5, 2006

Marsha, my thoughts and prayers are with you. You don't know me but I am Vicky's friend and have heard a lot about you two, all good. So sorry for your loss and pain. Just remember, "Bill" is in a better resting place. Monica

Basham

MONICA BASHAM, NOVEMBER 4, 2006

Hi Marsha & Family, We are thinking of you during this sad time and remembering what a wonderful person Bill was and will continue to be in our memories of him. Please let us know if there is any thing we can do to help you. Phyllis & Bill Lau

PHYLLIS ELAINE LAU, NOVEMBER 4, 2006

Marsha, Our lives touched at GWHS, Purdue, and class reunions. I've always thought of Bill as one of the good guys, My thoughts are with you and your family

KAREN (TURNER) RICKS, NOVEMBER 4, 2006

So sorry about your loss. Billy will always be remembered by me and Im sure the old neighborhood gang in Indianapolis

HAROLD VAN WINKLE, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

Dear Aunt Marsha: I am so sorry for your loss. I loved Uncle Bill so much and will miss him bunches. I will pray for you and the pain that you are feeling. I remember him talking like Donald Duck, it makes me smile to think about it! I love you and will pray for you! Love you bunches--Karleigh

KARLEIGH LATINOVICH, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

We are so, so saddened by all of this--Oh Aunt Marsha, we will miss Uncle Bill so very much! Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. He was such a special man and he touched so many hearts! We have been so blessed in this family to have such a wonderful uncle! He will be missed greatly! Love you so much--Brad, Shelly, Lauren, Karleigh & Eli

BRAD, SHELLY, LAUREN, KARLEIGH & ELI LATINOVICH, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

Dear Marsha and Family, Our hearts and prayers go out to you in this time of sadness. Bill was a very special person who we are all going to miss. When I think of Bill, I always see him with that little smile that warmed so many hearts. I recently had hoped that we might squeeze in that one more round of golf that I'm sure we both would have enjoyed. We had a joyous time when we last played at Crooked Stick after our class reunion a few years ago...so

reminiscent of the times we played at Riverside and South Grove as high school friends. What a competitor he was...we all loved to play with him...always a classy guy. He will be in our hearts forever. Class of '61, Jim and Eva Loviscek

JIM AND EVA LOVISCEK, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

Marsha: You and Bill always welcomed me into your home with open arms. I will miss the golf outings and the fellowship with your family. God Bless.

E PAUL AMUNDSON, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

Dear Marsha & Family, I worked with Bill at C&W in the 90's and he was such a great person. I am truly sorry for your loss. He was certainly one in a million!

KATHY BRECHEISEN, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

Marsha, our prayers and thoughts are with you during this very difficult time. We will always remember Bill and his wonderful smile, what a great guy he was. The get togethers at the lake have not been the same without the two of you. Love, Louie & Alice

ALICE & LOUIE ULMANIEC, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

We send our heartfelt condolences to all of you during this time of sorrow.

JUDY & FORREST MURPHEY, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

Marsha, Sheila and I are praying for you and your family. Bill was a wonderful person and was always fun to be around. I still remember the times that I spent in Dallas with you, Bill, and your family. Our prayers are with you. Bill and Sheila

BILL AND SHEILA STERRETT, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

Dear Marsha and Family: Just want you all to know we love you and will keep you in our prayers. Bill can keep Sean in line in heaven. Bill touched so many lives and will be missed by all who knew him. With love, Marie and Stuart xo

MARIE & STUART KALB, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

Marsha, I'm so sorry for your loss. We were your neighbors on Stone Meadow and in 1995 you helped me with floral arrangements for my new house. I have fond memories of Bill...we talked about commercial real estate several times and he was always such a gentleman when I saw him out in the neighborhood.

Take good care, Julie Roush (formerly Julie Schonhorst)

JULIE ROUSH, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

Bill will be missed by all his friends here in Indy, especially the GWHS Class of 1961. We had a lot of good times and he will be missed. Marsha our prayers are with you. Love Sherry & Jim Eller

SHERRY AND JIM ELLER, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

Dearest Marsha and family... we extend our deepest sympathy and prayers for strength to all. Through many marriages, births and celebrations in your families we have felt as part of your family also. Garrett even calling Bill - Papaw (which is what my father to him is called). We have been truly blessed to be a part of your family and will continue to be there for all of you. Be strong and know that Bill lived an incredible, respected and fulfilled life and made anyone and everyone he came in contact with feel as part of "the family." Julie, you have been an extremely committed friend and know that I will always be here whenever and for whatever you or your family may need. Much love...Ramona, Dean and Garrett Hlavinka

RAMONA, DEAN & GARRETT HLAVINKA, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

My Deepest Sympathies to Marsha and Kids, Billy and I grew up on Sharon Ave in those "coming of age" years and they will always be remembered fondly for the fun we had. Coincidentally I will be visiting Indy and staying on Sharon Ave today, my thoughts will be with you as I see the house Billy grew up in and the times we shared. God bless you all.

JIM SOMRAK, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

I have so many wonderful memories of Bill and the whole family. Please know you are all in my thoughts. Much love.

MELANIE K. MILLER, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

bill was a good husband and father and a caring person. he will be sorely missed. love aunt betty

BETTY J STERRETT, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

All the fun we had at Park Mammoth!

TOM & SUSIE BILLINGS, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

Dear Marsha, Our deepest sympathy is extended to you and your family. May God grant you peace within your heart and surround you with wonderful memories that will ease your loss.

DAVE & DANIELLE MICHALSKI, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

WE ARE SO SORRY WE CAN'T BE WITH YOU ALL..WHAT A WONDERFUL HUSBAND AND FATHER BILL HAS BEEN.YOU ARE ALL SO LUCKY TO HAVE HAD HIM IN YOUR FAMILY FOR SO LONG..WE LOVE YOU UNCLE GORGE AND AUNT PEGGY

GEORGE AND PEGGY STERRETT, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Becker family.

BLAKE & ERIN WASSON, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

Marsha,you and your family are in Betty and I's thoughts and prayers. Bill was a wonderful man, and we are very saddened at his passing.

STEVE AND BETTY STERRETT, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

Dear Marsha, I was so sorry to read of Bill's death in the Indianapolis Star this morning. I will always remember Bill as a kind, caring person. When my mother-in-law was alive, I would see Barbara Jean Hine at Marquette Manor and she would mention Bill often and relate stories of him after we graduated from GWHS. My thoughts are with you and your family. Paulette Huff Richardson GWHS, Class of 1961

PAULETTE HUFF RICHARDSON, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

We are so sorry to learn of Bill's passing. We always looked forward to seeing you guys at Park Mammoth playing golf with the Greenfield gang and catching up with family news.

JOHN & KAREN EMMERSON, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

Dear Becker Family, We were so sorry to hear of your loss. We were your neighbors (across the street) on Mustang Trail in the mid-80's. We have fond memories of your family. You all were dear sweet people. Bill always took great care of your yard and home. Our eldest, Jodi, is now a dentist with 3 children, Jamie is a mommy of a 2 1/2 year old with twins on the way and Jill, is the director of a marshall arts studio with a very sweet boy friend. Jeff is

semi-retired and we spend our time between Plano and SW Florida (where our seasonal home is located). Jodi and her husband Alex, purchased our home on Mustang and lived there for several years. It was a great neighborhood to rear all of our children. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Fondly,

SUSAN/JEFF PEIPER, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

We would like for you to know that our thoughts & Prayers are with your family during this difficult time. We have always thought of Bill as a very kind and generous man. With Sympathy and Caring Love, Ellen Knight, Darlene McMurray, Christy & Dave Oberle and families

ELLEN KNIGHT, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

To Marsha and all. Our deepest sympathies. You are as you have been in our prayers and our hearts. Stan & Karen

STAN & KAREN FERNALD, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

I worked with Bill at Cushman & Wakefield for several years until his retirement. Bill was a kind, supportive and wonderful family man and the consummate professional. He will be greatly missed.

LESLEY TEMPLETON, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

I worked with Bill at C&W in the early 90's. He filmed my wedding in 1994 which was such a special gift. Bill was an inspiration and wonderful person with a big heart. We will miss him dearly. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his family and friends. Sean and Marcy O'Neill (Corley)

MARCY CORLEY/ONEILL, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

Dear Marsha and family, We were so sorry to hear about our beloved rascal, Bill. When you were here the last time, I cried all the way home. I told Don that I felt like I would never see Bill again and that I had said goodbye to a dear friend. We have many fond memories of our times spent with the Beckers. We will not forget him and please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Tons of hugs Marcy and Don

MARCY & DON HOFFMAN, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

There is not enough space here to adequately express your feelings for

someone to whom you have felt "joined at the hip" in both friendship and business for over 30 years. However, the one memory that rises above all the others is that most all of our conversations over the years inevitably evolved into discussions about family. In those conversations, Bill always, without exception, expressed his firm belief that he had been blessed with a wonderful family and that his life could not have been better. We were all blessed as well, dear friend, with your friendship, and we will never forget you. You were the proverbial "class act". Ginny and I wish to express our deepest sympathy to Marsha, to Brad, Julie and Mark and their spouses, to Bill's beloved grandchildren and to the rest of Bill's extended family. We will always be here for all of you.

PAUL AND GINNY MCCREA, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

We'll all miss Bill a lot. He was always fun and great to be with on the course or off. We know he'll be missed by friends and family for a long time to come. Our prayers are with all of you.

DICK & MARILYN HERRMANN, OCTOBER 31, 2006

Julie, Rob and family. My heartfelt prayers and thoughts are with you in this deep time of sorrow. I pray you find comfort in your precious memories.

CHRISTI D. COPPEDGE, OCTOBER 31, 2006

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