



William James Ihlanfeldt

January 27, 1926 - June 8, 2018

William 'Bill' James Ihlanfeldt, 92, of Houston, Texas passed away on Friday June 8th, 2018, after a brief illness.

Bill was born on January 27, 1926 in Grand Junction, Colorado. After several moves, his family settled in Seattle, Washington where he attended Ballard High School.

On August 29, 1947 Bill married Shirley Jeanette Peck in Seattle. In 1944 Bill joined USN ROTC and then the U.S. Navy Reserves where he was active in the Korean War and remained active until 1986 when he retired as a USN Supply Corp Captain. In 1949 he graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Economics and Business.

After graduating in August 1949, he went to work for Shell Oil Company in the Seattle office, retiring 45 years later in July 1994, as Assistant Controller.

Bill was a Certified Public Accountant in Washington and then Texas where he was very involved in American Institute of CPAs and Texas Society of CPAs. For many years he sponsored and hosted Houston based AICPA/TSCPA continuing education conferences.

Bill's passion for the accounting profession led him to establish The William J. and Shirley J. Ihlanfeldt Endowed Faculty Excellence Fund in Accounting in the Red McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin. He was a member of the Institute of Management Accounts (IMA) serving as IMA President in 1996. Bill was also a member of the Financial Executives International (FEI) and in 2012 was named to the FEI Hall of Fame.

His leisure time was spent with family, volunteering on the board of charitable organizations, tending to his 6I Brangus Ranch, travel, watching sports and fishing.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years Shirley Jeannette Ihlanfeldt, his parents William Brayton Ihlanfeldt and Stella Anne Ihlanfeldt, his sisters Ruth Anne Lee and Barbara Jane LaClair, brother Robert Lynn Ihlanfeldt, his grandson Timothy Josiah Ferguson and great-grandsons Noah Daniel Taylor and Sean William Ihlanfeldt.

Bill is survived by wife Edith Bell Ihlanfeldt, son William James Ihlanfeldt, Jr. and wife Eileen; daughters Robyn Kay Franklin and husband Donald, Susan Jeanette Ferguson and husband Steven, Nancy Jane Medina and husband Michael; and 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

A memorial service for Bill will be held at the Houston National Cemetery on Monday July 16th at 10:00AM.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill & Eileen, please accept our condolences for the loss of Mr. Ihlanfeldt. It appears that he led a very full life and we're sure he will be missed.*

Roger & Dorothy Werchan

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