



Robert "Bob" Cromwell Hall, Sr

June 9, 1923 - October 8, 2015

Robert Cromwell Hall, Sr. "Bob" passed away on October 8, 2015. Bob was the son of David McKee Hall and Edith Moore Hall and was born on June 9, 1923. Bob was a direct descendent of the first settler to establish a home and fort west of the French Broad River, Captain William Moore. He attended public schools in Sylva, NC and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Carolina Teachers College (now Western Carolina University). Bob was selected to appear in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Following undergraduate studies, Bob enlisted in the United States Navy and participated in Officer Training at the University of Notre Dame. After returning from military service Bob continued his education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the graduate program of Communications and the School of Law. He earned post graduate degrees from the North Carolina School of Banking at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University. Bob began his professional career as program director and announcer for WHCC radio in Waynesville, NC. He was also a juvenile probation counselor for Haywood County. From 1953 until 1956 Bob was Alumni Secretary and Director of Student Procurement for Western Carolina College.

His banking career began in 1956 when he became manager of the College Street branch of The Bank of Asheville. The remainder of his 30 years in banking was in the main office as head of the Consumer Loan Department and then as Commercial Loan Vice President. In January of 1986 he retired from North Carolina National Bank, with which The Bank of Asheville had merged in 1979.

"Bob Hall, with the Bank of Asheville", as he was known, always had time for professional involvement and community service. In retirement, he continued to give many hours to volunteer activities.

His professional affiliations have been as President of the American Institute of Banking, local chapter; President of Group 10, the North Carolina Bankers Association, including all

the western counties; Treasurer of the WNC Home Builders, and honored as Associate of the Year; and member of the Asheville Board of Realtors.

Community and volunteer services have included serving as president of: Central Asheville Association, Western North Carolina Chapter University of North Carolina Alumni Association, Buncombe County Chapter of Western Carolina University Alumni Association, Western North Carolina Chapter of the N.C. Symphony Society, Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Council, Asheville Civitan Club 1965 (Civitan of the Year 1964), two United Way supported organizations – Asheville Day Nursery and Caring For Children.

Other community activities: treasurer and board member of the United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County and of the Smith-McDowell Museum, board member of the Blue Ridge Center and treasurer of the local March of Dimes for 10 years. He was active in the Asheville Jaycees and received a Key Man award in 1958. While living in Waynesville he was president of the Jaycees and treasurer of the local Lions Club.

Bob was a die hard, yet moderate, democrat and served for many years as precinct chairman for the party. He was the brother of David M Hall, Jr., a member of the United States House of Representatives and the nephew of Daniel K. Moore, Governor of North Carolina and a Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. Bob's grandfather, Frederick Moore, was North Carolina's youngest Superior Court Judge.

Bob was a member of Grace Episcopal Church, where he served as a church school teacher, lay reader, vestry member and senior warden.

Anne Osborne, his first wife and the love of Bob's life, preceded him in death on December 20, 1997. Bob's second wife, Betty Duncan, preceded him in death on August 2, 2011.

Survivors included Bob's sons and their families: Robert C. Hall, Jr., Penny Parker and their daughter, Alexandra Parker; Allan M. Hall, his wife Deborah and their children, Allan McLean Hall, Jr. and his wife, Leslie, Conner Elizabeth Bocook Hall and her friend, James Hamilton; David C. Hall, his wife Marie and their children, David Coleman Hall, Jr. and his fiancé Jani Actman, Amanda Hall Begue and her husband Paul; Stepsons Scott Crawford, Todd Crawford and their families; and good friend and neighbor, Heinz Freese.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Care Partners 68 Sweeten Creek Road Asheville, NC 28803. Service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church on Thursday, October 15, at 2:00 pm. Family will receive friends after the service in the Parish Hall.

Events

OCT **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Grace Episcopal Church

871 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC, US, 28804

Comments



“ Troy C. Honaker, Sun Heating Supplies of NC purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Cromwell Hall, Sr.



Troy C. Honaker, Sun Heating Supplies of NC - October 14, 2015 at 03:47 PM



“ A great man for a great country. Enjoyed reading his bio and all the things he was involved in. Condolences to Robert, Allan, David and all their families as we honor his life and bless his soul on his new adventure!

Billy Warlick - October 14, 2015 at 03:24 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Cromwell Hall, Sr.



October 14, 2015 at 12:35 PM



“ Bob was a wonderful man in all areas of his life. An inspiring man with much to emulate. He served as my sister Marie's "mentor" and I know this will leave a huge void in her life. I will always remember Bob with respect and fondness. All my thoughts are with the Hall family. Love to you all, Joan Virginia Lingerfelt

Joan Lingerfelt - October 14, 2015 at 11:27 AM



“ Dear Robert, Allan, and David,

Remembering your Kind and Wonderful Father and wishing you comfort at this time. Bob was always a Gentleman and I cherished being around him. He was a "Great Guy" who took immense pride in his family and home.

My heart goes out to each of you and your families. Bob will be sincerely missed by all. God Bless You...

Kay Blanton Davis

Kay Blanton Davis - October 14, 2015 at 08:36 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Cromwell Hall, Sr.



October 13, 2015 at 02:46 PM



“ We are very thankful to have had the opportunity to know Mr. Hall and his family. I was involved in school and work with his sons here in Asheville. They were always fun to be with, which is a reflection from the boys of their parents. Mr Hall provided a great environment for all of us to be a part of. When we would go to his home for a visit he always had time to share a big smile and become genuinely interested in us. Being with them was like being on a vacation. You came back home with a smile and sharing with your parents that you were at the Hall boys home. Later on in life when I would see him he remembered us and would take time for us. At times we would call him on the phone just to say Hi and get cheered up. Mr. Hall and his family are still an awesome example for me and my cousins Carole, Billy, and Johnny Wink. Love you ALL. Rick Wink

Rick Winkenwerder - October 12, 2015 at 07:28 AM



“ Thinking of the family during this difficult time. Mr. Hall certainly lived a full and impressive life and was a man who gave back to the community in an unselfish and caring way.

Richard Hurley - October 11, 2015 at 05:58 PM