



Mr. William W. Dodge III

October 8, 1928 - April 25, 2014

William W. Dodge III, a well-known and respected architect in Raleigh for many years, died April 25, 2014 at Givens Estates Retirement Community in Asheville, following a period of failing health.

A native of Asheville, Mr. Dodge was born October 8, 1928 to William Waldo Dodge Jr. and Margaret Wheeler Robinson Dodge. He attended the Asheville School for Boys, Cheshire Academy in Connecticut and the College of William and Mary in Virginia prior to serving in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he earned the rank of first lieutenant as part of the Japan Construction Agency in Tokyo. In 1957, he earned a degree in architecture from North Carolina State University.

Mr. Dodge opened his office in Raleigh in 1962. Two projects provided him his greatest personal satisfaction: his design and completion of the first high-rise state office structure in Raleigh, the Albemarle Building, completed in 1970, part of the North Carolina State Government Complex; and his role in the restoration of the North Carolina State Capitol Building, completed in celebration of the United States Bicentennial. Many state and local governmental buildings throughout North Carolina are credited to him, along with the restoration of the Joel Lane House, Mordecai House, and the old Post Office in Raleigh as well as the design of many large residences in Raleigh, Durham and Wilson.

No locale, other than Raleigh, has seen as many successful projects headed by Mr. Dodge as the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill, where he was responsible for Fetzer Gymnasium, at the time the campus's largest building; the restoration of Old East, the oldest state university building in the United States, as well as Old West dormitory; he also was architect for the renovation of Saunders Hall, the President's home, Playmakers Theatre and an early renovation of Memorial Hall. The campuses at North Carolina State, East Carolina and Fayetteville University also contain examples of his work.

Following retirement from Dodge & Associates in Raleigh in 1992, Mr. Dodge and his second wife, Ann Weaver Clark Dodge, whom he married in 1990, moved to Blowing Rock. He served on the Appalachian State University library board and was the first to propose the building of the University's state-of-the-art Belk Library, opened in 2005. Additionally, he designed and oversaw the creation of the University's ceremonial mace, as well as a glass and steel case in which the mace is prominently displayed in the library.

Mr. Dodge was widely acclaimed for his work in historical preservation, having received awards for the State Capitol building, Mordecai House and the Joel Lane House in Raleigh, as well as the Brooks/Hollandsworth House at Asheville School. He was a member of the North Carolina chapter of the American Institute of Architects, a past president of its Raleigh chapter and a member of the board of its Asheville chapter. He had served as chair of historic district, site and property commissions for both Raleigh and the state, was the architect member of the state committee for the National Register of Historic Places and was a charter member of the State Capitol Foundation. Active in business and civic organizations, he had served on the board of the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and the YMCA. A generous contributor to cultural, social and civic organizations, Mr. Dodge was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary groups in both Raleigh and

Blowing Rock. Although his health declined over the last several years, Mr. Dodge enjoyed active participation in AIA Asheville and the Asheville Design Center, as well as the Preservation Society of Asheville & Buncombe County and Asheville School.

William Dodge was predeceased by his first wife, Nell Hendon Ramsey, and a sister, Nancy Dodge Holloway.

Surviving are his wife Ann, a son William W. Dodge IV of Raleigh; a step-daughter, Ann Gill Clark Howell, of Raleigh; two nieces: Kirby Holloway Ruland of Fairview and Laurie Holloway of Swannanoa; and five step-grandchildren: Tony Clark of Chapel Hill; Benjamin Clark of Brooklyn, NY; Brian Howell of Charlotte; Rachel Clark of Savannah, GA; and Steven Howell of Durham.

A service will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of All Souls in Biltmore. Private burial will be at the Columbarium at Givens Estates.

Contributions in memory of William W. Dodge III may be made to the Givens Estates Resident Assistance Ministry, 2360 Sweeten Creek Rd., Asheville, NC 28803 or CarePartners, 68 Sweeten Creek Rd., Asheville, NC 28803.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Cathedral of All Souls
9 Swan Street Biltmore Village
Asheville, NC 28803
<http://www.allsoulscathedral.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William W. Dodge III*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dear Ann and family,*

I just learned of Bill's death in the CH News today (May 4, 2014.) He had a special place in my heart because he was Elizabeth Hendon Cochrane's (my mom's) favorite nephew. He was so kind in 1990 to help me with her memorial ceremony. I had such a crush on him in the fifties when he and cousin Nell were newly married and were stationed in my hometown (Fayetteville) in the fifties. He was the consummate enlightened man and his legend lives on, especially at UNC-CH. I have walked among his building for the past fifty years on the campus in Chapel Hill and he has left a wonderful legacy of work.

*My best regards,
Dorothy Hendon Cochrane Bernholz*

Dottie Bernholz - May 04, 2014 at 01:52 PM

AM

“ Dear Dodge Family,

Today, May 1, we are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Wake House, an emergency, diagnostic shelter for at risk male adolescents in Raleigh though in the beginning it served both males and females 10 - 17 years of age. Bill designed the facility in 1983 and it was completed and opened in May 1984. At that time I was the supervisor of the program. I will be delivering the keynote on the history of the program this afternoon though I am no longer with the program. I mention Bill in my remarks; remarks that I wrote weeks ago. I was absolutely stunned when I saw his obituary in Tuesday's News and Observer, coming so closely to this event. I worked closely with Bill in the design and construction of this facility. Bill attended the dedication in November 1984.

Today I will mention to the many people coming about this loss to our community. Please know that part of Bill's legacy is this House along with all the other projects that Bill touched during his long, outstanding career. Know that this house has served hundreds of children over the 30 years since it opened. I was honored to work with Bill. I am very sorry for your loss and my thoughts are with you doing this difficult time.

*Andrew Meyer, MSW
Wake County Human Services
Raleigh*

Andrew J Meyer - May 01, 2014 at 08:52 AM

AR

“ To the family of Mr. William, I just wanted to let you all know that my heart goes out to you and that you'll be in my thoughts and prayers. Something that has comforted me in times past when I have lost a loved one is God's promise for the future. Acts 24:15 assures that "there is going to be a resurrection." You can put faith in this promise and look forward to seeing your loved one William again, not as an aged man, but as a man who has returned "to the days of his youthful vigor."--Job 33:25

A Concerned Reader - April 30, 2014 at 02:17 PM

MF

“ Those we love left us gifts in the form of precious memories that no one can take away. Wisdom that we can still recall, these are the many kind things that shall live forever in our heart. May the God of all comfort become your refuge and strength during this most difficult time.(2Cor.1:3,4) Please accept our sincere condolences.

Mines family - April 29, 2014 at 09:28 PM

SG

“ To Ann and the family, please know that your friends in Blowing Rock send condolences and thanks for the care you have given during a long struggle. Bill's finally at peace - and probably off designing something in his NEW place! Thank you for sharing him! Knowing him made all our lives a more vivid, richer experience. A big hug, Sue Glenn

Sue Glenn - April 29, 2014 at 07:26 AM

 LC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Dodge's passing. I am a longtime friend of his son. If you would pass along my contact information: louisefallscone@gmail.com to him I would be most appreciative. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,
Louise Cone

Louise Cone - April 28, 2014 at 05:13 PM



“ All of us nurses who took care of Mr. Dodge in our outpatient department at Watauga medical center here in Boone, N.C. wish to express our deepest sympathy to all of his family. He was a "treasure" to all of us and we will miss seeing him.

Glenda Bentley - April 28, 2014 at 05:10 PM

 CC

We are stunned and saddened to learn of Mr. Dodge's passing and are fondly remembering him as he was when we first met at Fair Mt. Engaging, full of life and good humor, seeking his home in the mountains, Bill had perfect timing as we were ready for a change also. I know he and Ann appreciated that fabulous Fair Mt. view as much as we had. A few times, feeling homesick, I dropped in on Bill and Ann (with no warning) but they both were gracious, more than welcoming and I thoroughly enjoyed those visits. I certainly recall those unique silver cups forged by Bill's father. Bill was unique too, always interesting, a real gentleman, and we're proud to have met him. I know his loss will be felt deeply. Sincerely, Candace and Perry Coffey

Candace Coffey - May 02, 2014 at 10:48 AM

BJ

“ As impressive as Bill's accomplishments and accolades were in the field of architecture, many may not know that it was Bill who also was the first to recognize the contributions of his father William Waldo Dodge II, a now-recognized premier Arts and Crafts silversmith and architect. Bill single-handedly preserved the tools and records of the Dodge Silver Shop, sharing them and his own memories of his father with the North Carolina History Museum and the Asheville Art Museum, which hosted a retrospective on William W. Dodge in 2005, one that could not have been possible without the involvement of Bill Dodge. I am proud to have known Bill and to have been able to spend time with him. His accomplishments, like those of his father, will not be forgotten. - Bruce Johnson

Bruce Johnson - April 28, 2014 at 07:41 AM