



Robert Samuel Hughes

May 3, 1929 - April 13, 2020

Robert Samuel Hughes, loyal Boomer Sooner, 70 year member of Phi Delta Theta, proud Phillips 66 jobber and beloved father, brother, uncle and friend, passed from this life on Monday, April 13, 2020, in Orlando, Florida.

Born to Arthur and Elsie Hughes on May 3, 1929 in Amarillo, Texas, Bobby grew up in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Upon graduation from the University of Oklahoma in 1951, he spent time proudly serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Upon completion of service to his country, he started building his company, Floridan Oil, as a jobber for Phillips Petroleum Company. Over the span of 30 years, he built and operated 10 service stations and convenience stores throughout Orlando. These stations, branded as “Gas Gardens”, were known across the industry as trend setters in every aspect of their operation. His attention to detail and relentless pursuit of excellence made him a natural choice for speaking engagements at industry conferences and gatherings.

One of Bobby’s greatest loves in life was his beloved wife Norma. Together, they enjoyed traveling and living a life of love and joy in both Windermere, Florida and Wolf Laurel, North Carolina.

Bobby was a member of the Windermere Rotary Club, The University Club, Phi Delta Theta Alumni Club, The Gathering of Men, The Committee of 100, The Old Timers Club, a proud supporter of the Atlanta Falcons and the Florida

Gators, and a loyal friend to countless members of the Orlando community. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Norma, stepson Randy Jones, his brother John Hughes and sister Sara Horne and is survived by sister Anna Marie Sellers, daughter Elizabeth Preston-Hughes (Stephanie), stepdaughter Cherie Butler (David), granddaughter Katelyn McAllister, grandson Sam McAllister, two great granddaughters, friend Cindy Aagaard and many adoring nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

There will be no funeral services due to health concerns. Cremation services will be provided by A Community Funeral Home.