



Gordon Robert Edwards

January 30, 1927 - October 9, 2021

Gordon Robert (Bob) Edwards passed away on October 9, 2021 at his home in Houston, Texas. He was born on January 30, 1927 in Brooklyn, New York, attended Poly Prep in Brooklyn and graduated from Princeton University in 1948 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. He obtained an M.B.A. from New York University in 1960.

He was predeceased by his adored wife of 66 years, Nancy Purtell Edwards, and is survived by his son Dr. Gordon (Win) Edwards and his wife Janet of Katy, Texas, and their children Jennelle Berger and her husband Greg and Linda Wolfe and her husband Nick; his daughters Sharon L. Edwards of Atlanta, Georgia, and Susan E. Bopp of Houston, Texas, and her children Austin and Lindsay; and his great grandchildren, Carson and Trent Berger and Ashlynn, Tyler and Brady Wolfe.

Bob and Nancy were truly “the boy” and “the girl” next door. They first met each other in June 1948 on Shelter Island, New York, where their parents, by sheer coincidence, had rented summer homes adjacent to each other.

After graduation from college, Bob worked for a couple of years at the Borden Company in New York and then was drafted into the Army where he served 3 years as a 2nd Lt in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, serving in Korea until he was discharged at that war’s conclusion in 1953. Shortly after that he joined the M.W. Kellogg Company as a piping engineer and continued there for a 31 year career in engineering, project management and sales, that culminated in the position of Vice President of Sales. Kellogg was one of the world’s largest petroleum/petrochemical design engineering and construction companies. His job took him and his family to London for 9 years, Toronto for 2 years, and finally to Houston in 1973 when Kellogg moved its headquarters there, where he remained. Retiring from Kellogg in 1984, he then spent eight years at a division of Dresser Industries until final retirement in 1993.

Bob was an avid golfer who swung his first club at age three, urged on by his golfing parents. A highlight of his time in England was when he played the old course at St.

Andrews. In 1974 he joined the Lakeside Country Club in Houston, where he spent many happy hours playing golf and hanging out with his buddies, especially once he retired which gave him time to play three times a week! He and Nancy also enjoyed the performing arts and were longtime subscribers to the Houston Pops and the Alley Theatre.

Most importantly, Bob was a loving and playful father who will be greatly missed by his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.