



## Robert Sterner Silverthorn

December 30, 1928 - July 4, 2013

Robert Sterner Silverthorn, 84 of Houston, Texas passed away peacefully on July 4th, 2013. Robert was born December 30, 1928 in Quantico, Va. As part of a military family he lived in many different places. He graduated from Punahou High School in Honolulu, Hawaii. He entered and graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BS in Petroleum Engineering. Following graduation in 1950 he was commissioned in the United States Marine Corps and served in the Korean War. After his military service he attended Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, Pa. to prepare for a career in the Petroleum and Natural Gas industry. During the next 30 years his career in the oil and gas industry followed many successful moves. This led to the establishment of Energy Buyers Services Corporation in Houston, Texas, which provided natural gas to the northeastern United States. He retired in 1995.

His perseverance and work ethic began from his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 12. His life work after retirement was focused on furthering the word of God and helping others in the name of Christ. This led to his involvement with the Salvation Army and Campus Crusades for Christ University Mary Hardin in Baylor, Girls Inc. of Metropolitan Dallas, Focus on the Family, Houston Baptist University, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Dallas Baptist University, Young Life, Alzheimer Assc., and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Lieut. Gen. Merwin H. and Marie A. Silverthorn. Two, brothers, Col. Merwin H. Silverthorn, Jr. and Lieut.

Col. Russell L. Silverthorn. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Marilyn I. Silverthorn. His children, Robert S. Silverthorn Jr. (Rusti) of Louisville, KY, Marie Silverthorn (Bill Giolma) of Dallas TX, Virginia S. Schulte (Mark) of Louisville, KY, and Carolyn Bierman (Mike) of Parkland, FL. Nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren as well as Sister-in-law, Virginia E. Cunningham of Oklahoma City, OK

A Memorial Service will be celebrated at Tallowood Baptist Church, 555 Tallowood Rd. Houston, Texas 77024. Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Robert's memory to the charity of your choice. Visit [www.DettlingFuneral.com](http://www.DettlingFuneral.com) to leave online tributes.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Tallowood Baptist Church  
555 Tallowood Road  
Houston, TX 77024

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Sterner Silverthorn*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Robert Sterner Silverthorn*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Robert Sterner Silverthorn*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Robert Sterner Silverthorn*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I was thinking about Bob today and chose to look him up. Sadly, I see he has passed. I met Mr. Silverthorn as a new graduate entering the energy industry. Bob was always kind and patient (although I know I was probably very annoyign at that age) and we had many lunches at his club at the Whyndam Warick. He was a very thoughtful and kind peron.*

**Jeff Lowney** - October 30, 2014 at 03:46 PM

MW

“ Marilyn,

*I'm so sorry to ready about Mr. Silverthorn's passing. It's been over a year now. He was incredibly gracious to help us as we began our missionary efforts in Asia and it looks like, from the below comments, that he touched a lot of lives. My prayers to you and family as I am sure this still fresh for you each day.*

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**Matthew Watts** - July 24, 2014 at 06:23 PM

WM

“ *I cannot say enough in memory of Mr. Silverthorn. Although he may not have known it he was a huge influence in my life and my walk with The Lord. I do not believe that I will ever meet a man quite like Bob as long as I live. My condolences to his family. The next time I am at the ball game I will make sure to save a seat for my favorite Astros fan. To Bob Silverthorn.*

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**will manos** - April 21, 2014 at 08:10 PM

CP

“ Marilyn,

*I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I will always cherish our times spent together during Alzheimer's Association meetings. You were so kind, supportive and fascinating. Mainly, I remember the time you sailed to Rhode Island and met my very young son and me. Your patience with him while he crawled around your boat always brings a smile to my face. I hope it does to yours as well. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Carol Prugh*

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**Carol Prugh** - July 31, 2013 at 04:30 PM

HW

“ So sorry that I was not able to travel with my husband, Fred, to honor the life of Bob Silverthorn. I have never met a more loving and caring man than Mr. Silverthorn. He was a man of God who lived his faith in his business life as well as his personal life. Please give Marilyn a big hug for me and assure her that she and the rest of the family are in my thoughts and prayers. I will always be grateful for the generosity he poured out on Young Life of Las Vegas. Hyla W.

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**Hyla Winters** - July 12, 2013 at 07:39 AM

GE

“ Mrs. Silverthorn,  
I am sending my deepest sympathy in the loss of your precious Bob. I was so sad to hear the news of his home going. I loved him so much and truly admired and respected him with all my heart. Mr., Silverthorn was no ordinary man, and his life touched so many. One heart reached out in countless ways. Your loved one gave so much too so many and that legacy will live on forever. His life was a well-lived and well loved, a life that will be deeply missed. I will never forget how much fun Randy I always had with both you. I loved how he always made me feel so special, wherever we went, to a play at Spring Woods High School or the Nutcracker Ballet. May your faith bring you comfort, for God is always with you and loving you when your heart hurts so much. I will keep you in my prayers.  
Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of the Lord.  
Matthew 25:21  
Gwen Evans

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**Gwendolyn Evans** - July 10, 2013 at 05:18 AM

WR

“ Dear Marilyn and family,

*We are very sorry to learn of Bob's demise.  
He was a good man that will be sorely missed  
by those he knew and those he helped in the  
community. Our prayers go out for all of you  
in this time of loss and mourning.*

*Walter and Margaret (Peggy) Rhodes, Houston.*

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**Walter & Margaret Rhodes** - July 09, 2013 at 02:38 PM

LO

“ Dear Bob and Rusti, We send our love and prayers at this time of  
your loss. Leo and Leslie Orthober, Louisville, KY

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**Leslie Orthober** - July 07, 2013 at 08:07 AM