



Mr. Robert Allen Williams, Sr.

January 2, 1930 - May 26, 2016

Robert A Williams, retired president of Harbor Federal Savings Bank and former two term Board member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta passed away at his residence at Mercy Ridge in Lutherville MD on May 26, 2016.

Although very successful in his role as President of Riverside Federal Savings and Loan which became Harbor Federal Savings and Loan and finally Harbor Federal Savings Bank he was probably best known for his football success.

Born in Cumberland, MD on January 2, 1930 Bob moved to Baltimore at a young age where he went to Loyola Blakefield High School. There he became a 3 sport letterman in football, basketball and baseball. After high school he went to Notre Dame University and played quarterback. After waiting his turn behind other Notre Dame greats, Angelo Bertelli, Johnny Lujack and Frank Tripucka , Bob became the starting quarterback in 1949 where he made the best of his opportunity. As an 18 year old, Bob led the '49 Irish team to an undefeated season and National Championship. He finished 5th in the Heisman trophy voting in 1949 and 6 th in the voting in 1950. He held the record for highest passing efficiency rating for a season for over 50 years. Bob was voted first team College Football All American in 1949 and 1950, awarded the Nils V. "Swede" Nelson Award in 1950 for his conduct on and off of the gridiron. When Keith Mills retells the story of asking Sam Davis,

managing editor of the Baltimore Sun, about Bob, Sam replied, "Probably the greatest gentlemen I've ever met". He was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame in 1988.

After college Bob was the second overall selection in the 1951 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears. He played for the Bears in 1951 and 1952 before going into the Navy during the Korean War. After fulfilling his duty to his Country, Bob returned for one more year with the Bears.

More than his football accolades and career achievements, his family was his greatest love. In

1952 Bob married his high school sweetheart, Anita Galvin. During their 46 years of marriage they

raised 6 children and loved their trips to the beach and ski slopes for family fun. Whether it be water skiing or body surfing it was always a competition to be followed by rehashing the stories over cocktails. Bob believed in working hard together and playing hard together. Anita passed away from cancer in 1998.

He is survived by 6 children, Susie Williams Simon of San Mateo CA, Barbara Williams Case of

Lutherville MD, Anita Williams Feeley of Lutherville MD, Robert Williams Jr. of Washington DC, Mark Williams of Parkton MD and James Williams of Ruxton MD, 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at Immaculate Conception Church at 200 Ware Avenue Towson MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to DAV, Dept. of

Maryland, 101 N. Gay Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 377-8300
general@mwfuneralhome.com

Funeral Mass

JUN 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church
200 Ware Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Tribute Wall

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“ *Robert and Donna Lancelotta purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Robert Allen Williams, Sr..*



Robert and Donna Lancelotta - June 09, 2016 at 09:25 AM

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Bob Williams - June 08, 2016 at 05:07 PM

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“ *I have wonderful memories of my Uncle Bobby playing family backyard games at our house as well as our cousins. Badminton was the game of choice with family. He was always sweet to ask how my tennis games were going. Always friendly, fun and caring! Love to all.*

Julie Williams Bruggman - June 08, 2016 at 02:31 PM

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“ *Bob was a great husband, father and leader of his Notre Dame football team . I was glad to have been at the game where he was honored at Notre Dame Stadium for being selected to the College Football Hall of Fame. We pray for Bob and his family.*

Richard McHugh - June 04, 2016 at 03:00 PM

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“ *Simon Siblings and Families purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mr. Robert Allen Williams, Sr..*



Simon Siblings and Families - June 04, 2016 at 09:24 AM