

It is with a heavy heart that I share my dad died early Saturday morning. He had several health challenges for the past 7 years that eventually prohibited him from doing the things he enjoyed. His body was tired and needed a rest. Happily dad made a life-changing decision a few years ago, so we have comfort knowing where he is spending eternity!

People that knew my dad, knew that everything to him was black and white, it was either right or wrong, no grey area. Most people don't know that my dad graduated from law school but he never took the bar or practiced law because he never wanted to defend someone he knew was guilty.

Dad strove for excellence, most of his projects probably took longer than expected because he was slow and thorough, but you could be sure, the end result was level, square, plumb, and flush!

During his career he had high expectations at work but I believe he was fair. He often said he'd rather pay someone \$10 an hour for \$5 an hour work because he didn't want to fire someone being paid \$5 an hour doing \$10 an hour work.

Everyone that knew my dad knew he was an avid Arkansas Razorback fan. I believe he was born to be a Razorback because even his initials are R E D. Dad passionately called the hogs for more than 67 years! In fact, this was the first year in my lifetime he didn't buy season football tickets, perhaps he knew he wouldn't be able to enjoy them.

When my parents retired and moved to NW Arkansas they became dedicated supporters of the Lady Razorbacks. They cheered the Lady'Backs in every sport. I'm convinced if there had been a Lady'Back tidily-wink team, my mom and dad would've been on the sideline cheering for them; dad always wanted to support those that needed support the most.

Dad loved his family and friends and would do anything for them whether it was home additions, building fences or boat docks, building treehouses, shoveling snow for neighbors, reading countless scholarship applications for students in need, or buying Christmas gifts for needy children, whatever the need he wanted to help! He was a firm believer in if you see something that needs doing it is your responsibility to do it.

Dad didn't miss many opportunities, he pretty-much did everything on his list. He gave generously to others during his lifetime because he wanted them to enjoy now. His goal was to spend his last nickel with his last breath, I believe he came real close!

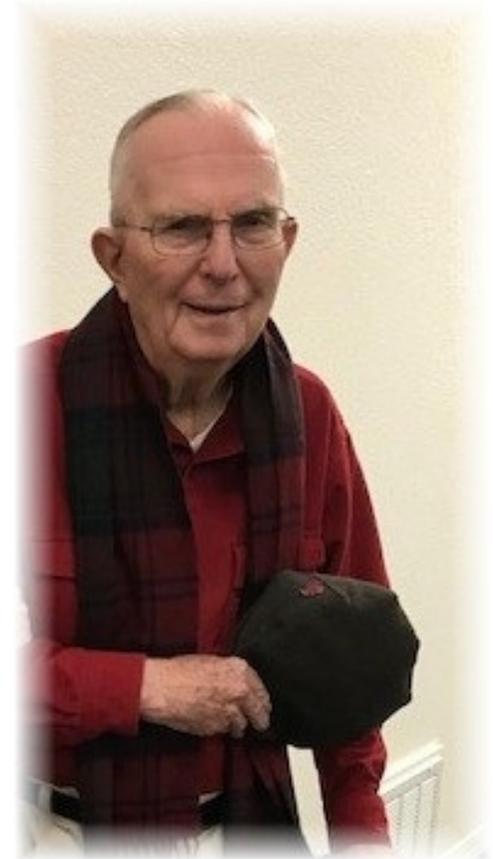
WPS Dad!

#### APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home  
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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## Robert E. Dilatush Jr.

December 8, 1929  
September 8, 2018



## CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF

Robert E. Dilatush, Jr.

### DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Saturday, September 15, 2018 - 11:00 A.M.

Main Street Baptist Church

Farmington, Arkansas

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

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**Prelude Music** Cathy Williams

**“Amazing Grace”** Congregational  
Song Leader - Dan Morrison

**Welcome & Obituary** Preston Beeks  
Pastor - Main Street Baptist Church

**Family Sharing** John R. Dilatush  
Andrew L. Dilatush

**“How Great Thou Art”** Congregational

**Words of Comfort** Preston Beeks

**Closing Prayer**

**Family Memories Video**

“My Way”  
“Somewhere My Love”  
“Wind Beneath My Wings”  
“My Tribute”

**Military Honors** United States Army Honor Guard

**Postlude Music** “Stars and Stripes Forever”

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GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE  
CEMETERY. THE FAMILY WILL REMAIN AFTER  
THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

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### FINAL RESTING PLACE

National Cemetery - Fayetteville, Arkansas

### PALLBEARERS

Andrew Dilatush - James Newell - John Lear  
Kendall Gatrell - Mack Alford - Tyler Stacy

### MEMORIALS

Main Street Baptist Church  
49 W Main St. - Farmington, AR 72730

### Robert E. Dilatush Jr.

88, a resident of Farmington, Arkansas, passed away Saturday, September 8, 2018 in Prairie Grove, Arkansas. He was born December 8, 1929 in Memphis, Tennessee, the son of Robert E. and Eda (Barry) Dilatush.

Robert graduated from Hulbert-West Memphis High School in 1947 where he lettered in football. In 1952 he graduated from the University of Arkansas and went on to graduate from Southern Law School in 1961.

He enlisted in the United States Army in November 1951, and served in the Counter Intelligence Corps in Washington D.C. until he was honorably discharged in 1954.

Robert was a member of the West Memphis, Arkansas Junior Chamber of Commerce where he served as secretary and vice president and received the Distinguished Service Award. He was a member of the Greenwood, Mississippi Junior Chamber of Commerce serving as secretary, vice president and chairman of the annual Christmas parade with over 100 bands. He was active in various other activities including: board member for 25 years, president, actor and director of the Greenwood, Mississippi Little Theatre, president of the Mississippi Theatre Association, member of West Memphis, Arkansas Crittenden County Republican Central Committee, member of the Greenwood, Mississippi Leflore County Democratic Committee, chairman of Leflore County, Mississippi Industrial Board, chairman of Leflore County Economic Foundation, member of Greenwood, Mississippi Chamber of Commerce, Life + member of Arkansas Alumni Association serving six years on the Board of Directors, Razorback Foundation member since 1967, Lady Razorback Foundation member since 1995, season ticket holder for Razorback Football since 1967 and a season ticket holder for all Lady Razorback sports since 1995.

Robert worked in Foundry Business with his father in Salem, Illinois from 1955-1957, a law clerk for JH Spears in West Memphis, Arkansas from 1958-1961 and retired as Vice President and Secretary of Staple Cotton Cooperative Association and Staple Cotton Discount Corporation in Greenwood, Mississippi in December 1994 after 33 years.

He and his wife retired to Northwest Arkansas in 1995 to be closer to the Razorbacks.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Marc Henry Dilatush, two sisters Virginia Louise Guynes, Joan Stanford Lakin.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years Jane Claire Dilatush; two sons John Robert Dilatush and wife Christi and their son Tyler and his wife Shannon and Andrew L. Dilatush and wife Theresa and their children Emily and husband Josh, Andrew, Rachel, Abbey and Sarah; one great grandson Roland Ace and one sister Cynthia Dilatush.

