



Willard "Bill" Jonathan Tillotson

July 26, 1928 - October 14, 2010

Willard "Bill" Jonathan Tillotson, Jr., 82, of Butler Pennsylvania passed away on Thursday, October 14, 2010.

He was born on July 26, 1928 as the son of the late Willard Jonathan Tillotson, Sr. and Katherine (Pollack) Tillotson in the small village of Tillotson, PA. Bill's humble beginnings set the stage for a life filled with remarkable vision, compassion for others, and a relentless drive for excellence.

At the ripe young age of 6, Bill began working, offering a glimpse into the character and work ethic that would eventually help achieve substantial success and influence. Bill served his country for two years in the U.S. Army prior to entering Allegheny College in 1948. As a student, he was an Interfraternity Council member, class officer, co-captain of the soccer team, and a catcher for the baseball team. After graduating from Allegheny, Bill would go on to establish Hefren-Tillotson in 1955, buying Arthur R. Hefren & Co. from his father-in-law.

As Chairman of the Board and Founder of Hefren-Tillotson, Bill's vision and financial acumen helped build the company to become one of the largest wealth management firms in Pennsylvania. Long before the phrase "financial planning" was even created, Bill saw the need to coordinate all aspects of his clients' financial situation, thus forming the MASTERPLAN approach. This

comprehensive approach to wealth management remains the cornerstone of the firm today and was a key reason for Bill's absolute belief that people are better-off working with Hefren-Tillotson.

Bill had a remarkable impact on those around him, clearly seeing the importance of people over materialism. He had a sincere respect for others and took great joy in seeing the "smart, young people" around him excel. This attitude resulted in a unique culture at Hefren-Tillotson, which has earned the company multiple awards as one of the Best Places to Work in Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh. His commitment to others helped the company persevere through many market downturns without layoffs, while competitors disappeared from the landscape. Bill's love for his family clearly included the Hefren-Tillotson family, which he viewed as both employees and clients.

This compassion for others extended well into the community. Bill served as a trustee to Allegheny College from 1984 - 2005 and received the college's most prestigious alumni award, the Alumni Medal, in 2007. His love for the community, arts, and sports also included generous support of the Butler and Pittsburgh Symphonies, the Butler Library, The Community Health Clinic of Butler, Pittsburgh Ballet, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, and the University of Pittsburgh. Bill was a member of Salem United Methodist Church in Wexford, the New Castle Scottish rite, the Syria Shrine and the Royal Order of Jesters.

Anyone who came into contact with Bill quickly recognized his passion to live life to the fullest. Bill's great sense of humor and fiercely competitive nature was infamous among his friends. As an avid golfer and member of Butler, Oakmont, and Palm Aire (in Sarasota, Fla) Country Clubs, Bill made his opponents fight for every victory, but always did so as a gentleman and with a great sense of humor. In fact, he was competitive even about his dog, Jasper, who Bill thought was far superior to the other Bichons in the family. Despite all of his success, Bill's strong character never waived, which is a key reason

why the name Hefren-Tillotson has become synonymous with integrity. For all of us blessed to have known him, our lives will be forever touched by this exceptional man.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Carol (Hefren) Tillotson; 2 daughters, Mrs. Sharon (Robert) Gallagher of Zelienople and Mrs. Kimberly (Curtis) Fleming of Mars; a son, Craig Arthur Tillotson and his wife Jill of Marshall Twp.; 9 grandchildren, Lauren, Jonathan, Read, Ryan, Justin, Trey and Aaron Tillotson and Grant and Todd Fleming; 2 sisters, Mrs. Cherie (David) Anderson of Chautauqua, NY and Mrs. Sandra (Ronald) Reed of Spartansburg, PA; 2 brother-in-laws, Holland Morgan of Corry, PA and Michael Csop of Spartansburg, PA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death along with his parents are an infant grandson, Jordan Anthony Gallagher and 2 sisters, Joann Morgan and Shirley Csop.

A Celebration of Life in honor of Bill will be held on Wednesday, at 2PM, October 20, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church, 320 Sixth Avenue, downtown Pittsburgh. Valet parking will be available. There will be no visitation.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Allegheny College (520 N. Main St, Meadville, PA 16335), the American Heart Association (10 Duff Road, Suite 304, Pittsburgh, PA 15235) or The Community Health Clinic of Butler County, 103 Bonnie Drive, Butler, PA 16002.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Tillotson family,

I would like to express my condolences for the loss of your dearly beloved Mr. Willard Tillotson.

I am doing a public service in behalf of all who have lost a loved one in death. This may be one of the hardest things any of us will ever have to cope with. A brochure, When Someone You Love Dies, has been prepared. It has helped millions of people and I am sure it can help you too. It discusses an exciting promise made by Jesus Christ at John 5:21, 28, 29.

If you would like to read this comforting brochure, I will be glad to mail it to you. Please provide your address by emailing me to jtchissi@gmail.com.

May you find comfort and strength through the Scriptures.

Sincerely,

Julie Tchissi###imported-begin##Julie Tchissi###imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by many. Tom & Judy Keener###imported-begin##Tom & Judy Keener###imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol, my sincerest condolences to you and your family - You are certainly in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. I am inspired by the "love story" you and Bill lived. :) Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa and Doug Snyder##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Extremely sorry to hear of the passing of our cousin Billy (as we knew him growing up). Although it has been many years since we had gotten together, I will always remember him as a very caring and outgoing person. I share your grief in his passing.##imported-begin##Jack & Ann Tillotson Family##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Our ommunity has suffered a great loss----not only has the Tillotson family lost their paterarch,but our Butler County has lot one of its finest leaders. His quick wit and his wisdom have impacted many. May he rest in eternal peace knowing that he had left our world a much better place.##imported-begin##Cecelia Buechele Foster##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept our deepest condolences to Bill's Family. My Father and Uncles have always had such positive things to say about Bill and his family. We hope you find comfort in your time of sorrow and we'll put you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Terry and Tammy Tillotson##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Tillotson, Sharon, Craig, Kim and families, please accept my sincere condolence on your loss. I was acquainted with your family thru the 1970's during High School and the Butler Little Theater. The fond memories from that time have always been and will forever be cherished.....Eugene##imported-begin##Eugene Thompson##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We thank Mr. Tillotson for the opportunities he has provided everyone, including our son Justin. Even though we have never met him, we feel a closeness through the environment he has created in the workplace.
We have a great respect for all that he has done in the community as well.##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Grubisha##imported-end##

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“ Kim, i am so sorry to hesr of your fsthers passing, i pray God gives you peace. Karen##imported-begin##karen schwab##imported-end##

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“ Dear Carol and family: Our heartfelt condolences to you and all family members. We are pleased that we had the opportunity to talk with you both at the recent Friday evening event of the WVHS Class of 1950 60th Year Reunion. Treasure the memories and cherish every moment you had together.##imported-begin##Dave and Nancy Roy##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Craig,

I'm sorry to hear of your father's passing. I pray that you will be comforted.

Dale##imported-begin##Dale Johnson##imported-end##

October 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Craig,

We are sorry to hear of your father's passing. Susan and I send you our sincere condolences. It is always hard to lose someone, especially a parent. We hope that your grief is lessened by all the good memories and also by remembering the life lessons that only a father can give.##imported-begin##Bob and Susan Faul##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy for your loss.##imported-begin##Lora Cooper Saiber##imported-end##

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“ I have exponential respect, appreciation and care for Mr. Tillotson. While working as the Caddiemaster of Butler Country Club from 1998 to 2005, Mr. Tillotson was one of the most humble, generous and thoughtful members that ever graced that institution. Past all the things that he has done for me in my life I offer my sincerest of condolences for his family, friends and confidants in life. Rest in peace Mr. Tillotson as you were loved, respected and admired by many people in your life.##imported-begin##Jimmy Kuminkoski##imported-end##

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