

Bomar, Charles Lorance | 1922-2017

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Charles Bomar

Charles Lorance Bomar, of Austin, died Saturday, June 3, 2017, in Austin.

A joint memorial service for Charlie and his late wife, Laura, will take place at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 24 at the Umlauf Sculpture Garden, 605 Robert E. Lee Road in Austin.

Charlie was born in 1922 in Vernon to Robert and Ruby Bomar. He attended Texas Technological College for two years before enlisting in the Army Air Corps in 1942. He was a P-47 pilot in the Philippines and Okinawa. He finished his military career in 1946 flying P-38s on security missions in Korea. After the war, Charlie returned to Texas Tech and graduated with a degree in industrial engineering. It was during this time that he married Laura Lou Johnston of Pecos and started working for the Texas Concrete Block Company in Lubbock. E.G. Kingsbury purchased the company in 1953 and renamed it Featherlite Corporation. Charlie retired as the company president after 22 years. For the next 35 years, he enjoyed various careers as a land developer, water works owner and operator and real estate entrepreneur. His true passion was his ranch in Uvalde County, which was his home away from home. Charlie enjoyed hosting hunting trips at his ranch for his friends and family until his retirement in 2012. He killed his last mountain lion at the age of 89.

Charlie was a thoughtful and generous man. He charmed Featherlite into donating land in Liberty Hill to create the Lions Foundation Park. Charlie even convinced the company to donate funds to help with the construction of the park. He also volunteered his time to help the Liberty Hill ISD and the city of Liberty Hill design a sewer system for the school district.

Charlie had a soft spot in his heart for children who were not as blessed with good health as his own children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years in August 2016.

Charlie is survived by his children and their spouses, Mike Bomar of Corvallis, Ore., Christie and Bill Nalle of Austin, Ann and Tom Ferguson of Chico and Pat and Dale May of Bellville; grandchildren Jordan Nalle, Josh Ferguson, Rachel Wheeler, Beth Ferguson, Dave May and Topher May; great-grandchildren Addison Nalle, Teak Nalle, Rylan Wheeler, Charlie May and Chandler Windham; sister Betty Self; sister-in-law Martha Bomar; and numerous cousins. In lieu of flowers, Charlie would prefer memorial donations to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Houston. Donations may be mailed to the attention of Jocely Lybrand, 6977 Main Street, Houston, TX 77030.