



Landell Holt Blocker

April 5, 1934 - March 15, 2023

Landell Holt Blocker, a Marine and lifelong educator, resident of San Antonio, Texas, died surrounded by loved ones in his home on March 15, 2023.

Blocker was born on April 5, 1934 to Frances Melton and Holt Blocker in Greenville, Texas. He graduated from East Texas State University in 1956 and worked for many years as a coach, educator, and administrator. His impact ran across the state of Texas; from Commerce to Monahans, Lubbock to Frisco, Girard to Dalhart, and finally to his retirement in Higgins. Blocker devoted his life to learning and teaching others. Many of his prior students pursued careers in education and developed a life-long love for reading. He taught his students there was a vast world worth exploring outside of their small towns.

After retiring in 1989, Blocker moved to San Antonio where his love for reading led him to a job with the San Antonio Public Library system, where he was finally able to put that degree in Library Science to use. He was a Marine through and through and would never let you forget it. He never met a stranger, and his contagious aura and amazing story-telling abilities attracted many. Jokes were plenty when he was around and laughter abundant. He enjoyed many things in life: watching sports (especially his Astros!), writing, reading, channel surfing - but most of all, he found joy in his family and so much in his great grandchildren.

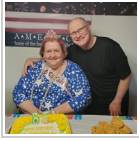
Blocker is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Mary Helen (Prissy) Blocker, three daughters, Pam Colley and husband David, Elaine Blocker and Denice Gibson; his grandchildren Chris Colley, Dusty Gibson and wife Courtney, Chelsea Ratliff and husband Matt, and Keile Fiduccia and husband Billy Dorrough. He is also survived by his great grandchildren Jase and Cooper Gibson, Grayson Ratliff and Lydia Dorrough. Blocker is also survived by his younger brother Noel Blocker and wife Sandy, Ann Blocker, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son Keith Blocker, and his younger brothers Melvin (Bud) Blocker and Thad Blocker.

If you would like to honor Blocker's memory, please do so in the form of a donation to Scottish Rite Hospital in his name.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Blocker was a great man. He was the Higgins High School superintendent in 1977. He was one of my role models that led me to join the Navy. Rest in Peace sir. Semper Fi. Prayers and love to your family. ❤️*

Thomas Darnell - January 15, 2025 at 12:17 PM

DL

“ *I'm a novelist today because I had L.H. Blocker for English and Written Communications. Great teacher. He held us to a high standard that has served me well, throughout my career in publishing. Today I was mulling the dedication for my sixth novel, and it occurred to me that I could not do better than acknowledge Mr. Blocker for equipping me to write publishable prose. Googling his name led me here. I'm so sorry to learn that he passed away in 2023. He's the only teacher I really remember from high school, and I remember him with grateful respect.*

Deborah Lightfoot - May 02, 2024 at 04:47 PM

DH

“ *I wish peace for all of you in the loss of Mr. Blocker. It's hard to believe this much time has passed since I grew up in Dalhart and our families were friends. My condolences to all of you. Mr. Blocker left a great impression on many.*

Debbie Headding-Ray - April 06, 2023 at 03:26 PM

VG

“ *Mr. Blocker was a great teacher, fun and always entertaining. Thoughts and prayers for the family.*

Vickie Pulliam Gentry - April 06, 2023 at 12:36 AM

RN

“ Mr Blocker was one of a kind, a true original and mentor. I do believe me earning a PhD was inspired by his love of learning and commitment to higher education. I must share 1 anecdote of many from his “AP” course in creative writing. He would walk loudly down the hall to come into class, grab his desk chair, sit down hard in it, and swing his legs into the opening for them under the desk. Every day the same. So, a classmate who will not be named and I decided to prank him. Now, this sounds more mean than it was. So, we turned his desk around 180 degrees so the opening was to the class and where he sat down would be the solid wood back of the desk. We rearranged the books and stuff on top so it looked normal. He came down the hallway as usual like that crocodile in Peter Pan that swallowed the ticking clock. We could hear him getting closer and closer and we got more and more anxious about the wisdom of our prank. He came in, slammed his prosthetic leg into that solid wood back of the desk. WHAM! Immediately, he yelled “Nisbett, xxxxx, down to the principle’s office. Now!!” How did he know? We went there and got a couple licks each, delivered by the principal. We all three stifled giggles all the way back to the classroom. He was a great sport, never held a grudge but kept the hammer down all to good purpose. With 17 years of post high school education, no professor came close to the talent, love, character, leadership, mentoring of this great man! RIP, Mr B. You did the utmost: you changed lives and made the world a better place, and a more gentle, informed and literate place. You are never forgotten. Deepest condolences to family and friends. How you will cherish and celebrate the life of this giant. Semper fi.

Rick Nisbett - April 05, 2023 at 05:00 PM

SC

“ Mr Blocker was a true role model & friend who truly cared for his family, staff, & students!
I treasure my memories of him!

susan Kraft Crowley - March 29, 2023 at 10:07 PM

MH

“ *Blocker made it possible for my wife and I to have 5 wonderful years working with the faculty and students at Higgins ISD. Blocker loved his family, staff, and students. I have many special times with Blocker that I cherish deeply. He truly loved me, and I love Blocker & Prissy. Best superintendent of schools that a coach could ask for. He loved his coaches and always treated us with respect. In return we developed some of the best teams Higgins ISD ever produced. Blocker had a way of making situations better than he found them. My memories of him always bring a smile to my face.*

Mitch Van Horn - March 28, 2023 at 04:37 AM

LB

“ *Mr. Blocker was a wonderful man, principal/superintendent! He knew how to keep all of us kids in line but also have fun. Some of my best memories at Higgins ISD included Mr. Blocker! I wish I had got the chance to say Thank You to him for lifting me up and always challenging to be the best I could be.*

Linda Boyd - March 27, 2023 at 02:28 PM

SA

“ *As a student I remember Me. Blocker always motivated each and every student to strive and reach the highest achievement that could be accomplished whether it be in sports, academics, etc.. or whatever activity they were involved in. He gave 100 percent and expected 100 percent which he got from both staff and students. He will be missed by all that knew him*

Susan Mann Abders - March 27, 2023 at 02:04 PM