



Roger Bond Pemberton

October 21, 1942 - September 4, 2018

Oklahoman by birth and Texan by adoption and choice, Roger Bond Pemberton was born October 21, 1942, in Enid, Oklahoma. He died September 4, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas.

Roger was raised by his mother, Mary Ann Pemberton Schmidt and his grandmother, Mae Stinson Bond. Roger had a wonderful childhood; he spent the weekends in the country hunting and fishing with his cousin, Danny Bond, and enjoying his Aunt Belva's country cooking and Uncle John's humor. Roger graduated from Enid High School in 1960. He attended Oklahoma State University and pledged Phi Delta Theta. After two years, he transferred to Phillips University in Enid to be closer to his family. Roger graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. After college, Roger's first job was with Hartford Insurance Company in Oklahoma City. During this time, he obtained the equivalent of a master's degree in Insurance & Management Principles from the Hartford Insurance Group in Hartford, Connecticut.

With the escalation of the Vietnam conflict, Roger volunteered for military service in the United States Army. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps. His initial duty station was Fort Sam Houston where he served as Aide-de-Camp to Major General Laurence A. Potter. When General William C. Westmoreland presented awards to wounded

Vietnam soldiers at the Brooke Army Medical Center, Roger served as the Special Escort Officer. In 1968, Roger was promoted to Captain and shortly thereafter, he volunteered for service in Vietnam where his Enid High School classmate, Gary Oringderff, served alongside him.

Roger received the Bronze Star; two Army Commendation Medals, one with a first Oak Leaf Cluster; the National Defense Medal; the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross; the Vietnam Service Medal; and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Roger was a life member of the Disabled Veterans of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation.

In 1972, after his military tenure, Roger worked at the Santa Rosa Medical Center in San Antonio. Roger quickly moved up the ranks, and in 1986, he was promoted to Vice President. In 1987, he accepted a position as Vice President with Incarnate Word Health Services (Christus Health System), where he remained until his retirement in 1999.

Roger was a proud 32nd degree Mason of the Davy Crockett Lodge and a Shriner. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association and a member of the German Beethoven Maennerchor. Roger served as president of the San Antonio Bachelors Club in 1976.

Roger is preceded in death by his parents, William Hendrix and Mary Ann Bond Pemberton Schmidt. He is survived by his wife, who he referred to as the "love of his life," Deborah Waldron-Pemberton; son, Roger Bond Pemberton II; daughter, Mariel Fay Pemberton, all of San Antonio; daughters, Jana (Donnie) Owen and Susan (Mickey) Gates of Hot Springs, Arkansas; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

There are many kinds of men. There are good men. There are bad men.

There are average men. And there are great men. To be a great man does not mean that one must be an astronaut, a scientist who creates a cure for disease, a politician, a homerun-hitter, or the captain of a ship. Some great men are just good fathers, good husbands, or good friends who do what needs to be done without question or complaint. They take care of things, and they make sure that the lives of the people who they touch are all the better for it. Roger Pemberton was a great man. A verse from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, "The Psalm of Life," depicts the type of man Roger was:

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time

Visitation will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels Stone Oak on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Graveside services will be held at 9:45 AM on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with a memorial service to follow at 11:30 AM at San Pedro Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Vet TRIIP at vetriip.org. Honorary pallbearers will be Bond Pemberton, V.K. Dullye, John Massey, Ralph Beard, Ron Bailey, Lonnie Burlison, Buddy Bugg and Pat Blanton.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Life Center at Stone Oak
23755 US-281
San Antonio, TX 78258
(210) 576-3377
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Graveside Service

SEP 12. 9:45 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Memorial Service

SEP 12. 11:30 AM (CT)

San Pedro Presbyterian Church
San Antonio, TX

Tribute Wall

FC

“ *Work with Roger at Santa Rosa for several years. A special person.*

frank costa - March 29, 2019 at 02:09 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Roger Bond Pemberton.*



September 10, 2018 at 12:59 PM

BW

“ *Debby,*

John and I are so sorry for your loss. Thank you for the love, care and support that you were able to give to Roger. I will miss BBQ's and football at your home. Being social was such a rewarding part of both of your lives. I have no doubt that he loved you very much. I know that He and his friends who have preceded him in passing are having a party right now.

To his children, I know that your father loved each of You, as he spoke of you often. He was a true gentleman and he will be missed.

Brenda and John Wilson

Brenda and John Wilson - September 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM

SB

“ I am saddened by Roger’s passing. We worked together at IWHS for several years. My condolences to the Pemberton family. RIP Roger.

Stephen Barnabee - September 09, 2018 at 05:40 PM

MF

“ Bond, Fay, family and friends of Roger,

We are so saddened to know of your loss of Roger. We have fun and fond memories of hanging out with Roger, Bond and Fay during the McAllister Park phase of our lives. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mark Fox Family - September 09, 2018 at 10:49 AM

FF

Fox Family

Fox Family - September 09, 2018 at 10:50 AM

BD

“ Roger and Deb are two dear friends we have met through Vet TRIIP and San Pedro Presbyterian Church. They have been enthusiastic supporters and joyful volunteers. Even when they were hurting, they were unfailingly gracious and appreciative. They were always ready to have a party full of friends and good food. A humble man, we did not hear of Roger’s combat awards during Vietnam and the successes of his business career until his after passing. We are losing our heroes too soon.

Deb’s sweet smile will be a continued reminder of Roger’s cheerful smile and kind words. We are privileged to be your friends.

Love and Light,

*Bob Deschner and Dottie Goodsun
www.vettrip.org*

Bob Deschner - September 08, 2018 at 07:05 PM