

George Owen V(1926 - 2015) '50

George Owen V, 89, passed away Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, while doing what he loved -- ballroom dancing. Memorial service: The immediate family will have a private service. Memorials: May be made in his name to Wounded Warriors, woundedwarriorproject.org. George was born Oct. 30, 1926, in Milton, Mass., the son of George Owen IV and Lorna Owen. After graduating from Milton Academy, he enlisted in the Marine Corps at 17 during World War II. He once said of his service, "It was arguably the most dangerous job in the world, but if my sergeant had said, 'Take this bat and go into the tiger's cage and get his food bowl,' I would have gone in without hesitating, with heightened adrenaline, thinking this might get interesting ... but no problem." Following his service in the Marines, George attended Williams College, playing soccer, hockey and baseball. Being the son of a two-sport Hall-of-Famer, George loved sports and signed with the Milwaukee Braves in 1949 and played baseball until 1953. He later enjoyed coaching Little League baseball in east Fort Worth from the late 1960s through the early 1970s. Playing baseball brought him to Texas, where he raised his family. After graduating from Texas Wesleyan University and working for several companies, he established his own CPA practice in downtown Arlington in 1969, practicing until his retirement in 2005. His longtime business partner, Dawn Harp, said, "He was the smartest person I ever met," a sentiment that was shared by many. Always active, George was an avid tennis player, winning tournaments into his 70s; and in his golden years, he took up ballroom dancing, which he thoroughly enjoyed until the end. Survivors: Soulmate, Martha Boothe; children, Judy Owen of North Richland Hills, George Owen VI and wife, Lucy, of Willow Park and Annette Owen Bos and husband, Rob, of Hudson Oaks; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and sister, Lorna Morehouse of Richmond, Va.

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