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Thompson B. Webb Jr., 83, of Fayetteville died at his home with his family on Friday, December 19, 2003. He was born in Lake, Mississippi August 22, 1920 to Thompson and Audrey Webb. He was a veteran of WWII and a retired special agent of the FBI.

He graduated from Hinds Junior College in Raymond, MS and the University of Arkansas Law School in Little Rock. He was admitted to the Arkansas Bar in 1948 and was licensed to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. During his 44 years with the FBI he successfully pursued Nazi sympathizers, KGB agents, organized crime figures, and anti-civil rights terrorists. After retiring from the bureau he worked for the Mississippi governor's office investigating fraud in federal-state programs.

He served as a deacon and Clerk of the Session in the Presbyterian Church and kept a close lifelong relationship with the Briar Hill Baptist Church in Monterey, Mississippi where he was raised.

His beloved daughter, Terrie, died in October of this year. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patricia, a sister, Mrs. Frances Shelton of Pearl, Mississippi, his son Tom, and a grand daughter, Sarah, of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Visitation will be held Sunday, December 21, 2003 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM in Nelson-Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville,AR.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 Monday, December 22, 2003 in the Chapel of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville with Pastor Norwood V. Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville.

Memorials may be made to the Circle of Life Hospice, 610 East Emma Ave., Springdale, AR., 72764.



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WN

William Bynn Webb (Thompson's Nephew) posted:

I will always remember Uncle "T" for his honesty and integrity but mostly his unique wit. He was a great strength and comfort after my father, (his brother) died to not only my mother but to me as well. Aunt Pat, I will be praying for you and Tommy during the upcoming days. With Love, Bynn

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BS

Butch And Carolyn Withers (Niece Of Mr. Webb's Sister) posted:

Aunt Frances, So sorry to hear this and thinking of you. Love, Butch and Carolyn

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CF

Charles Richardson (Friend) posted:

Pat, I delivered Terrie's lunch on Fridays. Though the circumstances were sad, I was inspired by the courage of the three of you. I enjoyed Thompson's stories of some of his investigations. Please accept my sympathy on his death and, belatedly, that of Terrie. Charles Richardson Formerly with Meals-on-Wheels

August 30 at 10:08 AM

MN

Mr&Mrs E. R. Butler (Long Time Neighbors) posted:

Oh Pat, I am so very sorry. Call me at any hour if you need to talk. And give our regards to Tommy & family. I will phone you soon. Take care of yourself. You are special to both of us.

August 30 at 10:08 AM

FS

(Friend Of Terrie's) posted:

To Terrie's family: I am sorry to learn of your losses. I was a high school friend of Terrie's - when she had the Karmen Ghia. We lost touch over the years, but I have some good memories of our times together. Many people thought we were sisters because we looked alike. Please accept my condolences on the loss of your father and husband and on the loss of Terrie. I am praying for a comforting hand from our Lord on your family. Sincerely, Laura Langston Neal

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TM

The Goss Family (Margo) posted:

My heart aches at the learning of Mr.Webb's death. How can someone express the years of happiness that TB, Terrie, the entire family brought into our lives while they were our next door neighbors in Jackson. The years of kinship and friendship that many people will never know the blessing of having. No only was Terrie a dear friend & running buddy, but TB was a mentor to me. Teaching me the art & love of restoring furniture. Not only being a patient teacher, but just sitting, watching, learning & listening to intrieging stories of undercover cases.What a wonderful man. Our tears and sorrow are replaced with prayers for Mrs Webb, Tommy & all the family. And just as importantly, my sorrow is replaced with treasured memories. Much love to all.

August 30 at 10:08 AM

LW

Larry And Nancy Bowman (Friend & Former Co-Worker) posted:

Pat and Tom, We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Webb's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. T he FBI family thought a lot of Tommy. We could always count on his sense of humor for laughter. He will be missed.

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TW

Tom Webb (Son Of Thompson B. Webb) posted:

Thompson B. Webb was my father. He was the eldest child in a family that had to work hard six days a week to keep a farm in the Mississippi piney woods going through the Depression. He was not a big man, but he won a football scholarship because that was the only way he could go to Junior College. He never claimed to be gifted, but he went to night school to finish his accounting degree while excelling at his day job as a clerk in the FBI office. Eventually he earned his law degree and passed the bar. Whatever he needed to learn in order to advance he mastered with unlimited energy. When war came, he and his brothers placed their considerable strength and devotion in the unconditional service of their country. He met Patricia Crawford, fell in love with her, and they married. They began a family as the war was ending, they rode trains all over the country, and lived in Pittsburgh and Chicago as he began his career with the FBI. It is appropriate that his employer for over 30 years was the Justice Department, because my father was a unique "Department of Justice" in and of himself. He believed in rules and fairness. Like all great lawmen, while he maintained his professional demeanor at all times, injustice offended him personally. People who could commit oppression, violence, treachery, or dishonesty became his enemies because they contradicted his fundamental decency. He deeply enjoyed bringing such people to justice and keeping them safely removed from our lives. He unhesitatingly helped those in need and defended the weak. He had strength to spare. He did not speculate about justice, he enforced it. Even though he was gravely ill, he could not leave until his fatherly duty of care for his daughter, Terrie, was fulfilled. When she died in October, he felt free to join her, his younger brothers, and his mother and father. As a peacemaker he will find his blessing. When I was growing up I met many of my father's fellow lawmen. I think just observing his and their dedication and integrity must have helped me a little bit. In the last few months I have had the privilege of renewing acquaintance with some of these men. They are older now, but no less impressive. My father did not read poetry, but I think he would approve of my sharing a line of Tennyson with his friends. As my father weakened I often thought of this line and now as I talk to his old friends I hear it again—Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho' We are not now that strength which in old days Moved earth and heaven; that which we are, we are; One equal temper of heroic hearts, Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

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HB

Hiram C. Young (Friend- Depoti Guaranty Bank) posted:

Mrs. Webb, I was sorry to learn of Tommy's passing. It was my pleasure to have known and worked with him. He played an invaluable role in bringing integrity back into the Governor's Office of Federal-State Programs. He could always be relied on to "do the right thing". The people of this state owe him a debt of gratitude and we are diminished by his death. Dick Molpus

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CC

Charline Moore And Dot O'brien (Friend From Baptist Fitness Center) posted:

We wanted to extend our condolences to Thompson's family. We thought so much of him and have dearly missed him after his move to Arkansas. Although we are unable to attend, our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Charline Moore and Dot O'Brien

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TT

Terri Phelan (Acq. W/Son Tom) posted:

Tom, I typically do not review the obit page, but did this weekend and noted that your dad had passed and that you had also lost your sister before him. I extend my condolences on both events to you and your family.

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JF

Jack, Evelyn & Alan Stevens (Friends) posted:

Thompson Webb, a loyal and beloved friend. You, Pat, Tommy and Terrie will always be in our hearts. Jack, Evelyn and Alan

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RS

Rickey And Ellen Gray (Friend Of Tommy's And Mrs. Shelton) posted:

Tommy came into my life in 1980 when I went to work for Federal-State Programs. While obviously professional, his smile and sense of humor were ever-present in his work with me.

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TS

Troy & Ann Hilton (Friend Of Tom's) posted:

Tom, Alice, Sarah & Mrs. Webb, We are sorry for your loss and hope that you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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AA

Avery Rollins (Fbi Associate) posted:

It was my good fortune to have known and worked with Tommy for the last five years of his career. His obituary is impressive, but gives an incomplete summation of the kind of work he did. I can personally attest to the great contribution he made to the peace and safety of many Mississippians, indeed, many of whom are unaware of the great service he performed on their behalf. Those of us who knew Tommy, who worked with him and had the pleasure of his company, celebrate his life. We were lucky to have known him. To Tommy's family members, to all of us who believe in an afterlife: Tommy and Terrie are together, walking hand in hand, saving a place for us. Avery Rollins

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DN

Dr. Robin Timothy Webb (Nephew) posted:

My dad, Wilbur (Uncle Thompson's brother) always loved telling the story of how Dad first realized his older brother Thompson was bound to become an FBI agent. When Thompson and Wilbur (and Aunt Sis and Uncle Freeman) lived out in the country in Rankin County, Mississippi, there came a time when Dad got mad at Audrey and Thompson (mom and dad). He reacted angrily and swiftly by running from home "for good." Hours later, sitting alone out in the woods, he missed home and family, wondering if anyone cared. As it turns out, Thompson didn't miss a beat -- he had Wilbur on the trail! Like a good big brother, Thompson found Dad's hiding place and cunningly lured him home. Dad said he never felt more loved and wanted by his brother and family! And knew he had an older brother to reckon with! Uncle Thompson, I miss Terrie so much, and think of her every day. I will miss you, too. But I know when we all get heaven, we'll all come home. We'll sing and shout and have an eternally joyful family reunion! Aunt Pat, Cousin Tommy, Alice and family. God bless you. We all love you. Robin

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BN

Barbara Revis (Niece) posted:

We had wonderful family holidays in Little Rock. Uncle Webb was the chief bottle washer and we kids were the dish dryers. He had use very organized. To this day, I have a picture of him with a dish towel over his head. When i was in high school, I used to baby sit Tommy and Terrie. I was bragging about smoking and Uncle Web gave me one of his Camels and made me smoke the whole thing right there. I have never smoked again. Hr was a wonderful and loving father.

August 30 at 10:08 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thompson by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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