

**Honoring the Life of
William Dan Dickey, Jr.
"Bill"**



March 29, 1928 - October 16, 2012

Visitation

Universal Memorial Center
1100 E. Jefferson St. - Phoenix, AZ
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Celebration of Life

Chaparral Suites
5001 N. Scottsdale Rd. - Scottsdale, AZ
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



William Dan Dickey, Jr.

William Dan Dickey Jr., known to all as “Bill”, passed away peacefully in Phoenix, Arizona on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at the age of 84. He was born in Darby, Pennsylvania on March 29, 1928, the youngest of four children born to his parents, William Dan Dickey, Sr. and Estelle Ashley Dickey. All of Bill’s siblings, Eleanor Odell Dickey Ragsdale, Gwendolyn Dickey Young and Earle Dickey preceded him in death.

At an early age Bill loved sports and excelled in athletics throughout his high school career. As a multi-talented athlete he distinguished himself in basketball, football and baseball. He used his talent to earn a scholarship to attend and play football at Virginia Union University before entering the U.S. Air Force. After his honorable discharge in 1952, Bill moved to Phoenix, enrolled at Arizona State University and earned a B.S. in Economics and Management. Armed with perseverance, a strong work ethic and a dream to fulfill, Bill went on to have a successful career as a real estate and insurance executive until he retired.

In 1956, Bill met Alice Salcido, who would become the love of his life. They were married and together they raised three daughters, Suzanne, Dorina and Deborah. Bill, Alice and the girls were blessed with good health and as a family traveled together across the U.S. and abroad. For twenty years the family went to Carmel, California for the Western States Golf Association Championships. Later, his daughter, Dorina, began a career with TWA and supplied Bill with free tickets to as many golf events as he wished.

Bill’s second love was golf. He began playing in the 50’s and joined the Desert Mashie Golf Club of Phoenix in 1958 and later became a Life Member after serving as its President, Tournament Chairman and Financial Secretary. Bill always had the desire to help young people and grow the game of golf. While serving as Western States Golf Association President in 1981, Bill helped establish the WSGA Junior Championship. Golf clubs affiliated with WSGA were afforded the opportunity to send their juniors to compete in sanctioned professionally administered tournaments. After his two-year term as president of WSGA, Bill was asked by Tom Shropshire of Miller Brewing Company to serve as tournament director for the Miller High Life Grand Prix of Golf, a series of events around the country. He served as director for three years, hosting championships in Puerto Rico, Scottsdale and Miami.

Because of his love for the game of golf, Bill wanted to do more. From this desire, the East-West Golf Classic was established. The first

tournament was held in 1983 for the sole purpose of raising funds to help minority golfers attend college. One year later he established and incorporated the National Minority Junior Golf Scholarship Association (NMJGSA) and gave scholarships to four deserving college-bound students. Since 1984, the NMJGSA (now the Bill Dickey Scholarship Association) has provided over \$3.1 million to 1,000 college and college-bound minority student golfers. Through his organization Bill stimulated and encouraged young people to pursue and achieve academic excellence for college scholarships through golf. As a volunteer since establishing the organization, Bill devoted all of his time and effort, serving as its president until January 2004 when he was named President Emeritus. While managing the day-to-day operations of his organization, Bill served on the Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Committee.

For his efforts in serving the game of golf, Bill has been recognized on all levels. He was inducted into the WSGA, the National Black Golf, African American Golfers and the AZ Golf Association (AGA) Halls of Fame. He was honored by: Golf Digest for Junior Development, the AGA -Dr. Ed Updegraff Award, the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) Tour-Card Walker Award, the Tiger Woods Foundation-Caring and Sharing Award, the Southwest Section PGA of America-Anser Award, the United States Golf Association (USGA)-Joe C. Dey, Jr. Award, the PGA Distinguished Service Award, Jackson State University-Life Team Captain Award, AZ Martin Luther King, Jr.-Living the Dream Award, AZ Governors' Lifetime Achievement Award and the Pat Tillman Community Service Award. Bill is the only individual to receive all three of golf's highest honors from the USGA, the PGA Tour and the PGA of America. A variety of organizations including, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Arizona Informant Newspaper and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity also recognized Bill for his outstanding contributions to his community. In 2007, Bill graciously accepted an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters awarded by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Though golf impacted Bill's life and his influence on the sport will be felt for many years to come, the most important thing to him was his family. Daughters, Suzanne Dickey Henley and Deborah Dickey O'Neil

preceded him in death -losses that hurt him deeply.

As he joins Susie and Debbie and other departed loved ones, he leaves to celebrate his life and legacy,

his wife of over fifty years, Alice; one surviving daughter, Dorina Dickey Flemons (Charles), sons-

in-law Johnnie O'Neil and Les Henley;

grandchildren, Paul Gooding (Charlotte), Estaban Flemons (Carrie), Dominique

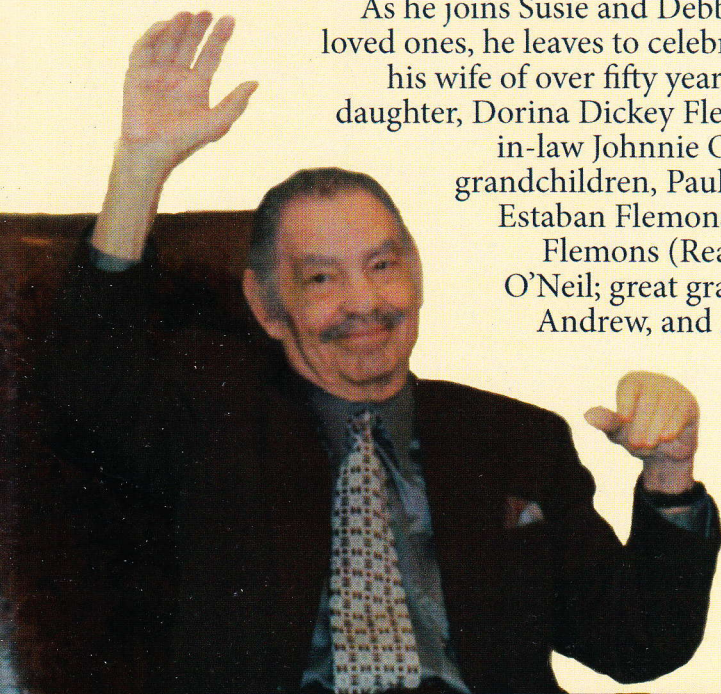
Flemons (Reanna) and Demetrious O'Neil; great grandchildren, Madison,

Andrew, and Autumn Gooding and Psymon Flemons;

great, great granddaughter Evie;

and other loving family members

and friends.





Honey
When we met, I resisted.
You came back.
Lucky me.
It didn't take long for me
to realize the beautiful,
kind, gentle person you were.
Thank you for sharing your life with me.
A wonderful, full healthy life.
You are the Love of my Life.
You gave me all I ever wanted and needed.
You.
Remember your saying "in our next life"
Until then,
Farewell My Darling,
Alice



***Dad, I Want You to Know
How Much I Appreciate You***

*I've been thinking about how very important you are to me
and how little I let you know it.*

*I've been thinking about how much you've done for me
and how seldom I thank you for it.*

*I've been thinking about how hard you work
so that our family can have a nice life.*

*I remember the times you were so patient with me
...even when you didn't have to be.*

*I thought about how much you did for me
when I went out on my own,
and how I never thanked you enough.*

*I thought about how truly wonderful you really are to me
...and how selfish and unappreciative I can sometimes be.*

*I realized that you are often burdened
and busy with problems of your own,
and yet you still have time to worry about me.*

*But maybe it will help now to know
that I'm thinking about you,
and how much I love you.*

Dorina



Active Pallbearers

Prescott Berry
George Colebrook, Jr.
Michael Dean
Dudley Dickey
Thomas Dickey
Charles Flemons
Dom Flemons
Estaban Flemons
Paul Gooding
Demetrious O'Neil
Johnnie O'Neil
Lincoln Ragsdale, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
BDSA Board Members
Desert Mashie Golf Club

Acknowledgements

The family of Bill Dickey wishes to express its sincere gratitude for all of the expressions of sympathy and encouragement received in this time of bereavement.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made on behalf of
William (Bill) Dickey to:
Jackson State University Golf
PO Box 17810
Jackson, MS 39217



Interment

St. Francis Cemetery
2033 N. 48th Street - Phoenix, Arizona

Friday, October 26, 2012
William Dan Dickey, Jr. "Bill"
Celebration of Life

Leonard Walker

Master of Ceremony

George Colebrook Jr.

Video Presentation

Nathaniel Goldston III

Bill Dickey Scholarship Association

Spencer Overton

Bill Dickey Invitational Alumni

Dr. Marcus Polk

Bill Dickey Invitational Alumni

Dr. Jeffery Sammons

U. S. Golf Association

Earnie Ellison, Jr.

PGA of America

Manny Frklich

Hensley & Company

Hugh Smith

First Tee of Phoenix

Harold Fields

Desert Mashie Jr. Golf

Andrew Proctor

Junior Golfer

George Colebrook Jr.

Western States Golf Association

Prescott Berry

Friend

Napoleon Hornbuckle

Friend

Earl Moorer

Student

Willie Simmons

Northern California
Minority Golf Association

