



Walter Sidney Bobo III, beloved father, grandfather, uncle, and friend passed away peacefully on August 11, 2024 in San Antonio, TX at the age of 82.

He was born August 25, 1941 in Clarksdale, MS to Walter Sidney Bobo Jr. and Ruby Willard McCann. His early years were spent in Memphis TN where he attended Central High School and Christian Brothers College. He graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering in 1963. Then he worked for Chrysler and later General Electric (GE) in Huntsville, Alabama. In 1966 he married Terry Skinner and adopted her daughter. They moved to Houston so he could work for GE at NASA in the Apollo program. They bought a home in Sagemont and raised two daughters, Cathy and Tess. It was quite an adventure. They canoed through the streets when it flooded. He later worked in Petroleum Engineering.

Walt will be remembered for his love for the city of Houston. He especially appreciated it as a showcase for international foods and drinks. He loved surprising us by trying new foods. Early favorites were vegetarian, Lebanese, Vietnamese, Indian and Thai food. He enjoyed craft beer long before it was available. He was also a connoisseur of wine and cheese. He enjoyed classical music and the Blues, especially Muddy Waters. One could count on his radio being tuned to Texas Public Radio and played loudly. He was also known for his sarcastic wit. Walt also loved cars and car racing. He enjoyed Sports Car Club of America. SCCA and spent lots of time with John Cooper at Texas World Speedway. He served as a Tech Inspector or Scrutineer, ie, a person who decides if a car is allowed to race. Walt was a proud Unitarian Universalist. He loved attending UU churches and was a founding member of Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church. He found the Unitarian Universalist religion to be a good fit for his active and inquisitive mind.

Walt led a happy and successful life in spite of experiencing challenges due to immobility. In his 40's, he developed difficulty walking and after years of evaluations, he was finally diagnosed with Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia (HSP). He was very happy to discover the Spastic Paraplegia Foundation (SPF) where he found people experiencing similar challenges. He enjoyed attending annual conferences of the Spastic Paraplegia Foundation. He and his daughter Tess were found to have the most common genetic cause of HSP, SPG 4. SPF raises money to fund research and increase the understanding of HSP. SPF continues to work hard to find a cure. Walt's immobility ultimately caused his passing but he also developed dementia. We mourned losing him before his health failed.

He is survived by his daughters Cathy Willis (Mark) and Tess Bobo (Lon Fry), and his grandchildren Kaleigh Willis, Kari Willis, Benjamin Fry and Sydney Fry. Also survived by niece Jennifer Wentz Meador and Tricia Wentz Andress (Rob) and their children, Graham, Avery and Ellie. Also survived by cousins Ed Bounds (Jeff Dufford), Hunt Bobo, MD (Sara) Rachel Bobo, Jenny Bobo and Malcolm Bobo. He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter Sidney Bobo Jr. and Ruby Willard McCann. and his sister, Jane Wentz and her daughter/his niece Katy Wentz

Williams.

We want to thank all the people who helped us care for him, especially the caretakers at Juniper Village at Lincoln Heights and Senior Buddies, Seasons Alzheimer's Care and Assisted Living, Opus Hospice, and All Seasons Hospice.

A Celebration of Life in honor of Walt will be held on November 16, 2024 at 2pm at Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church, 17503 El Camino Real, Houston, TX 77058. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Spastic Paraplegia Foundation at www.sp-foundation.org.

Please remember him by 1) being kind to a stranger, 2) enjoying something you love. He always said "Have fun every chance you get!"