



Al Ben Nobles

February 1, 1940 - October 15, 2025

Al Ben Nobles passed away on October 15, 2025. He was born on February 1, 1940, the oldest son of Albert Frank Nobles and Lucille Willis Nobles of Dublin, Georgia. Born in Jacksonville, Florida, Al moved to Georgia during WWII. He grew up and was educated in Moultrie, Georgia.

Al was a 1962 graduate of Georgia Tech, with a BS degree in Industrial Management. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He would often remind others that he was “at Tech during the days of Bobby Dodd when the football team beat Georgia and Clemson with regularity”.

Al served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves from 1963 until 1969. At the conclusion of basic training at Paris Island, he received the Leatherneck Dress Blue Uniform Award as the top recruit in his platoon.

After short stints with Swift & Company in Kansas City and Ford Motor Company in Atlanta, Al worked for Celanese Corporation for thirty-two years. The high light of his career was the last forty-two months, (1995-1998), serving as the deputy general manager of finance for the Hoechst Celanese joint venture in Kunming, China. As he said “something new every day”.

Al enjoyed traveling and he and his wife, Babe, traveled extensively in Europe and South East Asia. However, there is no doubt that the best weeks of his life

were the annual family vacations at Pawleys Island, South Carolina.

Al grew up in the Methodist Church and became an Episcopalian after marriage. He and his oldest daughter, Alice, were confirmed together in 1981 at Christ Church in Charlotte. He later attended St Luke's in Salisbury and served on the church's finance committee during his later years.

Al was preceded in death by his youngest daughter, Helen Middleton Nobles. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lois Middleton (Babe) Nobles; two children: Alice Nobles Hill (Ken) of Charles Town WV and William Linder Nobles (Margaret) of Raleigh, NC; four granddaughters: Emily and Caroline Hill and Cecelia and Mary Blake Nobles; one sister, Margie Nobles Benavides of Randallstown, Md and one half-brother, William Linder of Tifton, Georgia.

A memorial service will be held at 3 PM Saturday (November 1) at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, officiated by Father Tom Carter. The family will receive friends following the service in the Parrish Hall.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 131 West Council Street, Salisbury, NC 28144, or Novant Health Hospice, 1229 Statesville Boulevard, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Nobles family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
131 West Council Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

Visitation Following Service

NOV 1 (ET)

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The family will receive friends in the Parish Hall.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Al was the epitome of the word 'Gentleman'. He was a man of gentle dignity who was a fine example of a Christian man, devoted to his wife, his family and his Church. 'May flights of angels sing him to his rest'.*

Reginald Boland

Sidney R. Boland - October 31, 2025 at 03:18 AM

BR

“ *Yesterday, several hours before I saw the announcement of Al's passing from the Moultrie High School alumni group, I was watching Ga Tech playing Duke in Durham. During that game, I recalled going to a similar game when we lived in High Point for a couple of years in the late 1960's. At that game, as I recalled, we ran into Al. Probably the last time I ever saw him, but I still remember him well. Old friends from high school and college are embedded in your memory. Just ironic that the memory of seeing him at that game would come to mind just before hearing of his death.*

Bill Rhoden - October 19, 2025 at 02:10 PM

BB

“ So saddened to hear that my long-time friend has passed. We went back to elementary school as I moved with my parents to Moultrie in 1947. I still have a photo of Al and my tossing a football from those days. We played HS basketball together. Both of us went to Atlanta for college, he to Tech, and me to Emory. That was the Bobby Dodd era, and he was right about Tech beating Georgia and Clemson regularly. We were out of touch much of our lives but reconnected at some reunions. We had planned to reconnect in person at our class's 85th birthday party, but Al was unable to travel. Our contact picked up again, as we attempted a Zoom call a month ago. Did talk on phone and promised to get our grandchildren to help us with a Zoom call in early November.

To Babe and family, Bonnie and I send our love and wish for peace for you at this time. It is interesting how we can hold so dear to a friend through the years, even living apart for so many years.

Blanton Bessinger

Blanton Bessinger - October 18, 2025 at 10:54 PM

FC

“ Al we will miss you. Always remember our years in the MHS Class of 58. Rest now. Fred and Bobbie Cook

Fred and Bobbie Cook - October 18, 2025 at 04:10 PM