



**MELBY**

Everett Kinne (Willie) Melby passed away Thursday, July 7, 2005. He was 64. A third-generation El Pasoan, Willie was the grandson of Dr. John and Ethel Cathcart. His mother, Florence Cathcart Melby, was actively involved in promoting and preserving the cultural and historical legacy of El Paso. His brother, the late John C. (Nemo) Melby, was a founding partner in the law firm of Studdard & Melby. Willie attended Mesita Grade School and El Paso High School, where he was on the varsity basketball team and involved in other sports. Willie was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity at the University of Texas at Austin, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. He served as a member of the ROTC's Transportation Corps, and graduated a distinguished military student, whereupon he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant. Before departing for Frankfurt, Germany, Willie married his high school sweetheart, Mary Jo Ponsford. In Germany, he was assigned to the 3rd Traffic Region of the

594th Transportation Group. It was during this period that Willie's first child, Everett Kinne, Jr., was born. The family returned to El Paso shortly thereafter. Willie was involved in the farming community before opening his own CPA firm. He was a member of the El Paso Chapter of Texas Society of CPA's and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Willie's family also continued to grow with the birth of two daughters, Katherine Elizabeth and Mary Victoria. Willie enjoyed traveling, history, and most of all, being a Longhorn fan. He is survived by his wife of almost 44 years, Mary Jo; son Kinn Melby of Burbank, CA; daughters Kathy Melby of Austin, TX, and Vicki and son-in-law Bryant Douglas of Huntsville, AL; sister-in-law Margie Melby of El Paso, TX; nieces Kristen Weaver of Austin, TX, and Elizabeth Ruhmann of El Paso, TX. Willie is also survived by many wonderful friends whom he loved and who loved him. The Melby family would like to thank Dr. Jose Silva and Willie's caregivers - Eugenie Ceballos, Verenize Valdez, and Julio Facio - for their love and care. Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, July 10th, from 2 - 4 p.m. at Harding-Orr, & McDaniel. The funeral service will be held on Monday, July 11th, at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity First

United Methodist Church, followed by internment at Memory Gardens. Donations can be made to the John and Everett Melby Scholarship Fund, c/o The El Paso Community Foundation, 310 N. Mesa, El Paso, Texas 79901.