

# ROBERT CHILES

June 19, 1934 - March 6, 2024



Robert Lee "Bob" Chiles passed away on March 6, 2024, at the age of 89, following a brief illness. His companion and high school love, Clara Bell Shrader, predeceased him. Bob is survived by his son Robert Gregory Chiles and his partner Carole Davidson from Columbus, Ohio; Lee Anne Chiles and her fiancé George Spon from Greenville, Pennsylvania; his granddaughters Lauren

Trunick Pearson and her husband Quentin from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Gina Miller from Greenville, Pennsylvania; his brother James W. (Jim) Chiles and his wife Dana of Calabash, North Carolina. Bob graduated from Osceola High School in Paragould, Arkansas. Two days later he joined the Navy serving at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas working in aviation electronics. Upon discharge from the Navy, Bob had an opportunity to visit Ole Miss and was offered a small scholarship in engineering to supplement his GI Bill. Upon graduation, Bob worked at Transcontinental Gas Pipeline, a subsidiary of Pennzoil Products Company, located in Houston, Texas. He worked in the construction department designing and building natural gas compressor stations across the country. His work in Texas politics and friendship with former President George Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush led him to a new career opportunity as vice president of National Transit Company where he later became president. He moved to Pennzoil as vice president for crude purchasing and transportation. He retired at the age of 56 and began a consulting career until he fully retired and began his world travel adventures with his wife Rebecca Davis who predeceased him in 2010. They visited Russia, China, Peru, New Zealand, Ireland, Egypt, Italy, France, Alaska, Brazil, and Columbia. They enjoyed a Spanish immersion experience in San Miguel de Allende and exploration of the Yangtze, the Amazon, the Volga and the Rhone Rivers. Bob and Rebecca also enjoyed cruises to the Caribbean and a mule ride into the Grand Canyon. He was an avid golfer, Pittsburgh Steelers fan and Ohio Buckeyes fan. He lived a full life of love and adventure. Messages of condolence may be sent to [www.jones-wynn.com](http://www.jones-wynn.com).

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