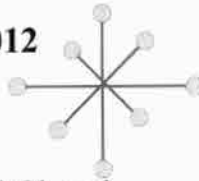


**Dr. Al Braswell**  
**May 14, 1929– June 29, 2012**

**Celebration Program**  
**Sunday, July 15, 2012**



Toast to Our Father– Barry Pamela and Cheryl

Soloist- “I’m Singing” Caroline Braswell

Dancing to Tommy Reed Orchestra

Dance for Polio (A Money Dance for Al’s favorite cause)

Biography– Chuck Braswell

I Love Life– The Al Braswell Story– Kim Braswell

Dancing to Tommy Reed Orchestra

Sharing of Memories– Open to all

Song– I Love Life– Phyllis Troy (song sheets provided)

Dancing to Tommy Reed Orchestra



Audrey Lee Braswell Jr. was born in Gonzales Texas, May 14, 1929 to Nazarene Evangelist Audrey Lee Braswell, Sr. and Verna Cordelia Sisk. They were five boys and one girl. The Braswell’s moved from Texas to Oklahoma where Al and Ruth were in adjoining first and second grades in Bethany however this was not to be discovered until their college years when they met again.

Al was attending UCLA graduate school when he met Ruth, a grad student at USC. The two met through a good friend Glen Terry on the campus of Pasadena Nazarene College where Ruth’s parents were teaching. They were married Dec. 21, 1950, in Pasadena, California.

Al earned the following degrees: a B.A from Bethany Oklahoma University in 1949; an M.A. from California State Los Angeles in Secondary Administration; an M.S. from Oregon State at Corvallis in General Science; and an M.A. in counseling from Cal Poly Pomona. He has a PhD in Ecology from Oregon State University, Corvallis. After he finished his PhD, Al accepted a position teaching in the field of Science at Utah State University, Logan, Utah, for 6 years.

Their first-born Barry came in 1954, then Pamela in 1956 and Cheryl in 1957. Al, the handyman, spent time when not teaching, remodeling the homes they lived in. He refinished basements and built new rooms for the needs of the family.

Al began to grow restless in academia and sought out new adventures. This began a long period of change for both Al and Ruth. Al found a position in Santiago, Chile working with the Ford Foundation. Ruth resigned from teaching and the family moved to Chile for 2 years. Al gave classes to Chile’s University Science professors and worked on his exceptional skills in Spanish.

In 1965 the family moved back to the US to relocate to Washington DC where Al took a position with the National Science Teachers Association.

Al grew restless again. He found a position working in Venezuela for USAID repeating the job he did in Chile, this time, however, for the U.S. Dept. of State in the Embassy. After the two years in 1971, the family moved back to the US. Al took a position with the University of Maryland in College Park teaching in Science Education.

After a short stay in Maryland, Al decided he wanted to be closer to his family and leave academia. In 1973, the family moved to Pomona, California. Like pioneers, the family and pets moved across the country. Both Al and Ruth joined his parents' chain of Skilled Nursing Facilities to work in administration. The family corporation reorganized in 1988, with Al and Ruth assuming the ownership and management of the Vista Pacifica group of skilled nursing and board and care institutions in Riverside, California.

Al joined the Rotary Club of Yucaipa, California in 1990 at the prompting of Ruth who was a member of the Rotary Club of Jurupa. He maintained perfect attendance. The couple co-chaired their district's polio eradication fundraising committee for 15 years and participated in two National Immunization Days in Ghana and India. He has participated in numerous Rotary Humanitarian Projects with the Flying Samaritans, and Katrina restoration for three years. Recently, Al and Ruth were inducted into the Arch C. Klumph Society honoring them as major donors.

On the home building front, with Barry and Brother John, he built a monolithic dome complex. They worked for thirteen years making Vista Dhome a reality. He and Ruth were able to enjoy their dome home for 12 years together. Al continued to update and put eco-friendly touches on the home.

One of the joys of Al's life was the arrival of his granddaughter Ghislaine Meili Jumonville. In 2000 Cheryl and her husband Bill adopted Ghislaine whom Al called "Trinkie." The grandparents accompanied Cheryl and Bill to bring Ghislaine home from China.

A great sadness was the passing of Ruth on September 12, 2007. Their last adventure together was the five year health battle with Ruth's heart and cancer conditions. Jointly there were many joys, adventures, and challenges throughout their 56 years together.

Until May 16, 2012 when his brother John passed away, Al and his brothers sang barbershop and gospel quartet. They performed for different events and loved the fraternity of practice every week for Tuesday dinners at Art and Caroline's. Al's loyalty and sense of duty has kept him never missing a Brother's Night.

Al met Phyllis Troy four years ago. They have been together for much of the past three years sharing significant adventures. Phyllis has the amazing ability to create seafood extravaganzas that Al has delighted in. Al has enjoyed his home with daily two mile hikes on the ridge trail with Phyllis, his dog and hiking sticks.

