

Will Faust Nicholson, Jr. died peacefully at home on Saturday, May 28, 2016. Will was born in Colorado Springs on February 8, 1929. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Shirley, his daughter Ann Naughton (Tom) of Colorado Springs, his son, Will Faust Nicholson III of Denver and his sister, Betty Wheeler of Denver. He is the proud grandfather of Michael, Sarah (Jimmer), Rob (Lindsay), Katherine, Olivia, Elizabeth, Emily and Marjorie and great-grandfather to Audrey.

He graduated from Fountain Valley School in 1946, Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in 1950 and the University of Denver with an MBA in 1956. He is the son of the late Will Faust Nicholson, who was the Mayor of Denver from 1955-1959 and the grandson of James Ferguson Burns of Cripple Creek Mining District and prominent philanthropist in Colorado Springs.

Will was a Lt. Colonel USAF, retired and served in the Korean War, followed by more than 20 years in the Air Force Reserves.. He was instrumental in relocating the Air Force Academy from its temporary home at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver to it's current location in Colorado Springs after construction was completed of the first building on the grounds of the AFA.

His professional career spanned from Van Schaack & Company Real Estate to Petry Construction Company and culminated as CEO and Chairman of the Board of

Colorado National Bankshares, Inc. After the sale of Colorado National Bank to First Bank Systems, Will continued as Chairman of the Board of Rocky Mountain BankCard System, Inc. until 2001.

Will's greatest passion in life, besides his family, was the game of golf. He has served as a Governor of the Colorado Golf Association for 43 years, chairman of the Colorado Golf Foundation, President of the United States Golf Association and Chairman of the Competition Committees at the Augusta National Golf Club, having primary responsibility for conducting The Masters golf tournament. He is a member of the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame, Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, The Denver Country Club, Castle Pines Golf Club, The University Club, Cheyenne Mountain Country Club, The Augusta National Golf Club, The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Muirfield – The Honorable Company of Edinburgh Golfers and the Captain's Club of the Memorial Tournament in Dublin, Ohio. He has served on the Rules Committee of the U.S Open, The PGA Championship, The Masters and The Open Championship in Great Britain. The Colorado Golf Association honored him as Man of the Century in November of 2015.

In his civic life, Will was on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver for over 55 years, the National Western Stock Show Association, the Denver Downtown Partnership, the Thirty Group and

VISA International. He has been Chairman of the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry, Chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Association of Bank Holding Companies and Chairman of Visa USA.

His parents, Will Faust and Gladys Burns Nicholson and his sister, Gladys Kirk, preceded him in death.

Services for Mr. Nicholson will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at St. John's Cathedral, 1350 Washington Street in Denver at 11:00am. There will be a private family internment in Colorado Springs the following day.

Please consider donations to The Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver, 2017 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80204 and/or the Colorado Golf Foundation, 5990 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Suite 102, Greenwood Village, CO 80111