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Abstract: **Bob Wayne Bass**

A native Texan, Mr. Bass lived in Germany until age 3 when his dad left the military and his parents moved to Rosenberg. His grandfather and uncles worked their entire career with HL&P electric company. Bob's father, Nelson Ives Bass, Jr., started Bass Construction Company in 1957 which Bob now owns with two of his sons.

Mr. Bass shares stories about growing up in the small town of Rosenberg; playing with cousins in Sugar Land; playing sports in school, working for his father doing construction clean up during hot summers; getting a degree from Texas A&M in construction; getting married and raising a family. Bass Construction is a well-respected company constructing houses, business & government buildings, and the Alvis Manufacturing Plant and Southern Cotton Oil.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Jennifer Barker – daughter
 Becky Bass – sister
 Bridget Bass – sister
 Buck Bass – son
 Hubert Bass – great uncle
 Mamye Rachuig Bass – mother
 Margaret “Scotty” Bass – spouse
 Maydel Smith Bass – grandmother
 Nelson Ives Bass, Sr. – grandfather
 Nelson Ives Bass, Jr. – father
 Leon Danzinger – store owner
 Jay Durrett – son
 Marshall Durrett – son
 Sally Rachuig Kelly – aunt
 Betty Bass Martin – aunt
 Robert “Bob” Martin – uncle
 Herbert Rachuig – grandfather
 Mamie Adams Rachuig – grandmother
 Jimmy Wheeless – school teacher / neighbor
 Joe Clyde Wessendorff – rancher / business leader

Places / Businesses

Alvis Manufacturing Plant
 Bass Construction Company
 Church of Christ, Rosenberg

Events

Bob’s family goes back several generations in Fort Bend County. His grandfather, Nelson, started Bass Construction Company which Bob now owns along with two sons.

Coles Theatre
 Raymond Cachere Insurance
 Doug Dawson Insurance
 First Baptist Church Sugar Land
 First National Bank of Richmond
 Fort Bend Country Club
 Geick’s Filling Station
 Germany
 Henry Steinkamp Engineers
 Houston, Texas
 Houston Lighting & Power Co (HL&P)
 Kocurek’s Dairy Queen
 McCoy’s Lumber
 New Braunfels
 Richmond, Texas
 Rose Drive In
 Rosenberg, Texas
 Rosenberg Railroad Museum
 Rude & Sons Sporting Goods
 Southern Cotton Oil Company
 Sugar Creek Baptist Church
 Sugar Land, Texas
 Texas A&M University
 Texas Gulf Sulphur Company
 Ward’s Dairy Queen
 Wheeless barber shop

He describes growing up in the small town of Rosenberg, playing with cousins in Sugar Land, playing sports in school and working for his father during the hot summers doing construction cleanup work.

Bob and his wife, Scotty, raised four children in Fort Bend where he was a Little League coach for 20 years.