



Richard William Kitchen Sr.

June 15, 1949 - October 4, 2020

Ret. USAF Msgt. Richard W. Kitchen, Sr has passed onto eternal life with the Lord on Sunday, 4 October in San Antonio, TX. He was a native of Clinton, N.Y.; his children by his side during this heart wrenching event.

Richard was struck down by a man driving a pickup truck, near his residence while he was in a designated cross walk with his cane for the legally visually impaired, which he was. He hit said vehicle twice, rendering him completely unconscious. Blessed to be aided by two super Samaritans until Paramedics arrived was rushed to University Hospital where he was immediately rendered drastic brain surgery to cease intensive hemorrhaging and subsequently placed on life support for the remaining twelve days while in a medical coma. He also suffered from "many" fractured ribs on both sides as well as a broken clavicle.

It was decided with five of seven of their living children and one travelling in from Colorado, as well as his wife in N.Y. on teleconference, to make him comfortable for the next journey he was inevitably facing after undergoing extensive testing his ability of brain functions and normal stimuli to respond to his medical staff!

His family stood by his side for the duration of his stay in ICU. A family decision based partially on his previously mentioned desires was made as their remaining children were gathering for their final farewells while alive.

Richard follows his son Carl Robert, his parents: John Sr. & Lillian Akin Kitchen as well as his youngest brother Dale Robert and youngest sister Ronnieta Sue in death.

He is survived by his wife of 48.5 years, Louise Long Kitchen, their seven remaining children, Dana, Richard Jr., Amanda Griffin, Jason, Amber Kitchen Backman, Alexander S. and Katelyn, twelve grandchildren, eldest sister Mrs. Marie Phelps of Hinkley, N. Y., his brother John S. Kitchen, Jr. of Deansboro, N.Y., numerous nieces, nephews and relatives back in N.Y.

Services on 16 Oct at 0830 in shelter #1. A full military honors ceremony will be given at Ft. Sam Houston's National Cemetery. Those planning to attend please verify with the family as there's limitation of fifty present at the Ft. Sam locale.

In lieu of flowers, his wife requests donations be made to the Lighthouse for the Blind in San Antonio or any Association for the visually impaired.

Cemetery

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX, 78209

Events

OCT 16 **Graveside Service** 09:00AM

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX, US,
78209

Comments



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Dana Kitchen - October 10 at 08:51 AM



“ Richard was an employee at Lackland AFB for many years, he was a hard worker and loved his family. My deepest condolences to his family

Lena Bailey - October 22 at 11:07 PM



“ Thank you for being a friend to our father. I know that your kindness and friendship for him was greatly appreciated. He spoke of you and your family often.

Dana Kitchen - October 23 at 10:30 PM