



Anthony Edward Irwin

August 31, 1944 - December 6, 2006

Anthony “Tony” Irwin died Wednesday, December 6, 2006 in San Antonio. He was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts in 1944 to Walter Irwin and Patricia Doyle Irwin. His early years were spent in the U.S. with his parents. When Tony’s father became involved in the civil aviation industry after World War II, the entire family joined him in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia where his father worked for the Arabian Oil Company. Tony lived in Saudi Arabia for 12 years except for his high school education days when he attended Notre Dame International School in Rome, Italy. He attended St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, Texas where he received his BA degree in Economics and International Relations in 1967; he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1969. Tony served his country as an Officer Helicopter Pilot in Vietnam in 1971 and was awarded the Air Medal and Bronze Star, receiving honorable discharge in 1972. In 1973, Tony was employed by Farm & Home Savings Association as a Loan Officer. Over the next 16 years he developed a comprehensive real estate and mortgage lending background. Tony retired from the U.S. Army in July 2004 after 36 years of military service in the active U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserves and the Texas National Guard. This included flying support missions for the 5th Infantry Division during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He also completed a 1-year tour of duty as a Pilot and Safety Technician in a Helicopter Company in support of the U.S. Forces in Korea. Most recently, Tony was working at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio as an Operations Support Specialist. Tony is survived by his son, Lee Rothe Irwin of

Arlington, Virginia; daughter, Lisa Marie Irwin of Walnut Creek, California; and his sister, Mrs. Diane Husquin of Grenoble, France.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Today is July 19,2008 and I just found out that my dear friend Tony passed away. We lost touch due to my marriage and I will forever regret that. Tony was a kind, loving man who always made you feel special. He always was ready to lend a helping hand. I o

Rhonda Benavides - July 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Tony will be greatly missed. I enjoyed working with him as an Operations Specialist.

Danny Pitts - December 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Tony's passing away came as a surprise to me as I don't envision old fraternity brothers passing away. It's been a long time since I have seen "Milk Drop" but I can still see his big smile. It was very hard to be in a bad mood when Tony was near as he wa

Tim Bundick - December 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ In the old days in Arabia Tony and about five or six other boys and myself were together constantly -- school, sports, band we all became drummers in the school band, camping and more. When we reached junior high and high school age our pastimes changed

William James - December 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I had known Tony since he was a "little kid" living down the street from me in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. I refer to him as little because he was a friend of my little sister, Suzanne. Tony was a great guy and became a good friend. He also was at Notre Dame w

Michael H. Ford - December 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ To Tony's family; Tony and I go way back to the St. Mary's days. Like so many college friends we lost touch over the years but I remember Tony as a fun loving and caring individual. Having served in Vietnam, it made me feel proud to read of Tony's long mi

Don Pozzi - December 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ May God take you in his loving arms Tony. We will always miss your smiling face.

Bill Bock - December 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ We had the great good fortune to be visited by Tony in VA a few years back. What a hoot to replay the old days in Dhahran and catch up on 40 years. It seems like anyone who was EVER a friend of Tony's was always a friend of Tony's. Adios Tony.

Carol Gibson/Bob Bates - December 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I was also a fraternity brother of Tony's at St. Mary's. Ed Vierling, Bill Bock and I had lunch today and reminisced about those times-just hearing of Tony's passing. It seems like it wasn't that long ago when we'd seen each other again at one of the Dr

Larry Dolan - December 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ i am deeply saddened to hear of Tony's passing. Not only a great roommate in college but a great friend. We shared a lot of good times together, while at St. Marys. We pledged the Order of the Barrons together and were stationed in Viet Nam at the same ba

fred cappadona - December 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ So far away. And so sorry. For those who may read through these pages, please know how very touched I am personally to read these things. He did love his kids so much. They were his life. As for the smiling, fun Tony, nothing can beat the fun we had growi

Diane - December 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My deepest condolences to Tony's family for the loss of a great guy. I knew him Arabia and saw him again at the reunions in the States. He was a warm, loving and caring person. He will be sorely missed by his "Brat" family and all those who knew him.

Lynn Martin Miller - December 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ When growing up, Tony was, to me, just another kid who played sports. But on meeting him later at the reunions, I found a caring and compassionate man. I will miss his insights and conversations.

Randy Miller - December 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ When Danee Hubbs Sullivan called me last night with the news of Tony's passing, I was totally shocked and saddened. Though I was from Abqaiq, Tony and I "bonded" through Tri-D experiences in the early '60's and sports. He went to NDI as I did and came to s

John Fannin - December 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ While working at CP Bullis as operation scheduler I had the opportunity to meet & work with Tony while he was at FSH. When we communicated with air operations he always had a cheerful, pleasant tone in his voice & going that extra step to assist. May happ

Estella M. Galindo - December 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I remember talking to Tony about powered parachutes at the '95 reunion - what a cool thing to be doing.

May you rest in peace

Scott Miller - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ The world, country, and life is a better place because of Tony. I am very sorry for your loss but think of all the people Tony influenced. We will miss him greatly. Bill

Bill Burton - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Tony. I wish my profound condolences to his entire family. Tony and I were good friends when growing up in Dhahran, boy could we get into some mischief at times.

As many years ago as it was, I will miss his spirit.

Wayne Wilson - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ As a long-lost friend and Notre-Dame colleague, I'd like to express my condolences to everyone in Tony's family. Tony and I were in Rome at Notre Dame together as well as growing up in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Those were good years and I have always said

Michael Sherman - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I will always remember Tony in our days together in Dhahran. He was a warm, funny and loving person. I could always count on him to stick up for me when I got into a scrape!

You are blessed to have him as a father and brother!

Tina Clausen - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Our love, thoughts and most fond memories go out to your family. Tony was always held dear in our hearts and family. His memory will continue on through us. He will always be that young boy he is in our minds eye.

The Townsends, Bud, Clairene and Marilyn - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *What a guy. What can I say? He was my idol when I was a kid. I met him so many times in athletic endeavors. He was "easy to laugh and always to smile" - such a good natured, wonderful person.*

Condolences from my heart.

Charlie Armstrong - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *My sincerest condolences to Tony's family. Tony was my "little brother" in Dhahran. His closest friends had big brothers in my class, so I became his. We reminisced about that at a reunion several years ago. I remembered then why I had liked him so mu*

Terry McMullen - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *I am sorry I missed the services. I was in South Texas last Friday, Dec 8 thru and over the week-end Sunday, Dec 10 on business and would have stayed for the services, but I didn't find out from Danee Sullivan Hubbs until I returned to OKC this morning. A*

Barry F. Cook - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *To each member of Tony's family I extend my deepest condolences. Though I was older, waaayyyy older than Tony which he never let me forget! I have many memories of him. When I saw him for the first time in years at the reunion in 1995 he told me he had*

Ann Zimmerman Finley - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ To Tony's Family,

Please accept my sincerest condolences. I worked with Tony at Farm & Home Savings for many years. Tony was a great guy with a big heart and a sense of humor like no other. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and who loved

Sandra Wood - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *A piece of all of our hearts and lives goes with dear friends when we lose them. We are not the same afterwards. As it is with Tony, the "big kid" who was with us in the Dhahran Little League and whom we all admired so. I wanted to play as well as Tony di*

Tavy Sandin - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ To the family of Mr. Tony Irwin,

On behalf of the Employees of the Ft Sam Houston Garrison, please accept our sincere condolences in the death of your father and loved one. These are difficult times but know Tony was a trusted employee of this org

Col Wendy Martinson - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *I, the BASOPS MEO and Ft Sam Garrison family will miss Tony. He has touched many of us. He was a valuable member of our family and his loss will be felt across the organization, personally and professionally. He will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Art Gebbia - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Lee, Lisa, Diane:*

My heartfelt condolences; he talked of you all so often and was so proud and loved you so much. Oddly, I thought of him this past week several times...messages from the soul, I guess.He rests as one of my favorite memories of the good

Anne Bryan Patrick - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Oh Tony, I miss you already. Thank God for the good memories and the good times we shared. I can't remember when we weren't best friends even though we seldom agreed. It didn't seem to matter to either one of us.*

Danee Sullivan Hubbs - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *My Condolences to the family, Tony was my friend, and fellow soldier he will be surly missed.*

Jack L. Justice - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *I remember Tony as a fun loving person who enjoyed a prank and would always stand up for his friends. Being around Tony - you would never knew what to expect - he was funny and was just as determined and committed at whatever he undertook. Tony was a pe*

James R. Erwin - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Tony and I were fraternity brothers at St. Mary's. Although we have not seen each other in over 30 years I still remember his laughter and the good times we had and the times we were able to get together after college. He will be kept in everyone's mem

Mike Lambur - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Tony knew me as Diane Szostek when he was my dancing partner in the old gym between the bowling alley and the cinema. That was in the mid-50's in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Tony as an adult, but I remember his sunshine

Diana Lynn - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ To Tony's loved ones. Tony was 2 years older than me and I had a crush on him all through middle school and into high school. He was one of the most popular guys around, a great kidder, I can't picture him without a smile on his face. My sophmore year in

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WG

“ With my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to Tony's children and family. I knew Tony as a fellow Army Reservist with the 887th Quartermaster Co. It was an honor to have served with him and known him as a friend.

William F. Grett - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Lee and Lisa, I just want you to know how much I treasure my friendship with and love of your father for over 50 years. He was always playful, cheerful, loving and just a darn rascal! As a fellow Dhahran '60 graduate I salute your father for being a lo

Kathie Homewood Muris - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Tony -- You're in a better place now but those of us who knew you and called you our friend will always keep you in our prayers and memories. Although I have only known you for 9 or 10 years it seemed like I had known you my whole life. It won't be the sa

Reece Lusk - December 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM