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Born February 25, 1935 in San Antonio, Al went peacefully into the arms of his Lord on October 3, 2011 after a courageous year long battle with cancer.

Preceded in death by his parents Florence Palmer Bailey of York, Pennsylvania and Carson Alfred Bailey of San Antonio, Al is survived by the love of his life, his wife Karen Presley Bailey; his sons Jeff Bailey and wife Anne Marie, and Craig Bailey and wife Shelly; his brother Doug Bailey and wife Jill; his sister Claire Genser; and his nieces Carol Stevens and Ashley Ronen. His greatest pride and joy were his four grandchildren, Stephen and Lauren Bailey of Dallas, and Cole and Olivia Bailey of San Antonio, who affectionately referred to him as PawPaw.

Al grew up in York, PA with his mother and beloved Aunt Pauline. He treasured his childhood memories spending summers in San Antonio with his father and his adoring grandparents Nana and PawPaw. He graduated valedictorian out of a class of 567 at William Penn High School in York, PA. He attended the University of Texas at Austin where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and was a loyal lifelong member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He later pursued post graduate studies at the University of Colorado in Boulder, CO, and MIT in Cambridge, MA. In 1962 Al began his 30 year career with

Atlantic Richfield Corporation where he was a well regarded chemical and systems engineer. After retiring from ARCO, he went to work with American Airlines where he was fondly known as one of their "Silver Eagles".

Al had a lifelong passion for learning, especially history, science and literature. Another great passion was his love of music and he enjoyed listening to a wide variety of artists and genres. He loved to travel and had many fond memories of South Texas and extensive trips to Europe. He recently returned from a highly anticipated transatlantic cruise in celebration of his 30th wedding anniversary. Al was a diehard Texas Longhorn football fan and an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt dove and quail with his companion Ace, and later Gussie. Even if he only saw one bird, it was a great day.

Al cherished spending time with his family and friends, reminiscing or sharing a laugh over a well planned meal and a great bottle of wine. Once you became a friend of Al's, you were a friend for life. He cared deeply and was genuinely interested in what was important to others. His most treasured memories in life revolved around his grandchildren. He was their biggest fan and never wanted to miss a game or activity, or any opportunity to spend quality time with them.

In January 2010, Al's life was forever changed when he gave his life to Jesus Christ. While he will be deeply missed, we rejoice in the certainty that he is full of joy in the presence of his Lord and Savior. The family would like to thank Al's many special friends who have been with us throughout this journey. Each of you was significant in his life and holds a special place in our hearts.

Honoring his wishes to rest alongside his father and loving grandparents, Cole Y. and Cleme Bailey, Al will be laid to rest at a graveside service at 9:30 AM Saturday at Mission Park South in San Antonio. On Monday, October 10th at 1:00 PM, the family will hold a memorial service and celebration of Al's life at

Shipp Chapel at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Baylor Heath Care System Foundation in Dallas or Brittany Rescue in Texas.