



Charles Ray Settles

December 3, 1919 - March 6, 2017

On March 6, 2017, the spirit of Charles Ray Settles passed into the hands of the Lord at the age of 97. Charles was born in the west Texas town of Big Spring on December 3, 1919 to Burr H and Rosa Dossie Settles (nee Holder). Charles grew up in Big Spring and enlisted in the Army in 1940. After training in various locations in the United States, he was transferred to the 5th Air Force, 433rd Troop Carrier Group, 69th Troop Carrier Squadron operating in Australia and New Guinea. His service in the Pacific earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross. Charles met his future wife Louise E Femia in New Guinea where she served in the Women's Army Corps. They were married in Manila, Philippine Islands on June 9, 1945. At the end of the war in the Pacific, they returned to the U.S. and settled in Ft Worth, Texas to begin their family. They had two children, Charles Ray Jr (1947) and Judith Lee (1951).

Charles Ray reentered the service in 1947 at Carswell AFB, Texas in time to become part of the newly created United States Air Force and trained for combat crew duty. Eventually he was assigned to the 8th Air Force, 7th Bomb Wing (H) and in 1952 he was transferred to the 15th Air Force, 92nd Bomb Wing (H) at Fairchild AFB, near Spokane Washington. In 1958, he was relieved from flying status, promoted to SMSgt and reassigned to the 6927th RDM Squadron on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands. In 1961 he was transferred to Kelly AFB, San Antonio, TX. Charles retired from active duty in 1964. He

subsequently entered Civil Service at Kelly AFB performing repair of radio, avionics and other electronic equipment for an additional 10 years.

Charles Ray was an active member of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in San Antonio, TX for over 45 years. He served on numerous church committees and boards, sang in the church choir and was generally one of the 'go-to fix-it guys' for the church.

Charles was the last of his generation for the Settles family. He is survived by his son Charles Ray Settles, Jr. and wife Pat, daughter Judith Wade and husband Mike; daughter in law Donna Lindsey Settles; granddaughter Kathleen Settles Horejsi and husband Frank; grandson Thomas Robert Settles and wife Cynthia and their children Matthew and Charles; Rachel Settles Moore and husband William Tyler Moore III and their children Ashlyn, Madelyn and Merylyn; grandson Scott Ray Martin and wife Aimee; Kathryn McVey and husband Kent and their children Michael and Matthew.

Visitation will be held at Mission Parks Stone Oak Funeral Home on Thursday, March 16, 2017 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Graveside service will be held at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery on March 17, 2017 at 9:30am. Graveside service will be very brief due to constraints of the national cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 4114 SW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78227, office phone 210 673 0000.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Life Center at Stone Oak
23755 US-281
San Antonio, TX 78258
(210) 576-3377
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Graveside Service

MAR 17. 9:30 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

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“ *WHMC Systems Richard Wahls, Dave Carter, Liz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Ray Settles.*



WHMC Systems Richard Wahls, Dave Carter, Liz - March 16, 2017 at 12:07 AM

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“ *Love, Ruth Ann and Walter Bowen and family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Charles Ray Settles.*



Love, Ruth Ann and Walter Bowen and family - March 14, 2017 at 04:20 PM

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“ *There are so many years of wonderful memories of holiday meals, jigsaw puzzles, Dallas Cowboy football, July Fourth barbecues with homemade ice cream, and fireworks. Just sitting in the living room listening to music and visiting. Both of our sons have fond memories of being in their home, as well. The simple, good things in life-family, food and fellowship. Always in our hearts!*
Tina and Sal Lopez

Tina Lopez - March 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM

RB

“ Grandad Settles, or Daddy Chuck, as some in the Lindsey group called him, was family. Early memories for me with the Settles family: attending Chapel Hill UMC and singing in the choir, Judy and I providing child care for choir members, and the family dinners at the Settles home. An early standard gathering was at Thanksgiving watching the annual Cowboys vs Redskins game. He always smiled and sometimes shared a quip or joke. Love and blessings to all the Settles family from Ruthie (Ruth Ann) and Walter Bowen.

Ruth A. Bowen - March 14, 2017 at 09:21 AM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - March 12, 2017 at 02:01 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

Charles Settles - March 11, 2017 at 12:33 PM