



CMSgt. Russell Samuel Batten, USAF Ret.

December 8, 1920 - January 9, 2016

CMSgt. Russell S. Batten, USAF Ret. was born in Ladd, Illinois December 8, 1920 to Irving Leslie Batten, Sr. and Mary Ann Lunn Batten. Died peacefully in his own bed at home on January 9, 2016 at the age of 95. He is preceded in death by parents, wife Mary Jo Batten, siblings Amey Vogt, Irving Batten, Mildred Davis, Frances Williams, and son-in-law Richard Bailey. Russell is survived by daughters, Cynthia D. Bailey, Mary Ann Ezzell and husband Tim Ezzell; grandchildren, Russell Bailey and wife Patty, Ken Bailey and wife Jess, Mary Elizabeth Ormsby and husband Kevin; great-grandchildren, Jordan Bailey, Rachel Bailey, Reese Bailey, Kenneth Bailey, Kenneth Ormsby and Kasen Ormsby. Russell joined the Army Air Corp in Illinois and ended up stationed at Brooksfield in San Antonio. In 1947, Russell, along with 9 other men started what is now the 149th Fighter Wing of the Texas Air National Guard at Kelly Field. The Unit is still going strong after 68 years. He was a very proud member of the 149th and trained many members. His influence is still felt there today. Russell has also been a life-long Chicago Cubs fan since the time he was 10, skipped school and rode the train to Chicago to see a game. He loved singing "Go Cubs Go" at the end of every home game win!

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make a donation in Russell's name to Make A Wish Central and South Texas, 2224 Walsh Tarlton Lane, suite 200, Austin, TX, 78746 or online at: https://secure2.wish.org/site/SPageServer?pagename\=donate_now&chid\=031-000