



## Col. Dennis J. O'Brien

August 20, 1931 - April 25, 2014

Col. Dennis J. O'Brien passed away April 25, 2014 after a long battle with kidney disease. Dennis was born in Norwalk, Ct. on August 20, 1931 and put in foster care at an early age. Dennis was fostered by The Stevens Family of Shelton, Ct. who treated him as one of their own. Dennis graduated from high school in 1949 and enlisted in the Air Force in 1950. Dennis decided to make the Air Force his career and got a Master's Degree in Business Administration from UT-Austin in 1958, graduating with honors. Dennis spent thirty years as an Air Force Officer and received many military honors. Some of the positions Dennis held were Flight Commander, Detachment Commander, Squadron Commander, Assistant Director of Operations, Deputy and Base Commander, and Assistant Chief of Staff for the 8th Air Force at Barksdale A.F.B., where he retired from in 1984. After retirement, Dennis dabbled in real estate and kept busy with the Knights of Columbus 4140 and the Men's Club of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church until his health failed. He was a member of the church for 30 years. Dennis is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Eva Joyce Driver O'Brien, and his three children; Dennis O'Brien, Erin Engberg Tom, and Kelly Holden Paul, and his three grandchildren; Ryan Nelson Steffanie, Meaghan Johnson, Blake Holden, and one great granddaughter, Rylee Johnson. Dennis was loved by all and will be missed by many. We would like to thank the loving staff at Mystic Park and Odyssey Hospice for making Dennis' last few days so peaceful.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A 12:00 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Interment to follow in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Odyssey Hospice 4440 S. Piedras Drive, Suite 125 San Antonio, Texas 78228.