



## Col. George K. Finan, USAF, Ret

June 19, 1916 - November 1, 2017

Col. George K. Finan, USAF, Ret., was born in Denver, CO on June 19, 1916. He died in Austin, TX on Nov. 1, 2017. He joins his wife, Edith, who has been waiting for him since 2006. He is survived by his 6 children George Jr. and his wife, Jeanne, of Austin, TX, Robert and wife, Nancy, of Denver, CO, Greg and wife, Ginny, of Anna, TX, Mike and wife, Liz, of Edmond, OK, Mary Ann and husband, Chris, of Littleton, CO, and Jeff of Redmond, WA. He will be missed by 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

He lived through the Great Depression in Denver and graduated from Annunciation H.S. in 1934. He enlisted in the US Navy and served aboard the battleship USS Arizona from 1935-39. At the start of World War II he graduated from the Aviation Cadets program and became a pilot and a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He flew the P-38 Lightning in the European Theater and was awarded 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses and 10 Air Medals for heroism in combat. After the War he served in the US Air Force in command and staff positions in the US and overseas. In 1963 he served a second combat tour in Vietnam flying the A-26 as a detachment commander of the newly formed Air Commandos. He retired from active duty in July 1964 at Eglin AFB, FL.

He followed his military career by staying busy growing oranges and grapefruit on 25 acres in Mission, TX, moving to San Antonio, TX to pursue his passion for golf, and finally homesteading 10 acres in Bastrop, TX. He rode his Kubota tractor until the end and died with his boots on.

He had a strong faith in God and awoke each morning to seize the day with a smile on his face. Tall timber has fallen and he'll be missed.

## SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 6:00 P.M. followed by a Rosary at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Funeral Service will be at 8:30 A.M. on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Interment with Military Honors will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

NOV 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
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San Antonio, TX 78230  
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## Funeral Service

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NOV 9. 8:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Your parents were such a wonderful part of the St. Helena Catholic Church community. We also have many wonderful memories of them visiting with neighbors while on their daily walks through the Northern Hills neighborhood.*

*George always lit up the morning at 6:30 a.m. communion service with his contagious smile.*

*With our prayers and sympathy,  
Jerry and Dorothy Orsak*

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**Dorothy Orsak** - November 08, 2017 at 01:26 PM