



## Lieutenant Colonel Raymond "Ray" Falke

February 6, 1927 - January 14, 2026

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond "Ray" Falke, 98, passed away on January 14, 2026.

Born February 6, 1927, in Temple, Texas, Ray learned the value of hard work at an early age, rising before dawn to deliver newspapers while attending school. At just 17, he volunteered to serve in the United States Navy during World War II, serving as a radarman aboard the USS Geneva in the Pacific Theater. He was docked in Okinawa when the war ended.

Following the war, Ray continued his service in the Navy Reserve, completed high school, and attended Texas A&M University using the GI Bill. He later received a commission in the United States Air Force, serving as a bombardier and navigator during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel after decades of honorable service across the United States.

Ray was a devoted family man who shared more than 65 years of marriage with his darling wife, Martha Falke. Together, they lovingly raised their two beautiful daughters, Robin and Dawn, building a strong family life while he served his country nationwide.

He was a proud member of the Alzafar Shriners, supporting the mission of the

Shriners Children's Hospitals, and remained committed to service and fellowship throughout his life. His favorite pastime was a great round of golf with friends, and he especially enjoyed chatting with players while serving as Head Marshal at the Club at Sonterra. When his grandchildren were young, he delighted in playing cards and chess, fishing, and proudly calling out referees for bad calls at their sporting events. His daughters were fiercely protective of him, so closely that Ray jokingly warned his son-in-law Ernesto that he'd better hope Ray lived a long time, because Ernesto would be "next."

He is survived by his daughters, Robin Ancira (Ernesto) and Dawn Campitelli (Tom); grandchildren April Ancira (Jason Thompson), Ashley Ancira (Ryan Richardson), and Corbin Campitelli (Morgan); and seven great-grandchildren, Gunnar, Hope, Henry, Savannah, Kylie, Landry, and Calloway.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Martha Falke; his parents Carl and Louise Falke; his sister Gertrude Haedge; and his brother Gilbert Falke.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to those who provided compassionate care in his final months, including the staffs of Walter Reed, MIC, BAMC, and the dedicated team at the Franklin Center, as well as the Red Shirts, whose friendship, generosity, and great hearts brought him renewed joy.

Lt. Col. Falke's life was defined by service, love of family, humor, and honor. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Shriners Children's hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10  
West San Antonio, TX 78230

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Burial Park North

## Memorial Service

JAN 24. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Dominion  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257  
(210) 698-5252

# Tribute Wall

AG

“ Dear Robin and Dawn,  
My sincere condolences on the passing of your Dad, my prayers and thoughts are with you and the entire family. I will always remember the tremendous pride and love he had for you both, such a dedicated family man. We had a great friendship and respect for one another. He loved taking care of his vehicles and keeping them in showroom condition. I will always cherish our many conversations and laughs that we shared. I pray that Ray is with God's Speed and finally reunited with your Mom. May he Rest In Peace.  
God Bless,  
Albert de la Garza

---

**Albert De La Garza** - January 24 at 11:29 PM