



## Cyrus (Cy) Hayford Avey Jr

September 15, 1918 - February 2, 2020

Cyrus (Cy) Hayford Avey, Jr. of San Antonio, Texas, age 101 years and 140 days. He was an only much cherished child born on September 15, 1918 to Cyrus Hayford Avey, Sr. and Mollie JoAnna Davis Avey at 1926 East Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas. He attended San Antonio Public Schools, Fannin Elementary, R. W. Emerson Junior High and George W. Brackenridge High School graduating at mid-term 1937 and being Best Cadet in R.O.T.C., Company D two consecutive years.

He went to work at Alamo Iron Works in March, 1937 and continued there until the fall of 1940 at which time he went to work at old Duncan Field, later to become Kelly Air Force Base. He was an aircraft sheet metal worker in the aircraft maintenance directorate. He became involved in every major modification or repair of Air Force aircraft. Starting in the fall of 1940 on old B-18 bombers. As World II progressed, B-17s, B-24s and B-29s and in the post war years the B-36s, C-124s, XC-99s, B-52s and C-5As. Retiring in 1974 with 34 years as a General Foreman in the aircraft branch. He also served 2 years in the Army Air Corp from 1944 to 1946 fighting in the South Pacific mainly on Guam.

He was President of the Kelly Civilian Retiree Club, an organization of some 500 retired civilian employees from 1992 until February 2, 2020. He was a 65 year plus member of the Blue Bonnet Lodge A. F. & A. M. 1219, San Antonio Scottish 32nd degree, Alzafar Shrine, Past Wagon Master of the Alzafar R. V. Club and a member of Hot Wells Baptist Church.

He was predeceased in June, 2013 by his wife of 72 years Ruth Marie Rackley Avey. He is survived by his four children, Mollie JoAnna Avey Shipler (Errol Shipler), Anna Marie Avey Pratt (David Pratt), Mary Etta Avey Larson (Tom Larson) and Cyrus Hayford Avey, III (Juanita Avey). He is further survived by 6 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 for 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Services will be conducted on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. both at Mission Funeral Chapels South Services will be lead by long time friend Pastor Ernest Weedon. He will be honored by 11 pallbearers including son-in-laws, grandsons, great grandsons and nephews.

Interment will be at Mission Park South in the Avey Family plot that now includes his parents and wife.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cyrus (Cy) Hayford Avey Jr.*



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February 12, 2020 at 04:15 PM



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February 12, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Cyrus (Cy) Hayford Avey Jr.*



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February 11, 2020 at 10:58 AM



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**Mollie Shipler** - February 10, 2020 at 12:06 PM

MS

*Cyrus H. Avey, Jr. and Ruth Marie Rackley Avey on their wedding day.  
The beginning of it all!*

Mollie Shipler - February 10, 2020 at 12:04 PM

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Mollie Shipler - February 10, 2020 at 11:57 AM

MS

*Cyrus, III, Daddy, Mama, Mary, Anna, Mollie  
The Avey Family*

Mollie Shipler - February 10, 2020 at 12:08 PM

JE

“ Dear Molly, Anna, Mary and Cyrus,  
Truly sorry to receive this message. Always  
remember the wonderful times you had  
together. Your Dad was an amazing person. It's  
nice to know that your Mom and Dad (the two  
love birds) will be together again on Valentine's  
Day. Sympathy and prayers to all of you kids.  
Sincerely, JD



JD English - February 10, 2020 at 10:46 AM



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - February 07, 2020 at 08:35 PM

MS

*Handsome soldier*

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**Mollie Shipler** - February 10, 2020 at 12:07 PM

SJ

*One of my very favorite photos!*

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**Sandie Jones** - February 12, 2020 at 12:14 PM

SM

*Love this!!*

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**Shanna McGuire** - February 12, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Cyrus (Cy) Hayford Avey Jr.*



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February 05, 2020 at 04:59 PM

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“ My condolences go out to all the family members, my father in law was the most inspiring, loving, caring, humble, honorable man I had ever known, he influenced not just my life but many others that got the opportunity to know him, he loved to talk, and if you had nothing to say he would start a conversation anyway, and it was never boring, he loved to build things, so we had a common ground, we would have him stay at our home every month for a week at a time, we were happy to see him and so were all the animals, when I was home I would always be building something, and he was there to watch and inspect the work, he had a eye for detail and a mind for creativity, so I put a little more effort in the projects. He loved animals and all the animals Loved him, he loved the ambiance of fire so we always had one inside and one outside for him, and when he wanted fried chicken wings we would cook them up for him. There is so many good memories that I will forever cherish, but I know he will continue to watch over my work, the lord has the best man back to do his work for sure.



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**Tom Larson** - February 04, 2020 at 04:59 PM