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Daniel Boone "Dan" Mason, age 97, passed away on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, in San Antonio, TX. He was born August 9, 1918, the fourth of six children born to the late Thomas Howard and Alberta Naomi Lesher Mason of Reading, PA. After graduating from Reading High School in 1936, Dan attended Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia, PA now Drexel University. Dan served in the United States Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force, serving from October 3, 1940 to July of 1966, with the latter 21 years as a Reservist. During World War II he is credited with participation as a Bombardier in 39 flying missions with the 455th Bombardment Group in Italy, Normandy, So. France, Germany, and many other locations. He retired as a Lt. Colonel, having received the Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, European African Middle Eastern Ribbon with Six Bronze Stars, the American Theater Ribbon, and The Distinguished Flying Cross.

Dan moved to San Antonio in 1950, where he was a member of Pilgrim Presbyterian, San Pedro Presbyterian, and most recently, John Calvin Presbyterian churches, participating as a deacon/usher for over six decades. For the next 38 years, Dan was employed primarily in the insurance industry until he retired in 1988. An active, enthusiastic man, he bowled with various

leagues until the age of 96! He was highly involved with many community organizations in which he served in numerous offices over the years. Dan was an active Mason for over 50 years as a member of the Davy Crockett Masonic Lodge #1225, the Charles W. Anderson Masonic Lodge #1413, Tranquility 2000, Order of the Eastern Star Alamo Heights #734 and Wimodausis #131, York Rite Bodies San Antonio Chapter #381 and Council #14, Bluebonnet Chapter #470 and Council #409, and the San Antonio Commandry #7, Red Cross of Constantine, York Rite College, Scottish Rite Bodies, the Royal Order of Scotland, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Alzafar Shrine, Sons of Hiram, National Sojourners Fort Sam Houston Chapter #17, Grotto Daughters of Mokanna, High Twelve Club #656, Philalether Society Chapter, Southern California Lodge of Research, Texas Lodge of Research Study Group, Maryland Research Society, and a 50 year member of Windcrest American Legion, all of San Antonio, TX. He was also a life member of The Boone Society.

Dan received numerous awards and recognitions for his many activities, such as Worshipful Master Davy Crockett Lodge 1974-1975, Golden Trowel, District Deputy Grand Master 2000, Eastern Star Worthy Patron, Order of the Purple Cross, District Instructor 1982-2012. Dan was also a supportive leader, proudly raising over 750 Masons with the Sons of Hiram degree team.

In addition to his parents, Dan was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 50 years, Mildred Audrey Mason, his second wife, Ruth E. Brasington, four brothers, one sister, numerous aunts and uncles, including his namesake, his great-uncle, Daniel Boone of Hyde Park, PA.

Dan is survived by daughter, Peggy N. Perkins, daughter and son-in-law, Barbara A. and Carl A. Scheib, Jr., and adopted daughter, Karen M. Kastning. He is also survived by grandchildren, Troy A. Perkins, Brandon S. Perkins, Kamie A. Perkins Beach and husband, Ryan; Shana A. Scheib Gilbert and

husband, Brandon "Brad", Clinton D. Scheib and wife, Canna; Ernst H. "Kass" Kastning, III, and wife, Yunha; eight great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews, and many other relatives.

In recent years Dan resided at Esplanade Gardens Senior Community and spent his last month at Barbara and Carl's home. The Family would like to thank Heart to Heart Hospice employees for their wonderful care of Dan and a special Thank You to Adrianna Ayala for her loving care of Dan this last month.

Viewing and visitation service will take place on Monday, June 20th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Alamo Funeral Home, 624 N. Alamo.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 21st at John Calvin Presbyterian Church, 8102 Midcrown at Walzem. Immediately following the service a reception/luncheon will be held in the JCPC Hospitality Hall. This will be followed by a procession to Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery for Interment services with full Military Honors and Masonic Rites.

Brandon Perkins, Clinton Scheib, Kass Kastning, Troy Perkins, Brad Gilbert, and Bobby Osborne will serve as pallbearers. Ryan Beach Active Duty Navy-Deployed and the Past Masters of Davy Crockett Lodge will serve as honorary pallbearers. Military Honors will be provided by the United States Air Force. Masonic Rites will be performed by members of Davy Crockett Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dan's name to John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Davy Crockett Masonic Lodge or Charles Anderson Masonic Lodge.