



## David Gerald Wagner

August 21, 1944 - April 19, 2022

David G. Wagner, 77, tragically passed away on April 19, 2022. On August 21, 1944, he was born in Brady, Texas, and grew up alongside his brothers on a ranch outside of Mason, Texas. He is preceded in death by his first wife Cynthia Wagner, parents Martin and Marguerite Wagner, and brother and sister-in-law Phil and Pat Wagner.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Irma B. Wagner; son Noel Wagner and children Ella, Landon, Sabrina, and Olivia; daughter Holly Harwell and husband Michael, and children Michael, III, Madison, and Brett; stepson Daniel Benjamin and wife Phyllis and children Shawnda, Joshua, and Jonathan; stepson Frank Benjamin and wife Shannon and son Nicholas; and great-grandchildren Payton and Autumn; both Preston Wagner and wife Cordella; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Throughout his childhood, David dreamed of flying. He lived out this dream as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force and continued his career with the Federal Aviation Administration as a flight inspector. After retiring from both, Dave enjoyed staying active in Civil Air Patrol, Daedalians, Quiet Birdmen, and American Legion associations. He was presented with many awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" award.

As an active lifelong Christian, he held membership at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Mason, Immanuel Lutheran Church of Pflugerville, St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels, and Southside Baptist Church. Irma and Dave recently built their dream retirement home to be closer to his best friend since kindergarten, Rodney Leifeste and his wife, Betsy. He enjoyed returning to country life, including taking care of his pets, flying his patriotic flags, and enjoying Irma's delicious home cooking.

His love and presence were so quiet yet so strong and is greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services will be on May 17, 2022, at Southside Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas. Visitation at 11:30 am, service at 12:00 pm, burial at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 2:00 pm and reception to follow at Fort Sam Houston Golf Club.

Pallbearers are Michael Harwell, Jr, Michael Harwell, III, Brett Harwell, Nicholas Benjamin, Joshua Benjamin, and Jonathan Benjamin. Honorary pallbearers are Landon Wagner, Ron Wren, and Rodney Leifeste.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

Southside Baptist Church  
2010 S Loop 1604 E  
San Antonio, TX 78264

## Funeral Service

MAY 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

Southside Baptist Church  
2010 S Loop 1604 E  
San Antonio, TX 78264

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ Lt Col David Wagner, Civil Air Patrol, was a respected and valued member of the Bexar County Senior Squadron, SWR-TX-424 and Alamo Composite Squadron, SWR-TX-187. He will be greatly missed.

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**Capt Valerie Moczygamba Civil Air Patrol** - May 16, 2022 at 10:30 AM

LK

“ David and Irma were frequent attendees at the Wagner family reunions. On several of those occasions, David flew them into the local airport. David was willing to share his love of flying by offering to take up anyone who wanted to go. Several of my nieces and myself took him up on his offer. David was so good to the girls and gave them headphones and helped to put them at ease. A great trip, right over the reunion!

*Love you cousin, Linda Reichenau Karstensen*

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**Linda Karstensen** - May 15, 2022 at 08:26 PM

JN

“ David was our bowling league secretary for years at Country Lanes. He was trusted and loved by everyone. I remember the times we bowled together at those open state bowling championship tournaments. Attached photo was a state open state tournament in 2013.



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**Jerry Newman** - May 12, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Gerald Wagner.



May 10, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of David Gerald Wagner.



May 06, 2022 at 05:40 PM



“ David was a good friend and always there to lend a helping hand to those in need! I'm Very sorry for your loss! I will never forget him!



**Bear Velazquez** - May 02, 2022 at 05:55 PM



*What a great picture! Thank you so much. We miss him so much.*

**Holly** - May 03, 2022 at 06:01 PM

KP

“ How sad that my circle grew so big that I've lost touch with my some of my roots. Rodney Leifeste, we caught up for a little while ❤️. Martin and Marguerite were faithful, solid, steadfast Christians at St. Paul and I grew up between David and Phil. All of you, friends and family who mourn, are in my prayers for comfort and strength. I know the God of all our times, past and present, has you wrapped in His arms as He leads you in the future. St. Paul and Mason will always be my home, andel give thanks for the Wagner's today (many others) who blessed with me with a firm foundation. Kathy Doerfler Pancoast.

Kathy Doerfler Pancoast - May 01, 2022 at 07:56 PM

EW

“ Elmo & Pat Wagner purchased the Divine Light for the family of David Gerald Wagner.



Elmo & Pat Wagner - April 29, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Gerald Wagner.



April 29, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *David was a Honest and noble Man.He stood firm on what he believed ..His humbling beginnings made him the unique individual he turned out to be .David will be truley missed but never forgotten. We salute you David for Service and being the Patriot that you always will be.*  
*Michael and Teresa Harwell*

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**M.d. Harwell** - April 28, 2022 at 11:35 PM

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*Thank you Nana and Papa.*

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**Holly Harwell** - April 29, 2022 at 09:58 AM

SD

“ *Lt Colonel Wagner will be recognized with a formal toast in his memory at the next meeting of Stinsons Flight, Order of Daedalians, in San Antonio Texas, of which he was an active, valued and respected member. Hail, farewell, and happy landings from his fellow military aviators.*

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**Stinsons Flight, Order of Daedalians** - April 27, 2022 at 03:27 PM

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*Thank you. He loved aviation and being in Daedalians. I know that would mean so much to him. .*

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**Holly Harwell** - April 29, 2022 at 09:58 AM