



Edgar Owen Willhelm

August 12, 2016 - August 12, 2016

Edgar Owen Doc Willhelm, 83, died on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at Freedom House of Blue Skies of Texas formerly Air Force Village following a lengthy struggle with Parkinson's disease. He was a devoted, adoring husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He is sorrowfully missed by all.

He was born October 29, 1932 in Galveston, Texas, the son of Ernest Virgil and Edythe Owen Willhelm, Sr. He graduated from Ball High School in 1950, attended the University of Houston until being drafted into the U.S. Army. His military service included more than a year as a First Lieutenant in the Infantry Division of the U.S. Army serving in the Korean War. He returned to Texas and completed his education at the University of Houston and later at East Texas State University where he earned a Doctor of Philosophy PhD degree.

From a young age he enjoyed participating in many sports, but had a special love for football. He played throughout his high school and college years and took great pride in having been a starting nose tackle and center when Ball High School won its District Football Championship in 1949. He was later drafted by the Los Angeles Rams; however, he chose to begin a career in Education, his other love, after returning from military service.

He began a long and distinguished career in the Texas Public Schools as a History Teacher and Coach, primarily of football. He later became an

Administrator in the school systems of Texas serving as Assistant Principal and Principal in the Spring Branch ISD and the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. He moved to the Dickinson ISD where he became Superintendent of Schools. He also served as Superintendent of the Lamar Consolidated ISD, the Comal ISD, and the Hobbs, New Mexico Municipal School District.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Fred and his sister Margaret Feistel. He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Michelle; his children, Travis Willhelm, Holly Kosler Daniel, Mike Willhelm Luis, Burke Kealey Samantha and Colleen Dietz Brett; his grandchildren Haley Beam JD, Caleb Willhelm, Cambrey Willhelm, John Kosler Stephanie, Shannon Bedo Andrew, William Hajdik Stacie, Ryan Hajdik Nina, Anna Kosler, Benjamin Kosler, Alec Dietz, Macy Dietz, Quinn Kealey, Ty Kealey, Beatrice Kealey and Zane Kealey; his mother-in-law, Beatrice Vinas; and brothers, Gunner Willhelm, Joe Willhelm Elizabeth, and Sidney Willhelm; twelve great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Doc's family members want to express their deep appreciation for the loving care and devotion provided by the nurses, caregivers, and support staff at Freedom House and Blue Skies Hospice.

SERVICES

A Graveside Service with Military Honors will be at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, TX. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Doc's memory may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association APDA at www.apdaparkinson.org, Katie's Roadside animal Rescue KRR at www.krrtx.org, or charity of choice.