



## Fred S. Bell Jr.

April 21, 1919 - October 28, 2004

Fred S. Bell, Jr. P.E., peacefully departed Thursday evening, October 28, 2004, at age 85.

Born in El Campo, Texas April 21, 1919, son of Fred S. and Blanche Bell. He was the great-grandson of Dilue Rose Harris, a noted Texas historian. In 1833 Dilue settled in Texas, with her

father, Dr. Pleasant W. Rose, and his family. Her journals are some of the earliest and best

accounts of life for new settlers in Texas. Fred S. Bell, Jr. joined the Army shortly after Pearl

Harbor. He served in the European theater during World War II, participating in the Amphibious landing at Normandy, France Ohio Beach, Battle of the Bulge, and three other major campaigns with the 90th Infantry Division, 343 Field Artillery Brigade, under General Patton's Third

Army. Fred S. Bell, Jr. married his beautiful and loving wife, Mary Louise Bergeron, on November 27, 1949. In 1951 he was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, from The University of Texas at Austin.

Fred S. Bell, Jr. dedicated his life to enhancing the

environmental factors relating to the citizens of San Antonio and the surrounding areas. He was instrumental in bringing attention to, and

controlling the threat of pollution of the Edwards Aquifer. Fred S. Bell, Jr.

retired as Director of Environmental Health Services after over 25 years of

service with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. After retirement he

continued to work with the Texas Department of Health, Region 9, for several more years.

Aside from his career, he proudly served the community with many years of volunteer service with the Boy Scouts. He was honored and proud that he could watch his son, and two grandsons attain the rank of Eagle Scout. He was a devout Catholic, an avid hunter and outdoorsman, and enjoyed his years as Little League coach. Fred S. Bell, Jr., was truly a 'family man', he treasured his family, and they will always treasure the memories with him. In life, and after

death, he guides his family with his loving thoughts, compelling the Bell family members to strive to live happy, hearty, lives and serve as he did to the community. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary, of 55 years, and their son James H. Bell, whose wife Carolyn, and their children, Scott, Deana, and Kevin, reside in Carrollton; Texas, his daughter, Sherrie L. Orvis, her husband Brad, and their sons Steven, Price, and Kevin, of San Antonio, Texas; the son of his deceased sister, Laura Lou, and her loving husband, Gilbert J. Wilbeck, nephew G. John Wilbeck, wife Dorothy, and their children Mary Laura, Martha, Margaret, Chris and Tommie, of

Angleton, Texas; his sister Doris K. Weitzel, widow of Eilert Weitzel, and their children Judy and Fred, of Victoria, and Richard of San Antonio, Texas.

Viewing at Mission Park North, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio Texas 78230 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with rosary to follow. The Services will be held at St. Gregory's Catholic Church on Monday, November 1, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to Boysville, Inc please feel free to visit their website at <http://www.boysvilletexas.org/> for more information on the organization, and donating or, a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.* ”

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**Directors & Staff at Mission Parks Funeral Chapels North** - October 29, 2004 at 12:00 AM