



Fred Raul Chapal

June 17, 1923 - March 28, 2023

Fred Chapal was born June 17th, 1923 in Mexico City to Raquel and Dr. David Chapa. A few years later the family moved to San Antonio, TX. He graduated from Jefferson High School. He attended two years at Arkansas Tech before entering the armed forces during WW2. He was in the Army's 87th chemical mortar battalion. He was part of 5 major battles including Normandy (D-day-Utah beach), Northern France, Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge), Rhineland (crossed the river twice), and Central Europe. He received the American Campaign Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Victory WW2 medal, French Legion of Honor Medal, Luxembourg March Medal of Honor, and a Silver Star. After returning from the war he completed his education at St Mary's University with a bachelors in business administration. At that time, he met and married the love of his life Dorothy Stansell. They married in 1948. Together they had two daughters Devon and Kirstin. Fred was employed at Great Western Finance for 17 years. Later, he opened and ran his own business Accurate Record Service. He ended his career working civil service at Fort Sam Houston for 34 years. He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters JoAnn Dorsey and Margaret Heath; brother Eddie Chapal. He is survived by his wife Dorothy of 74 years; daughters Devon and Kirstin; 9 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; nieces Laura Chapal and Colleen Dorsey; nephews Scott Chapal and Michael Dorsey.

The celebration of his life will be on April 14th, 2023 at 1:00pm. Reception to follow. Both will be held at Oak Ridge Baptist Church with pastors Bill Shockley and Andrew Bedo. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to their church or a charity of your choice in his name.

Oak Ridge Baptist Church

10915 Vance Jackson Rd.

San Antonio, TX 78230

A graveside service will be held on Friday, April 21, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. (Shelter No. 2) Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **14**. 1:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

APR **21**. 10:15 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209