



## Gregory Wells Crane

August 25, 1932 - August 3, 2017

Born to Nancy Wells Crane and Lt. Carl J. Crane in San Antonio at the Fort Sam Houston hospital, at the age of six weeks, Greg and his brother, Carl Joseph, and his sister, Mary Barbara, accompanied his father and mother to Panama where Lt. Crane had been assigned by the Dept. of the Army. Many transfers followed until the family, with additional siblings, brother John Witmer and sister Nancy Antonia, settled in Sacramento for the duration of World War II.

He attended Christian Brothers School in Sacramento and after graduation moved to San Antonio and matriculated at St. Mary's University in 1951. After graduating, he enlisted in the Navy OCS program and was commissioned an Ensign in Newport, Rhode Island. In August, 1957 he was designated a Naval Aviator having won his wings in Corpus Christi and served as a jet flight instructor at the Kingsville Naval Air Station until completing his active duty requirement. As a reserve Naval Aviator he flew for four more years with VF703 out of Dallas.

Greg worked for thirty three years at the Broadway Bank where for the last fifteen years of his career he served as President and CEO. Retiring at the age of sixty-five in January 1998, he remained on the Board of Directors until October 2011. His particular expertise was in real estate and mortgage lending. His achievements included President of the Texas Bankers

Association, President of the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, board of directors of the San Antonio branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, board of directors of Kelly USA (Port of San Antonio), president of the San Antonio Mortgage Bankers Association, member of the Army Community Council, and other civic and charitable organizations. In retirement, Greg has authored six novels.

St. Mary's University honored Greg as a distinguished graduate and as a member of the Athletics Hall of Fame. He served the University as a member of the Board of Trustees for eight years, the last five as Chairman. He was a founding member of St. Matthew Catholic Church and served as its first finance chairman. He also served the Archdiocese of San Antonio as a member of its finance committee and received the Archbishop Francis Fury medal for his service.

Greg and his wife, Patsy Nelson Crane, had 7 children, 6 boys and one girl. He often said his family was the most important aspect of his life and was very proud of their achievements. Every Sunday evening his family gathered at his home for a Mexican dinner (beans, rice and enchiladas) cooked by Patsy. This included his children, grandchildren, and most of the time some of their friends and a few other relatives. A gathering between twenty and thirty people was the norm.

He is survived by his wife Patsy who he described as the love of his life, his children, Carl Phillip, Jeffery Joseph, Patrick Nelson, Lisa Ann, Gregory Wells, and Marc Alan, seventeen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. His youngest son, Steven Michael succumbed to leukemia at the age of five.

A Rosary will be recited at 1:30 PM on Thursday, August 10th at St. Matthew Catholic Church. The Funeral Mass will follow immediately at 2 PM. A reception will immediately follow the Mass and will be at St. Matthew

MacDonald Family Center. Private Internment.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's University Scholarship Fund, San Antonio, TX.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

17501 Nacogdoches Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78266  
(210) 651-6011

# Previous Events

## Rosary

AUG 10. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
10703 Wurzbach Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Funeral Mass

AUG 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
10703 Wurzbach Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Reception

AUG 10. 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *My condolences to the family. He was a great man and civic leader. I met him while we were working on developing the Neighborhood Housing Services for the Mexican American Unity Council. It was a challenge to develop a program to help finance aging homes in the older parts of the city. We succeeded as the program is still working. I worked with the Air Force and retired back to San Antonio. I last saw him at an Antonian High School football game when one of his family members was playing. My granddaughters have graduated from the school and gone on to college.*

*Greg was a great banker as he helped link other bankers to the work that MAUC was involved. His bank still participates with MAUC. I now serve on the Board of MAUC and am thankful for all the work he has done in the community. May he rest in peace.*

*Michael Garcia*  
*josiemikegarcia@twc.com*

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**Michael Garcia** - August 10, 2017 at 06:49 PM

GW

“ *Gary and MaryLou Walker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gregory Wells Crane.*



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**Gary and MaryLou Walker** - August 09, 2017 at 02:57 PM

RF

“ Rudy & Anna Torres & Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Gregory Wells Crane.



Rudy & Anna Torres & Family - August 08, 2017 at 06:29 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Gregory Wells Crane.



August 08, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Gregory Wells Crane.



August 08, 2017 at 02:00 PM

SL

“ My father, B/Gen Travis Hetherington, called Greg a friend and had a great deal of respect for him. He and Greg knew each other for many years through business dealings at Broadway NB. I even met Mr Crain when I'd go to Broadway with my father. T. Hetherington and Daughtets, Inc. was his home building company. Praying for all of you, Susan Hetheringtin Lloyd

Susan H. Lloyd - August 08, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Gregory Wells Crane.*



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August 08, 2017 at 02:15 AM



“ *What a wonderful man, and family. My father Bill Meskill has had the pleasure and honor of being Mr. Crane's friend for over 65 years, and was best man at their wedding. Patsy Crane, all the Crane children and their spouses and grandchildren - are just amazing people - so kind, loving and good. The world is a better place because of the Cranes.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Suzanne Meskill Doughty*

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**Suzanne Doughty** - August 08, 2017 at 01:06 AM



“ *Fond memories of the best boss I ever had! Blessings to all his family.*

*Larry Crow*

*Broadway Bank 1968-1971*

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**Larry Crow** - August 06, 2017 at 07:41 AM

DB

“ Greg was an outstanding parent and with Patsy reared marvelous children. He truly was a strong, positive, supportive father. He will be missed. Yet he rests in the arms of Jesus in the power of His resurrection. God bless you and give you comfort and peace.

*Don & Judy Berg*

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**Don Berg** - August 05, 2017 at 11:33 AM

RM

*"If you want to change the world go home and love your family". Mother Teresa, Mr Crane did this and worked outward. Those who knew him will treasure his memory and example. Vaya con Dios Mr Crane.*

*Robert*

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**R. Martinez** - August 06, 2017 at 12:06 AM