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Henry Clay Hight, of San Antonio, Texas died March 22, 2016, surrounded by his family. He was 85 years old. Henry is survived by his children, Nancy Flack and husband Dan, Hallie Rowe and husband Harry, Henry Hight Jr., Robert Hight, Susannah Herman and husband James, Stephen Hight, James Hight and wife Jennifer, Charles Hight and twenty Grandchildren and four Great Grandchildren Heather, Christian, James, Sean, Austin, Taylor, Bridget, Hector, Jake, Quinton, Savannah, Madison, Kelsey, Jameson, Kylie, McKenna, Cassidy, Quill, Jack, Emily, Kathryn, Hayden , Hector, Victoria and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Robert Lee Hight and Gladys Margaret Hight of San Antonio, his brother's Austin Swayze and William Swayze and sisters Alice Dimler and Elizabeth Wonacott. Henry was born on January 2, 1931 in San Antonio, Texas, he attended Jefferson High school and Trinity University. Henry was a successful business man and entrepreneur. He ran a successful Automotive Parts Wholesale Supply business and had several Auto part retail stores in many South Texas towns surrounding the San Antonio area. Henry helped many small business men and women in their community get started with their first inventory as an auto parts store by providing them with credit that they could not get from their local banks. Henry would soon venture off into the

professional sports realm by owning the San Antonio Toros football team in the sixties and early seventies. This was one of the most successful teams of their era and had the whole city and south Texas engaged in all the games and shouting "Ole Toros". He was very proud of the write ups that his good friend Express News sports columnist Dan Cook would do for the team. The Toros would end up producing some of San Antonio's most successful high school coaches, business men and professional wrestlers. He did not have many regrets but he did regret not being able to get them into the NFL as a team at that time. Henry would later transition his business from Automotive to Industrial Wholesale Distribution selling products to large Manufacturing Plants. He started working in Mexico with the Maquiladora industry early on and would soon bring his children into the business which he was very proud of. Henry was a man of many lives having survived having a knife going into his eye as a small boy, getting bit by a rattle-snake at his ranch and not least of all barely surviving a major plane crash in 1982 that left him with a low speaking voice and shattered arms and legs that took him years of rehab. Henry was extremely well read and love to travel. His passion was finding places off the beaten path and just in engaging in conversation with anyone he met. Although he had traveled all over the world his most enjoyable time was taking road trips with his family to places like Del Rio, Big Bend, West Texas, New Mexico, Arizona or just being with his family at his ranch in Vanderpool, TX. He loved nature tremendously. People come to the Lord many different ways be it literature, art, nature or family. Henry believed the beauty of our world and universe was so perfect it could have only been through the hand of God. He was a believer. He was an inspiration and friend to many. He was always optimistic about life. He really loved his kids and grandkids and instilled many of his good traits in all of them. Henry appreciated his employees and had a good relationship with them.

A visitation and Rosary will be Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 6:00-9:00 pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapel North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr. San Antonio,

Texas 78230. A funeral mass is scheduled for March 31, 2016 at 10:00 am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church 8500 Cross Mountain Trail San Antonio, Texas, with burial to follow at Mission Burial Park North, 20900 W IH10. A reception to follow at The Grill at Leon Springs. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Henry's life. In lieu of flowers Please contribute to the Dreams Come True Inc. 3242 Swandale San Antonio, Texas 78230 501C 3 ID 74-2788158.