



Henry Ellis Pagel

June 16, 1928 - March 18, 2021

Henry Ellis Pagel travelled home to Jesus on March 18, 2021 at the age of 92. Born June 16, 1928 in San Antonio to Guy Julius Pagel and Recie Ellis Pagel, Henry was their only child. He is survived by his children Debbie Rettko of Lakehills, Texas; Donna Pennington and husband Daniel of Gulf Breeze, Florida; Dano Pagel of San Antonio; David Pagel and wife Michele of San Antonio; Darren Pagel and wife Rhonda of Saint Hedwig, Texas. He is also survived by his only grandchild, Sara Pagel (daughter of David and Michele). He is preceded in death by his parents and his Son-In-Law Jimmy Rettko. Henry graduated from Harlandale High School in 1946 and then briefly attended San Antonio College. He then found work with Southwestern Bell and on August 9, 1950 he enlisted into the United States Air Force where he became a Senior Communication Machine Repairman as a Corporal. While serving with the 1928th AACS Squadron, he received the Good Conduct Medal on August 20, 1953. After retiring as a Staff Sergeant from the Air Force on February 28, 1955, Henry returned home and continued his career with Southwestern Bell while raising his family. He was very active in the YMCA Indian Guides and was a Scout Master in the Boy Scouts of America. Henry officially retired from his career with Southwestern Bell on August 12, 1989 after 42 dedicated, hard-working years. Since then, he enjoyed living his best life with friends and family. His favorite past times were singing Karaoke, dancing, camping, fishing and spending holidays with his family. Henry's love for singing Karaoke led him to Helotes where he would frequent different bars

and restaurants to sing his heart out several times a week. He also loved to travel and would spend months at a time traveling the country pulling his travel trailer. Henry found the hobby of key making in his retirement years and loved it so much, he turned his travel trailer into a locksmith shop. He would take his traveling locksmith shop to his favorite flea market to offer his skilled key making abilities. Henry was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Communications Workers of America. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Henry's honor to Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Meals on Wheels or Wounded Warriors.

Cemetery Details

San Jose Burial Park

8235 Mission RD
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 923-0272
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall

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Family and friends, it was a privilege to know henry and to be a part of his family gatherings. It has been a hard year in solitude, since the corona virus hit. I have not visited anyone, but my own family. Only today I felt like calling henry. And found the news. My family and I would like to express our sympathy and well- wishes to all of his. I am so glad I know his family history, and visited the special place. We went to church together, he helped during a hard time. I am so sad, miss him, too. He sang, reminded me of my own dad. Love to all.

Carolyn coleman - April 13, 2021 at 08:15 PM



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“ *Henry was my Father-In-Law and missing him during family gatherings and holidays will be an understatement. Though he was a man set in his ways (let's face it, why wouldn't he be after a long life of working hard), I had much admiration for him. My favorite thing that I'll miss the most about him was the way he addressed me every single time he saw me. He would always call me "Little Momma" and honestly, I loved it. I really don't think he even knew my name (kidding - of course he knew my name). He called me that from the first day I became Mom to his only grandchild. I'm heartbroken for my daughter as she will certainly miss her Granddad.*



Michele Pagel - March 22, 2021 at 03:08 PM