



## Homer Lee Lay Jr.

January 22, 1931 - August 31, 2017

Obituary for Homer Lee Lay Jr.

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Homer Lee Lay Jr. (Tommy) was born on January 22, 1931 to Homer and Alice Lay in Fort Worth, TX and went to be with his Lord on September 31, 2017 at the age of 86. At the age of 15 Homer left school to work for his Dad installing soda fountains in the Fort Worth area. In his late teens, Homer enlisted in the US Air Force, where he completed his GED. For twenty-one years he had a successful career as an aircraft mechanic and Crew Chief. In his service to the country he was deployed to Korea in '53, Vietnam in '59 (under Eisenhower), Taiwan in '63, and Afghanistan in '68.

The last two overseas tours, he was accompanied by his wife and kids. When he retired from service in '71, Homer had attained the rank of Master Sergeant.

Homer's second career was as a High School Teacher in Construction Trades (Shop class). For ten years he taught at-risk students woodworking skills at Holmes High School in the Northside School District. He was recognized by his peers for his skill at reaching and teaching “tough kids”. He retired from teaching, seeing many of his students becoming successful citizens of the community

Homer was preceded in his death by his father, mother and his third child Sandra Jean Lay. He leaves behind his sons, Ralph and Andrew Lay, their

mother, Dorothy Jean Lay of Austin, and son  
-in-law, Rodney Heathcott of Bastrop. Surviving grandchildren are Zachary  
Lay, Shiloh Lay, Nathanael Lay, Jerusha Lancaster, Josiah Lay, their families,  
and three great grandchildren.

There will be a viewing on Tuesday, September 5, from 6:00 – 7:30pm at  
Mission Park North Funeral Chapel on 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, TX  
78230. A graveside service will be on Wednesday, September 6, at 9:45am at  
Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd, San  
Antonio, TX 78209. Those attending need to be at the main gate no later than  
9:15am for admittance. The family has asked that if you so choose, in lieu of  
flowers, donations be made to your local Alzheimer's Association in Homer's  
name

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Graveside Service with Full Military Honors

SEP 6. 9:45 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Homer's passing. He was truly one of a kind. We worked together at Holmes High School for many years, We shared many laughs together; he will be remembered fondly.

Teresa Hill - September 07, 2017 at 01:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Homer Lee Lay Jr..



September 04, 2017 at 10:43 PM

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“ From Stan and Carolyn Walden purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Homer Lee Lay Jr..



From Stan and Carolyn Walden - September 02, 2017 at 02:37 PM