



Jack Lee Callahan

December 7, 1922 - March 6, 2010

CALLAHAN

Jack Lee Callahan passed away peacefully at home on March 6, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Robin, and his son Martin. Jack was born on Dec. 7, 1922 in Phoenix, Arizona and moved to Texas with his family in 1925. He worked as an aircraft mechanic at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas from 1941 until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943. Jack completed B-24 Bomber transition training at Boise, Idaho, and, with his crew, was selected as the "Best Combat Crew" during training. In 1944, he traveled by ship to Italy to join the 756th Bomb Squadron, 459th Bomb Group at Giulia Field. Jack served as Lead Crew co-pilot and was awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He returned home to San Antonio in June 1945.

Jack flew crop dusters after the war and graduated with a BBA degree from Trinity University in 1949. During the Korean War, he flew helicopters with the 39th Air Rescue Squadron, 3rd Air Rescue Group out of Seoul, Korea and Ashiya Air Force Base, Japan. Jack was awarded a 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for evacuating wounded soldiers from the front lines to rear area hospitals. He served as pilot for Generals Mark Clark, William Dean and W.C. Westmoreland. A member of his helicopter crew in Korea was a brother to a member of his B-24 Bomber crew in WWII.

After the Korean War, Jack flew support missions for the first successful U.S.

launch of a satellite at Cape Canaveral, Florida. He later served as a communications and electronics officer until retirement at the rank of major from the U.S. Air Force in 1968. Jack graduated with a Master of Education degree from Our Lady of the Lake University in 1968. He worked as a guidance counselor for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission for 14 years before retiring from the state. Jack also taught psychology part time at San Antonio College and enjoyed teaching Sunday school at his church. He was a Mason and a member of the 459th Bomb Group Association and the Korean War Veteran's Association.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 PM Thursday, March 11, 2010 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A graveside will begin at 2:15 Friday, March 12, 2010 at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with Full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana, 201 Meredith Drive, San Antonio TX 78228.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Martin, I am so sorry for your loss. If you need anything please don't hesitate to ask. God Bless you.*

Sherry Salone - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Dear Ms. Robin and Martin:*

Johnny and I were saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Jack Lee Callahan. We know he was a dear beloved husband to you Ms. Robin, and also a loving father to Martin.

We never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Callahan, bu

Johnny and Crissy Villarreal - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Such a wonderful and interesting obituary you wrote about your father. We will keep you in our prayers and thoughts.*

Reuben & Marta Knape - March 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My sympathy for you and your mother, Martin. God Bless.*

Cindy Waldrop - March 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Martin, my deepest sympathy to you and your mother for the loss of your father. I will keep you in my prayers.*

Suzanne Markgraf - March 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Please accept our condolences during this time of reflection.
Saturday was a beautiful day in Texas.

Clay & Kathryn Baulch - March 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ My sincere condolences to you and your family.

Audrey Vertucci - March 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Aunt Robin, Martin,
I am so sorry for your loss! My prayers to you both and to rest of the
family. Uncle Jack left me with many good memories.
God speed,
Avery

Avery Landon Martin - March 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy for your loss.

Tommy Knox - March 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ We send our condolences and respect. With kind regards and best
wishes.

Clive & Mary Bassett - March 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. He was definately part of "The Greatest
Generation" and an American Hero.

James McCollom - March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Another hero for America.*

Carlen Forinash - March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I am sure Jack, whom I never had the pleasure of meeting, was much like his son Martin, a kind, gentle soul. Blessings to you all in your time of loss.*

Dale Killinger - March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. I knew Jack's mother, Enola Callahan, and I remember how very fond of him and her grandson she was. I was surprised that she was not mentioned in the obituary as she was a very important part of his life. Again, my sympathy*

Judy Boyd - March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM