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Jack walked tall and straight into the arms of our loving Savior in His beautiful garden. Released from the bonds of a wheelchair and then a bed for the last years of his life, even with these hindrances, he never lost his beautiful smile and his loving disposition, greeting each visitor or nurse with a smile and "Hi!" Jack was born to Paul Emil Kardow and Josephine Estelle Metzger on November 5, 1923 in San Antonio, Texas where he spent his entire life with the exception of three years in Europe in World War II. He was the youngest of five children; John and wife Marjorie, Paul Otto, Ottelia Marie and husband Paul Johnson, Robert Emil and wife Lorraine; all of San Antonio. He was preceded in death by his parents, loving mother-in-law Jessie B. Taitte and all siblings. During World War II, Jack landed on Omaha Beach and when the war ended he was in Northern Germany. He was assigned to a communication unit in the Third Army that was ahead of General Patton. Jack laid lines to machines tracking and decoding German messages. His unit received a Presidential Citation from President Roosevelt with five Bronze stars. The time spent in the "Battle of the Bulge" was where his feet to his knees were frozen for days on end. This caused the problems as traced by several doctors for his major trauma the last ten years of his life. Jack returned to San Antonio in December 1945 and on October 19, 1946 he

married his lifelong sweetheart, Margaret L. Taitte on October 19, 1946. They lived and loved for 2 days short of their 66th wedding anniversary. He is survived by his wife Margaret and their three children: Margaret Lorraine Peggy and husband Ladale York of San Antonio, Frances Elaine and husband Terry Dunkum of San Antonio, and Jack Francis, Jr. and wife Vivian of Houston. From these loving children they have six grandchildren; Reece Gordon Carter and wife Rhonda of Atlanta GA, Justin Farrell Carter and wife Tabatha of Charleston SC, Matthew Lane York and wife Katrina of San Antonio, Lisa Marie and husband Duane Weldon of San Antonio, Travis Matthew Dunkum and wife Kristen of San Antonio, and Meghan Francis Kardow of Los Angeles CA. He also has five great-grandsons; Dustin Weldon, Jared Carter, Rhett Carter, Riley Carter and Owen Dunkum. Additionally he is survived by his sisters-in-law Marie Griffin of Boerne, Mildred and husband Al Isennock of San Antonio and Joan Taitte of Albuquerque NM; along with many nieces, nephews and a host of loving friends.

Visitation will begin on Friday, October 19, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

For personal acknowledgement you may sign the guest book at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the obituary section.