



Jack L. Nicholson

January 27, 1919 - February 10, 2016

Jack L. Nicholson, 97, was peacefully received into the arms of the Lord on Wednesday, 2/10/16, while surrounded by family. Jack is survived by his loving and adoring wife, Helen, children Judy and Dennis, 5 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and 1 great, great grandchild.

Jack was born to James Nicholson and Lucille Clark on January 27, 1919 in Anadarko, OK. In his early career, he was a ditch digger for an oil and gas company where he prepared the ground for pipelines. Later, he worked as an airplane mechanic at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. Shortly thereafter, during WWII, he enlisted in the Marines. His decision to enlist came while he was walking in downtown Oklahoma City past a Recruitment Center and saw many young men under the age of 18 standing in line. It was then he decided that if he could take the place of at least one young man, it was his obligation to do so. His previous experience as an airplane mechanic led him to being assigned as crew chief aboard the twin-engine Curtiss Commando which was the largest propeller cargo plane at that time, ensuring that his brothers in arms were quickly and safely transported to safe harbors and awaiting hospital ships.

Following his tour, he returned to OK and the oil rigs where a steel beam fell on his head severely injuring him. During his prolonged hospitalization, he read a 2-line ad for a real-estate agent. As a result he became employed as real-estate salesman that evolved into a successful career as a nationally recognized commercial real estate developer specializing in regional indoor

air-conditioned shopping malls. Jack played an integral role in the development of Cinderella City in Denver, CO followed by the development of Big Town Shopping Center in Dallas, TX and others. But his proudest accomplishment was the development of Wonderland Mall.

Jack was also a member of the board of directors for Frost Bank-Colonnade and founding Director of the San Antonio Federal Credit Union SACU. He continued to serve as an advisory director of Frost Bank until his passing.

SERVICES

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at Fort Sam Houston.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The American Legion Post No. 0336 at 6440 Evers Rd. Leon Valley, Texas, 78238 and/or the VFW Post 837 at 4436 Valleyfield, San Antonio, Texas, 78222. Arrangements with