



## James A. Forester

September 22, 1926 - December 15, 2006

Dr. James A. Forester a long time San Antonio educator died December 15th, 2006 after a courageous battle with cancer. Dr. Forester was born in El Paso, Texas September 22, 1926 to Matt and Lillie Forester. After graduating from Edgewood High School in 1944, he attended St. Mary's University. The following semester Jim joined the Army and was sent to the Philippines for two years. When he returned, he started teaching in Edgewood and continued his schooling at St. Mary's University. At the age of 23, he was made Principle of Edgewood Elementary School. Two years later he became a Principle of Edgewood High School. Jim continued his education At Trinity University earning a Masters of Art in School Administration. He then received his Masters of Education in Guidance and Counseling from Our Lady of the Lake University. Jim taught classes at the Lake and St. Mary's University before coming Chairman of the Education Department at St. Mary's University. Jim attended University of Texas in Austin where he received his Doctorate of Education in 1966. While there he worked at the Texas Education Agency in the Department of School Accreditation. He also received an honorary PhD from University of London, London, England in 1969. Jim was a Director of Secondary Education in North East School District, Director of the Pupil Appraisal Center and Executive Director of Character Education, a joint program between North East and Trinity University. Dr. Forester spent 17 years as Director of Student Affairs at UTSA before his retirement. Jim is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years Nora Davidson Forester, daughters

Kathy Jordan, Nancy Moore and husband Tommy, sons Robert Forester, David Forester and extended family Pam Bisang, grandchildren Shelly Coffey, husband Brent, Jason Hart, Brian Moore, Cameron Forester, Taylor Forester, three great grandchildren, sister in law Vivian Davidson and numerous loving family members and friends, Jim was preceded in death by his grandson Wayne Forester. SERVICES Visitation Tuesday, December 19th, 5:00pm-9:00pm with Rosary at 7:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral services will be held at St. Matthews Catholic Church Wednesday, December 20th at 10:30 am. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park North Cemetery. Donations may be made to American Cancer Society or to the NISD Museum Association, 5617 Grissom Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78238

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Dear Nora and family,  
My heart goes out to you. I just now saw the obit while checking on another. Shock was the first emotion. Quickly I became thankful for having known and been a student of Jim's. I am still in education, and my life is replete

---

**John Friedland** - January 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.

---

**Directors & Staff at Mission Parks Funeral Chapels North** - December 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dearest Nora, I was so sorry to hear of Jim's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. It's very hard any time but especially at this time of the year. Since Carmen died on Christmas Eve, it's hard to celebrate Christmas! Kno

---

**Lil Duran** - December 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Nora and Kathy,  
I just saw the e-mail which went to Milton's e-mail instead of mine. I am sorry about your loss and even sorrier that I didn't know in time to attend the service.

*You will be in my prayers!*

*Love,*

*Rita Kay*

---

**Rita Kay Driggers** - December 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Dr. Forester is at peace now and in a place of well-being for eternity. Be at PEACE also. Love, Pat*

---

**Patricia Lanford** - December 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Nancy, Tom and family. We have you in our prayers. Peace be with each of you during this time of loss. Jim and Alice*

---

**Alice Sloan** - December 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Nora, my sympathy to you and the family. You might not remember me but I was the secretary when Jim, together with Joe Cardenas, were in the Educ. Dept. at St. Mary's and Bro. Belka was Chairman.*

---

**Joan Henarie** - December 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM