



## James A. Forester

September 22, 1926 - December 15, 2006

### FORESTER

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 Principal of Edgewood Elementary School. Two years later he became a Principal 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. 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. You may sign the on-line guest book at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under the obituary section.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest In Peace---A old student at Edgewood High School Class of 1955*

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**Stan Beardslee** - December 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *With deepest sympathy to Nora and family, in the passing of Jimmy. I have known Jimmy most of my life as he, Matt, and Lilly were friends and neighbors of my grandparents and family, the Deans. May this loss become easier as time goes by as you recall fo*

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**Peggy J. Dean** - December 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM