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James "Jim" Herbert King, age 94, died January 10, 2016. He was born December 19, 1921, to Isaac and Iris King, in Independence, Kansas. James and his family spent much of his early childhood following his father's carpentry trade, but settled in San Antonio, Texas, to provide a more stable life for the family.

Jim graduated from South San Antonio High School in 1941. After the outbreak of WWII, he enlisted in the US Navy, and served in the Pacific theatre. In 1945, Jim married Helen Marie Chojnacki. In the course of his 20-year career in the U.S. Navy, Helen and Jim resided in Washington, DC; San Diego, CA, where daughter Deborah Ann Debby was born; Honolulu, Hawaii; again in Washington, DC; and back to San Diego, CA, where the family lived until Jim's retirement from the service in 1960, when they permanently returned to San Antonio, Texas. Jim began a second career in electronics research at San Antonio's Southwest Research Institute, and retired from SWRI's Earth Sciences Department in 1988.

Jim's sparkling intelligence, attention to detail, and dry sense of humor will be fondly remembered by all who know him.

Jim is survived by daughter Debby Stasinopoulou and her husband Peter Stasinopoulos, grandchildren Andreas Stasinopoulos and Alexia

Stasinopoulos, and great-grandchildren Courtney, William, Alyssa, and Arianna, all of Beaumont, Texas, sister Pat King Kappler, and nephews Eddie John Chelkowski and Mike Chelkowski. He was preceded in death by wife Helen, and sisters Doris, Beverly, and Joyce.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Texas Biomedical Research Institute formerly Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research in San Antonio. Online at: txbiomed.org/make-a-difference.

A graveside service will be held at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 11:00 am.

Arrangements have been made by Mission Park South.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.