



## James Francis Legendre

July 13, 1936 - April 4, 2015

James Francis Legendre, born July 13, 1936 entered into his eternal rest on April 4, 2015 after a brief hospital stay. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 56 years, Arlene Kim; daughter Lisa Legendre sons Ramiro and Derek; daughter Carole Legendre; Son David and wife Dorenda daughter Kathryn and son Matthew; daughter Donna Hofmann and husband Dave daughter Paige; daughter Sharon Villarreal and husband Johnny daughter Bridget, Paul and great granddaughter, Jayde. His older brother, Leo is a retired Holy Cross Brother who is celebrating his 60 year jubilee this month in Valatie, New York. His younger brother, Robert and his wife, Lynn, their children and grand children live in the New York-New Jersey area. Jim started his academic career as a high school dropout. He joined the Air Force in 1954, earned his diploma, took college courses during his tour in England, then graduated from SAC in 1967. Next he was accepted by St. Mary's under Operation Bootstrap, and earned his BA degree in 1971. The Air Force offered him another opportunity and in 1974, he received his MA degree. After moving to Bulverde in 1973, he became active in St Joseph-Honey Creek Church and after a 3 year course at Oblate Seminary Deaconate program, he was ordained a Deacon on April 5, 1982 by Archbishop Patrick Flores. This Easter would have been his 33rd anniversary. Jim had a fascinating military career which included food inspections and meat inspection on the London docks. Later in the late 60's, he began working in Animal Research at Lackland AFB. Leg, kidney and heart transplants had

their beginnings here. He taught gnotobiotics in the school of Aerospace medicine at Brooks AFB. His Civil Service career began at the VA Hospital where he established and maintained a colony of nude, a-thymic mice in a sterile environment for lab animal research. He ended at Ft. Sam Houston where he wrote medical courses for the Army.

The entire family wishes to thank the 3rd floor staff at North Central Baptist Hospital and Gentiva Hospice, for making his last days as comfortable as possible. Special thanks also to Michelle Patterson, for being there for us and Jim during this time.

A rosary will be recited on Thursday, April 9th at 7 pm at St. Joseph Honey Creek Catholic Church, 25781 Hwy 46 West, Spring Branch, Tx 78070.

Funeral Mass Friday, April 10th at 10 am, interment to follow at St. Joseph cemetery.