



James E. McDonald

October 25, 1919 - June 26, 2008

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JAMES EVERETT McDonald, 88, was born in Junction City, KS on October 25, 1919 and passed away peacefully surrounded by his family, June 26, 2008. James was a resident of San Antonio for 59 years. A devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, James was preceded by his beloved wife of 57 years, Mildred Francis McDonald in 2000, his parents, Everett James and Anna Madge Zollinger McDonald, and sister, Emily Ann McDonald Reich. He leaves to cherish his memory daughters, Frances Anne McDonald and Linda K. Kissling Paul; grandsons, Allen James Moczygemba Alexandria and Lance Corporal USMC Matthew Stephen Moczygemba Sarah and great-grandchildren, Mikaela Marie Moczygemba and Matthew Steven Moczygemba. James is survived by nephew, George James Reich and other nieces and nephew. He enjoyed spending time with family and many extended family members. He will be missed by all.

During World War II., James served his country, in the Army Air Corp, being stationed in the Aleutian Islands. He was then transferred to Randolph AFB., to begin pilot training. While in San Antonio, he met his future wife, at the USO. A service physical revealed a severe medical condition, due to his exposure to extreme cold temperatures. This resulted in his having a lobectomy and a 9 month hospitalization at BAMC. James was medically discharged in Oct. 1943, attaining the rank of Sergeant. After 36 years as a

Federal Civil Service employee, he retired from Kelly AFB, in 1979. After his retirement from Kelly, James and Mildred enjoyed traveling extensively, throughout the United States, including several trips to Alaska and Canada in their RV. James and Mildred enjoyed many RV trips with Roadrunner and Retirees Good Sam Clubs. James was a long-time member of Highland Terrance United Methodist Church, and member of Jefferson United Methodist Church, for the last 8 years. At Jefferson United Methodist Church, James was very active in the "Lunch Bunch." James was a Life Member of Highland Hills Lodge #1373 A.F. & A.M., a 32o Degree Mason of the Scottish Rite and a Noble of Alzafar Shrine Temple. He was also a member the Highland Hills Chapter #1075, Order of the Eastern Star.

The family extends their the special thanks and gratitude to the staffs of the following for their care and support of James and his family over the last 8 years: Morningside Ministries, Meadows Retirement and Kalbach Assisted Living Communities, Sterling House at Maltsberger Assisted Living and Vitas Hospice. In lieu of floral tributes, donations in James' name to the following organizations would be appreciated. Alzheimer Association, San Antonio Morningside Ministries, San Antonio, Jefferson United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Sterling House at Maltsberger, San Antonio, Vitas Hospice, San Antonio.

Services

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 pm Monday, June 30, 2008 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral services will be at 11:00 am Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at the funeral home with interment to follow in Mission Burial Park South. Funeral services will be officiated by Reverend Tamara Strehli, Pastor of Jefferson United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

JZ

“ Jimmy was my cousin. His mother, Anna and my father, Dr Charles E. Zollinger were brother and sister along with other sibilings. As youngsters Jim and I got to play together. His mother gave my sister & me piano lessons so I saw Jim at least once a wee

Joe E. Zollinger - July 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Frank and Edith Hand - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Linda and Paul:
Nothing ever prepares us for the finality of death. Our prayers and songs are with you. I'm truly sorry for your loss.
An Irish blessing: "Until we meet againl, may God hold you in the palm of his hand". This is especially true

Bob Burke - June 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Frances,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of reflection, rejoicing and mourning. I know you will miss your Father, but also know he is with his beloved wife and Jesus looking down on you and seeing the wonderful family he

Dianne Needham Bluhm - June 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM