



John H. Durnell Sr

November 23, 1926 - August 17, 2011

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John was born November 23, 1926 in Craig, Colorado to parents Loma Claude Durnell and Abbie L. Pershing and went home to be with the Lord on August 17, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas. He was a member of the US Air Force and retired at Lackland AFB. After his final retirement he was a proud and dedicated senior citizen volunteer for the Memorial Services Detachment at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. On April 13, 1950, John married his wife, Norma, whom he adored and loved for 49 years. He was preceded in death by his wife and infant child, Stevie. John is survived by daughter, Katherine Gass husband, Mike and sons John Durnell, Jr wife, Veronica and Scott Durnell wife Debra. He was also dearly loved by 7 grandchildren Jeremy Durnell, Julie Pace, Scott Durnell Jr, David Durnell, Amy Durnell, Meghan Gass and Michael Gass Jr. John also has one great grandchild, Addison Pace.

He served in the Air Force from 1947-1967 and during his military career he served overseas at Kaufbeuren AFB Germany, Bussac AFB France. During their time in Europe they enjoyed traveling to Spain, Portugal and Holland. After their return to the United States he served a one year tour in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska. He finished his military career in San Antonio as a Medic helping open Wilford Hall Medical Center then ended his career as a drill instructor. After his retirement he owned and operated Pan Am Mobil service

station for 10 plus years. He then went on to manage a chain of service stations throughout San Antonio and South Texas. He was a fan of the Spurs, Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys and enjoyed going to local baseball games that involved our extended family. He lived a full life enjoying bowling, fishing and mostly spending time with his family and friends. He was so very loved and will be greatly missed.

Services

Visitation will begin Monday August 22, 2011 at Brookehill Funeral Home from 6:00 Pm to 8:00 PM. The Funeral Procession will depart Tuesday August 23, 2011 at 9:15 AM from Brookehill Funeral Home for a Graveside Funeral Service at 9:45 AM at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ To John's family.....John as been a friend from the time we lived in Germany until here in San Antonio. He was a fine gentleman and we know he will be greatly missed by you all and all of his friends. We are so sorry! God give you peace and help you th

Ruth Moorman - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Dearest Kathy, I know how much these final days with your dad took their toll on you as you took great care of him. May God give you His peace now that your dad is in His care. May it be a comfort knowing your dad's legacy lives on in you and your family.

Susie Trial - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Your dad was a very special person. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

Tina Ahr Copas & family - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ John,
My deepest condolences to you and your family. So sorry to hear about your Dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Donna

Donna Baker - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I am praying for you and your family during your time of loss.

Melissa Kraft - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Kathy/Mike, Scott/Debbie, John/Veronica.. We are so sorry for your loss. I know your Dad was a great man and will be so missed. May God bless you all and your families at this time. May His comfort engulf you and may His healing presence be upon you. Love

Leo! and Eloy Alvarado - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ John Jr.,
You and your family are in our prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that God gives you peace during such a difficult time.

Betty Evans - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ John will be deeply missed by all of his comrades and ladies of VFW Post 8134 and the Auxiliary in La Coste. We all send our deepest sympathy and condolences to his family. If there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to call.

Carl and Mary-Bob Tapp - August 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Sorry for you loss. May God Bless and give you strength you in your time of sorrow. We will keep him and you in our prayers. God Bless.

Deb and Alex Zarzecki - August 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

J'

“ I'm sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers during this difficult time.

John A. Smith 'Tony' - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ John,
I pray God's blessing will be upon you and your family at this time of loss.

Kevin Gunn - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Cyndi's and my prayers are with you and the family. God bless.

Jim Avery - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of John Durnell, Sr. During the years we have known him we have learned what a truly wonderful person he was and of the many things that he did to help his fellow men. He was truly family to us. Norris, El

Norris and Ella Chambers - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ John Jr,
I didn't know your Dad but if he was anything like you, he was a great family man and was a loyal friend and co-worker. I am so sorry for your loss. I know you will miss him greatly.

Bobbie Arashiro - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM