



Karl Sylvester Gass

December 9, 1921 - February 17, 2011

Karl Sylvester Gass was born on December 9, 1921, the fourth child of Robert Carl & Emma Steubing Gass and went to be with his Lord and Savior on February 17, 2011. The following information was provided by Karl himself. His childhood years were spent on the family farm near Culebra Road. Karl attended the Culebra Country School and graduated from the ninth grade in May of 1938. He attended Thomas Jefferson High School one year, then transferred to Luther Burbank High School where he was a member of the first graduating class in 1940. After graduation, he immediately went to work at Swift & Company to help his family meet expenses incurred when his younger sister Ruby was stricken by polio earlier that year. He worked at Swift until he enlisted in the Navy in September of 1942 to serve his country during WWII. During his time in the Navy he served aboard three ships whose primary duty was escort and anti-submarine warfare. Karl was discharged on September 26, 1945. Following his discharge from the Navy, Karl worked the family farm as his brother Erwin had also been stricken by polio during Karl's time in the Navy. In December of 1946, Karl went to work for the US Post Office in San Antonio. His career at the Post Office was interrupted in 1950 when he was recalled by the Navy to serve during the Korean War. Karl had been a radar and sonar operator during WWII and this skill was needed by the Navy to help train new crews assembled to man ships activated from the mothball fleet. He served from July 1950 until March 1952 at which time he was again honorably discharged. Shortly after Karl started working at the Post Office in 1946, he

met his wife Corrine who was working at the Post Office as a war temporary clerk. She is the former Corrine Mueller from Twin Sisters, Texas. They were blessed with two sons, Gerald Lee Jerry born October 6, 1949 and Wesley Keith born on July 18, 1952. Karl retired from the US Postal Service on December 31, 1977. At retirement, he held the position of Manager, Stations and Branches. He was responsible for the western half of San Antonio including all the rural areas served by these stations/branches. After retiring from the Postal Service, Karl went to work for the Alamo Federal Credit Union for almost 14 years. In his leisure time Karl enjoyed his grandchildren and also enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, watching all types of sports, playing dominoes and cards, and was an avid fan of everything dealing with Texas A&M. Karl grew up in the Zion Lutheran Church of Helotes where he was baptized and confirmed but transferred membership to Zion Lutheran Church of San Antonio in 1950 after moving to town but returned to Zion of Helotes in 2003. While in town, he served his church in various duties including Treasurer, Church Council and Board of Deacons. He coached various teams in the Sunday School league...winning city championships in Junior Boys Softball and Senior Boys Basketball. Karl was also active in coaching his sons in the Northwest YMCA as well as in the Northwest Pony Baseball leagues where his teams won several championships as well. During his 89 plus years, he did just about everything that he wanted to do. Karl had a job that he enjoyed and a woman that he loved along with a great family while living in the best state in the greatest country on earth. May the Good Lord Bless each and everyone of you for reading this...forever, Karl. And now: when ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream rolls over me, Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove oh, bear me safe above redeemed and free! He is survived by his loving wife Corrine Gass; sons, Jerry Gass and wife Jan, Wesley Gass and wife Jena; grandchildren, Kyle, Brett, Ashley, Heidi, Anna, seven great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. His chosen pall bearers are: Grandsons Kyle and Brett Gass, Bill Turner, Allen Mueller, Mike Baker, and David Mueller.

SERVICES

A visitation will be held at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North on Monday, February 21, 2011 from 5:00 - 7:30 PM. A church service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 1:00 PM with interment to follow at the Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ With deepest sympathy to Corrine & Family. Praying that God will comfort you and give you His strength during this difficult time. May caring thoughts and prayers bring you peace.

Diane Schmidt & Family - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Corrine, Jerry and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have fond memories of meeting your entire family at the 2009 Destroyer Division 38 Reunion that you facilitated in San Antonio. Our family sends you our condolences.

Bill, Liz and Edith Willeford - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ We first met Karl & Corrine in the fall of 2002 at the reunion of Karl's WWII shipmate association, Destroyer Division 38. We fell in love with the Gasses and became good friends with them and their family as time passed. We always loved being with Karl

Gary & Teresa Edmisten - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We feel very blessed to have known Mr. Gass for the past 30-plus years. He has always made these two "transplanted Yankees" feel welcome and comfortable. Even though we know he is in heaven, we still feel sorrow. May God comfort your family.

Bill & Carol Harvie - February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Jerry - Deepest sympathies and condolences to you and all of your family members. May God's grace and comfort be with all of you during this time, and may you all find peace in the celebration of your father's wonderful life.

Nick Stradley - February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ I work with Kyle and my family and I are praying for the entire Gass family that God will bless everyone with peace and understanding that Mr. Gass is in heaven. I would like to share my life verse with everyone - "Trust in the Lord with all of your hear

Frank Jaster - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Corrine: You do not remember us but Karl and Clarence Hubley took me under their wings and made a better postal clerk out of me. You and Karl came to our wedding in Gonzales, Tx. in 1954. I shall never forget him for his kindness. I know you will miss him.

donald c speer Sr - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Dear Mrs. Gass and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I have such wonderful memories of you both while I was growing up. Also Joe always loved to talk hunting with Karl when we used to see you at Zion events. Please accept our sincere sympathy to yo

Nancy Froelich - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ We are very sorry for your loss and include you in our prayers.

Mike Crevier, Ginger Wahlers & Darian - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Dear Corrine, Jerry, Wesley, and family. I am so thankful you two have been a part of our life. We have so many wonderful memories - the beach at San Diego, taking our chairs to the other's apartment so we could play Canasta. each apt. only had two chairs.

Wier, R.W. & Deen - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Aunt Rennie, Jerry & Wesley,

Rick and I wish you all God's Love during your time of grief.

We are taking comfort in our many memories of Uncle Cholly, and we know he has already started a card/domino game in heaven.

Love Marilyn & Rick

Marilyn & Rick - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Jerry,
You and your family have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your father.

Ronnie Grenrood - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Corrine, We will miss Karl a lot. He was a wonderful friend of Zion and a good friend of ours. Thank you Karl for all you did for our country and our God.
*May God Bless You,
Jack and Linda*

Jack and Linda Phillips - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Our hearts are so heavy with sadness at the loss of our "special" Karl. He was not only a neighbor all these years, but also our close friend, and "father figure" who we could go to for anything, share/talk about everything, and look up to for guidance,

Mike, Cindy, Brian, and Breanne Baker - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ As we await our newborn baby, we pause with grief at Karl's passing, yet recognize the blessing of life and it's worthiness of celebration at both the beginning and the end. And with you all, we celebrate Karl's remarkable life and bear witness to his leg

Keith & Megan Hansen - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Aunt Renie God's Richest Blessings for and your family in your time of grief. Take comfort in our Lord and Risen Savior knowing that we too shall rise to live with Him in Paradise. 1Corinthians 15

With much love, Carey & Ruthie

Carey & Ruthie Ottmers - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ This is a most wonderful memorial for someone who lived a long and full life in service to God and his Country.

God Bless his memory.

Dennis & Rachelle VanLith - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM