



## Kenneth R Spannagel

October 22, 1927 - June 19, 2018

### LIFE LEGACY

Kenneth Ray “Sam” Spannagel

Kenneth Ray Spannagel passed away June 19th, 2018. He was severely injured in an auto accident in March and was also suffering from congestive heart failure.

Kenneth was born on October 9, 1927 in Cotton county Oklahoma to Robbie Minnie Crow and Russell Edison Spannagel. He was the 4th child of eight. The family moved to the vicinity of Lytle in 1937. He attended elementary and Jr. High school in Lytle until the family moved to San Antonio. He graduated from Luther Burbank High School in 1944.

He joined the Navy on May 14, 1945 at age 17 and served in the Pacific, after boot camp he reported to the USS Makassar Strait CVE 91 about 20 September and made trips to Kwajalein and later to Guam. In January 1946 the ship was sent to the Seattle area for decommissioning. He was discharged July 23rd 1946.

After the Korean conflict broke out the reserves were called back to service. His recall came on May 31, 1951, he reported to the USS Antietam CV 36. The ship was part of Task Force 77 and was in the combat area from Oct. 15th 1951 until March 19th 1952 returning to the states by Pearl Harbor then on to Alameda Naval Air station on May 2nd, 1952. Leaving the Bay area in August word came that all reservist who lived West of the Mississippi could get off in San Diego for discharge. He was discharged August 19th 1952.

He worked at Kelly Field in San Antonio as an Instrument Repair Technician between stints in the Navy. In 1959 he transferred to Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage Alaska and retired in 1973. He spent much of his retirement traveling in much of the Western United States and National Parks with different family members and took his mother and father to visit relatives and look up some of the ancestry of the family. He was an avid hiker. Later he made trips to Canada and Great Britain hiking in England, Scotland and Wales.

Beginning in 1996 Kenneth and a cousin Sally Wulbrecht began working on building a log cabin in Dubois, Wyoming. Completing the project late 1997 and occupied in early 1998. From that time on Kenneth split his time between the farm in Lytle and the log cabin in Dubois.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents Robbie Minnie and Russell Edison Spannagel, his sister Edna Fowler and brothers Lawrence Eldon, Sr., Russell Eugene, Billy Wayne and Johnny Allen.

He is survived by his sister Phyllis A. Sandlin of Dripping Springs and his brother Patrick Earl Spannagel, Sr. of San Antonio, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many devoted friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 25.** 9:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
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## Chapel Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sally Wulbrecht lit a candle in memory of Kenneth R Spannagel*



Sally Wulbrecht - June 24, 2018 at 09:56 PM

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“ *My dear friend, Kenneth...honest, quiet, giving and many more qualities of a great human being. So many memories...long trips, walks, backpacking in the Wyoming mountains and in England. The trees that you carefully tended are constant reminders of you. Lover of animals...they too will miss you. I miss you.*

Sally Wulbrecht - June 24, 2018 at 09:55 PM

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“ *So many memories, Kenneth. Rest in peace, dear cousin knowing we will treasure all the times we had with you. Don't you, dad and Johnny have too many wild adventures in Heaven. Love Eldon, Pauline and family.*

epwulbrecht - June 24, 2018 at 04:05 PM

EP

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



epwulbrecht - June 24, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth R Spannagel.*



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June 23, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth R Spannagel.*



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June 23, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ *Uncle Kenneth will be miss by all his Nieces and Nephews. He always had a kind smile that said everything will be ok even if it was at hard times. He love his walks and always took care of his health. He will be Miss mostly by his sister Our (Aunt Phyllis) and his Brother Our (Uncle Pat). He love his family very much and always there to help with his MOM And DAD. Uncle Kenneth will have many Rewards in Heaven*

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**Petrica Domanski (Spannagel)** - June 22, 2018 at 11:27 AM