



## Lance R. Dougan

December 14, 1939 - October 22, 2010

Lance R. Dougan, 70, passed from this earth on his journey to be with the Lord on October 22, 2010. He died in the comfort of his own home in San Antonio, TX, surrounded by his wife of 34 years, Elva, daughter Laura, as well as other family members. Lance was born December 14, 1939 in Jacksboro, TX, to Sam Smith Dougan of Tennessee and Iva Lista Reel Dougan of Corsicana, TX. Both predeceased him. He was an only child. As a young child he lived in Burkburnett and Mineral Wells. After his parent's divorce he also lived and attended schools in Rockdale and Henderson, TX. Lance moved to San Antonio to live with his father and step-mother Clara Bryant. He attended and graduated from Edison High School, Class of 1959. Following high school, his father advised him to go to electronics school because "that's where the future was and where jobs were going to be." He took his Dad's advice going to Central Technical School in Kansas City, Missouri, first through their correspondence school and then in Kansas City. After electronics school Lance worked for La Chappelle and Lloyds Electrical Companies before hiring with Western Electric Company, now known as AT&T. Working forty years with the company, he retired in 2002. During the Vietnam War, Lance served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for 6 years in the Alamo Silver Wings Unit as a Staff Sergeant. He received an honorable discharge. After retiring, Lance took up walking, exploring hiking trails across San Antonio and Texas State Parks. While on these hikes Lance came across historical markers leading him to further read and research about people and

places. This brought him to "check out" old Army forts, cemeteries, and gravestones of famous and infamous people who've made history in Texas. He walked a lot of miles doing something he thoroughly enjoyed. Many of his destinations were inspired by the history of the Texas Buffalo Soldiers who were stationed at frontier forts and military outposts from Texas to the Dakota Territories of the United States. "They helped build the West!!" Other journeys took him to visit Ft. McKavett, Ft. Scott, Ft. Brown, Ft. Washita, Ft. Mason and his most recent history adventure, Ft. Towson, Oklahoma. Lance liked high school, college, and professional sports attending the yearly rival football game between Edison and Jefferson, the Alamo Bowl College football games, the SPURS, Missions, and Rampage, but he was a die-hard fan of his favorite teams - the Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas City Royals - an affinity from his stay in KC and of the Kansas City Monarchs Baseball team of what was then known as the Negro Baseball League. He studied the Monarchs and Negro League history eventually meeting such greats like Buck O'Neil, John "Mule" Miles and "Red" Moore. He attended the "Smokey" Joe Williams Scholarships Banquet in Seguin at least twice. Lance's favorite things to do were tubing on the Guadalupe, Blanco, and Comal Rivers. He enjoyed musical festivities such as Conjunto festivals at Market Square and the annual jazz festivals at Travis Park. He attended Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers activities and walking the Mission and San Antonio River Trails, visiting their museums. Lance put a lot of miles on his shoes, especially at the Southside Lions Club walking trail where friendships were formed. Walking kept him going in his fight against colon cancer along with his Faith in God, who allowed him to live longer than expected. Now he'll be walking the streets and trails of Heaven in company of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our thanks to Drs. Ed Hesita, Morton Kahlenberg, Robert Ching and their staffs, to Odyssey Health and Hospice Care, nurse Grace Hernandez, and special thanks to brother-in-law, Rev. Ed Tello, Chaplain with Odyssey, for his help during this difficult time. Lance truly appreciated everything Ed did for him. Thank you to our family members and friends for their help, thoughts, and

prayers, to Pastor V.J. Espinoza and his wife Connie for ministering to Lance at home. Our loving daughter will miss her "Daddy", "Dad", and I will miss my hubby, "Hon", "Trooper Dougan." Lance is also survived by his uncle, aunts, and cousins, all members of the Reel Family, numerous brothers and sisters-in-law and their families. He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him. We'll always love you Dad. Go Chiefs!

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. I will always remember Lance for his kind nature, ready smile and an occassional song.*  
*Jerry Day*

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**Jerry Day** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *We are all blessed having known Lance. His upbeat spirit shined a light on everyone around him. He will be missed.*

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**David Browne** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. God Bless All of you in your time of need.*

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**Regina Castillo** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Elva and Laura, I am so sorry to hear about Lance. I pray that you will find comfort in the memories you hold so dear and that God will guide you and hold you through this difficult time. God bless you and all his family. Brenda*

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**Brenda Aniol** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Even though this is a very sad time for you and everyone who knew Lance...his passing allows us time to think about all the good times we shared with Lance over the years. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Lance from the time we both started*

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**David Smith** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy for your loss.*

*PS We have memories of dancing to "Lance Dougan and the Rhythm Knights.*

*Sincerely,  
JW & Mary Jane*

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**J.W.Lynn & Mary Jane** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Tio Lance,*

*I will always miss your smiling face at family gatherings. I wish I got the chance to know you better.*

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**Mark & Kari Alaniz** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of your loss.*

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**Annette Veselka** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Elva & Laura,  
Im so sorry for your loss. Just know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love Ginger*

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**ginger lara** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Elva and Laura,*

*My sympathy and condolences on the loss of Lance. I pray that God's peace and love will comfort your hearts and give you strength in the coming days.*

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**Charlotte Reel Lee** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *Well Bubba, you went and did it , you've gone 10-7 one last time . I will always remember how you introduced me to the world of CB radios , a life adventure. Your songs on the guitar , and your jokes about life, the countless talks we shared on history an*

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**E C Herrejon** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *and the journey is new.You inspired me to search out more of my surroundings, to travel the back roads of my own state. Dare the adventure inside of me and take a leap.Gonna miss you lots Bubba,yet keep you in spirit. This is the RedEagle saying...thanks*

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**E C Herrejon** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you find comfort and strength from the happy memories as you continue on your life journeys.*

*With heartfelt condolences,*

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**Christian and Jorge** - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Elva and Laura Lisa,*

*Please accept my and Sherry's deepest sympathy on the loss of Lance. He was brave to the end. I especially appreciate the time I was able to spend with Lance in your home talking about the Reel family history and hearing him fondly*

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**David Reel** - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ *You were a great man and friend. I am so glad that I got to meet you and share some great moments with you and your daughter. I will do my best as your daughters best friend, to be the best I can and be there for her as she goes through life. God Bless*

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**Vergial O. Parker** - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Laura and Elva*

*I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you that Gov give you strength and peace as your loved one is now at peace and with our Lord.*

*Love,  
Katherine*

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**Katherine Jass Lopez** - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My condolences to you, Laura, and your mom. My prayers have been for peace during this difficult time and will continue to be so. I'm so sorry for your loss.

*Know that your father and husband has been transformed and is in heaven with our precious Go*

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**Cynthia Selner** - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Laura,

*We're so sorry for the loss of your dad. Throughout everything that has happened you have remained strong and I know you will continue to do so. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your mom.*

*Love, Jenn & Mike*

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**Jenn & Mike** - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Tio Lance, you fought a brave fight, but the Lord decided to add yet another mansion in heaven for you to live in. A place where you are no longer in pain. You are now at the ultimate fort, where the hikes on the trails of gold are endless, and on them yo

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**Julian Herrejon** - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM