



Louis Santoy Tamez

November 23, 1929 - May 15, 2004

TAMEZ

Louis S. Tamez, 74, went to be with the Lord on May 15, 2004. He was greeted there by his mother, Guadalupe Gonzalez, his father, Leopoldo F. Tamez, a sister, Mary Test, and many others. He died peacefully at his residence, surrounded by his family after a long battle with cancer. He was born in San Antonio, Texas November 23, 1929 and lived there for most of his life. He served 20 years in the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant at age 25, then commissioned as an officer and retired at the rank of Captain. He was a navigator on the KC-97 air refueling aircraft.

He is survived by Bertha Torres Tamez, his faithful partner of 48 years and his 6 children, Paul Tamez and wife Linda of Temple, Margaret Garcia and husband Henry of Austin, Patricia Rosas and husband Robert of San Antonio, Peter Tamez and wife Terry of Houston, Michael Tamez and wife Lisa of Edmond, OK, and Martha Schanfarber and husband E.J. of Durango, CO, 4 sisters; 5 brothers; 17 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Louis had a distinguished military career and his civilian career that followed was equally notable. As an insurance agent, he won numerous awards and taught hundreds of students as a moderator for the Life Underwriter Training Council for over 20 years. He was appointed to serve on the curriculum committee for LUTC. He also served a three-year term on the LUTC Personal Insurance

Course Content and Techniques Committee. As diligent as he was in his professional life, he worked even harder giving time to his children. Louis worked with the Boy Scouts of America in Europe and locally. He served as a Committee Chairman, Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader, Scoutmaster, and Area Commissioner. He was active with Little League, Pop Warner Football, and supported his children's curricular and extra curricular activities. He believed in his children and poured himself into their lives. All are married to their first spouse. Louis was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church and served as a lector there. He had a deep love for God and country, and his life of service reflected his convictions. He believed in people and was a friend and mentor to many. His life encouraged and influenced countless people. He was full of life until the end, always an optimist. He made us laugh, inspired us, and challenged us at every turn. He never missed an opportunity to love and forgive. His greatest concern was for his wife and family. He will be deeply missed.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 6:00 p.m. today, May 18, with a vigil to begin at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church. Funeral mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at St. Paul's Catholic Church with interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors.

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“ *Extending our condolences on your loss.* ”

Directors & Staff of Mission Park Funeral Chapels North - May 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM