



Lt. Col. Gene David Murphy USAF Ret.

September 20, 1931 - December 28, 2012

Lt. Col. Gene David Murphy USAF Ret, of San Antonio, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2012, at the age of 81. He is survived by his beloved wife, Ruth; children, Dr. Susan Murphy, Christopher Murphy and wife, Deborah, also of San Antonio; grandchildren, Veronica, Mitchell, and Hannah; brother, Lt. Col. USAF Ret., Stuart Murphy of Austin, and sister, Carol Mackey and her husband, Tom, of Santa Barbara.

Born in Massachusetts to Stuart and Billie Murphy on September 20, 1931, Gene graduated from Tewksbury High where he excelled in sports. While earning his BA at the University of New Hampshire, he met his bride-to-be. Later, he earned an MBA with honors from Syracuse University.

Gene served for 20 years in the Air Force, earning many commendations that included a Meritorious Service Award and the Bronze Star for service in Vietnam. His belief in the protection of his country was profound.

Following retirement, Gene formed his own business, Texas Taxes, and was a member of the Jalapeno Chapter of Enrolled Agents for tax preparation. He also readily contributed his time to the San Antonio Storytellers Association.

Gene embraced numerous personal pursuits. As an avid fly fisherman, he was a member of Trout Unlimited and he pursued his love for tennis as a long-

time player with the Robert E. Lee Tennis Hackers. A love of nature resulted in his becoming a Master Gardener, earning a Reserve Grand Champion award for a pecan tree in his San Antonio backyard where he also maintained multiple bird habitats.

Family was immensely important to Gene. He attended virtually every event involving his children and grandchildren, clearly loving his role as father and grandfather. His annual summer visit to relatives in New Hampshire was cherished. His love, support, and mentorship will be sorely missed by all.

A memorial visitation and reception will take place at Mission Park North on Thursday, January 10, 2013, from 1pm-3pm. An interment ceremony for family, with full military honors, will take place later at Fort Sam Houston. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that individuals donate to the cause of their choice.