



Lt. Col. Paul M. Richards

January 18, 1920 - February 10, 2006

Lt. Col. Paul M. Richards, born on January 18, 1920 in Fort Fairfield, Maine, passed away on February 10, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas. He lived in Fort Fairfield, Maine until he entered the Army Air Corps in February 1942, serving his country for over 30 years as an Air Force Officer. Colonel Richards served in 3 wars, World War II, Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He was also a B-17 Bombardier in North Africa and Italy. Following WWII, he was assigned to the staff of Air Training Command at Scott Field, Illinois and later served as Group Commander of Navigator Training at Ellington AFB in Houston, Texas. In 1954 he was assigned to the Far East Command in Tokyo, Japan. His military career also included assignments at the Pacific Command in Hawaii; on the Air Staff at the Pentagon and later in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; He was then assigned to the NATO Headquarters in Paris, France and later in Mons, Belgium. He served his final assignment at Langley AFB, Virginia. He retired from the Air Force and moved to Pinehurst, North Carolina. Colonel Richards was an avid golfer and in retirement was a starter/marshal at Pinehurst #2 and Pinehurst #6 golf courses. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed both hunting and fishing. He is survived by his son, Steve Richards and wife, Susann of San Antonio, TX; grandchildren, Cristy Stagg and husband, Frank of Tucson, AZ, Glen Richards and wife, Vanessa of Phoenix, AZ; and great-grandson Remington Stagg. The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to James Ray and Orpha Pierce for their love, devotion and care that comforted Colonel Richards to the end. A private family graveside

service will be held for Colonel Richards.

Colonel Richards was a devoted husband and father, a friend, mentor, teacher and an Officer and a Gentleman.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our heartfelt sympathies on your father's passing. We wish that we had known him personally.

David & Gerry Cohn - February 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. I enjoyed seeing him when I worked at Tapatio Springs Golf Resort. He was an amazing and friendly man. I worked with his son at Dominion Country Club. Again, my deepest sympathy for your loss. He was a very loved an

Paula Flukinger - February 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences and I will miss my dear friend, who I enjoyed playing and talking golf with.

Len Koning - February 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.

Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North

Mission Park North - February 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM