



Major Elmer W. Rainwater

April 22, 2008 - April 22, 2008

Major Elmer W. "Bill" Rainwater USAF, Ret., died peacefully in his sleep Saturday, April 19, 2008. He was 89 years old. Born in Henderson, Texas to Joseph and Alice Rainwater, Bill grew up in and around the East Texas oil boom of the 1920's and 1930's. In 1937, while completing his senior year at New London High School, he survived the gas explosion that killed 298 students and faculty and was able to participate in the rescue and recovery efforts. In 1942 Bill joined the US Army Air Corp and realized his dream of flying. In the Pacific Theater of WWII, he flew B-29 bombers and received among numerous honors two Distinguished Flying Crosses. He retired from the United States Air Force in 1968 after serving a tour of duty in Vietnam. He spent his retirement in San Antonio enjoying family and friends. Beloved father, he is pre-deceased by his wife Sara Parsley Rainwater and survived by his sons, Phillip and Keith and grandchildren, Carrie, Sean, Kelly, and Ben. He is also survived by his second wife, Angela and children Dianne Miller and Patrick and grandson, Jared. Services will be held at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ I love you grandpa! I miss you so much and think of you every day. I know it will be a while but I can't wait to hug you again. You are a great man and I hope to make you proud.

Jared Finch - January 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the San Antonio Alamo Chapter of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, we want to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family with the passing of your dear Husband, father and grandfather, Major

Col Thomas W. Tom Wood - April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ May we offer our sincerest condolences to the family for the loss of a loved one.

John & Marilyn Koch - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ WE'RE THINKING OF YOU. PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY. WISH WE COULD COME, BUT LOIS ISN'T ABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP.

DAVID AND SISSIE DUNCAN - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I AM GOING TO MISS MY DEAR UNCLE SO MUCH, AND TREASURE ALL THE LETTERS WE EXCHANGED. WE NEVER FAILED TO END A PHONE CALL WITHOUT SAYING "I LOVE YOU" TO EACH OTHER - MAY HE REST IN PEACE WITH THE LOVING ARMS OF OUR GOD AROUND HIM. MY SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

PATSY HICKS BROWN - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM