



Major Frederick T. Pennell, USAF Retired

February 27, 1931 - January 25, 2008

PENNELL

Major Frederick T. Pennell, USAF Retired, passed away on Friday, January 25, 2008 at the age of 76. He was born in Richland Center, WI on February 27, 1931. He spent his early years on the family farm. Life for Fred on the farm was both hard work and play. Simple beginnings of milking cows by hand and plowing fields with a horse drawn plow. During the early years, his love for flying was born. When playing in the barn, his imagination took him to the sky as a pilot. In his teenage years, he made the dream of flying a reality. He took on odd jobs to earn the money to learn to fly. He was able to get his pilots license before graduating from high school. A few years after high school, Fred found himself in the Air Force as a Basic Airman during the Korean War. He then came back from his enlistment to attend Officer Candidate School and Pilot training. During his training he learned to fly the T-6 Texan, B-25 and B-29. It was also during this time he met his wife to be, Donanell Cummings. They were married on June 9, 1958 in San Antonio. During his Air Force career he flew Helicopters during the Vietnam War for the Green Hornet Squadron, which he lovingly called "The Huey". After retiring, which brought him and his family back to San Antonio, Fred then went back to school to learn to work on airplanes. With his A&P license, he went to work at the Dee Howard Co. for 20 years. With his second retirement, he didn't slow down. He enjoyed time with his wife, vacationing, working around the house, and being

an active member of the EAA. He also built his own airplane. He was the type of man that would do anything for anyone at anytime, with only one question...what can I do to help? Fred leaves behind a wide circle of family and friends that will miss him dearly: Donanell Pennell, his loving wife of 49 years; 2 sons, Fred and William Pennell; 2 daughters-in-law, Karen Pennell and Olga Pennell; 3 grandchildren, Shawn Pennell, Kaitlin Pennell, Jonathan Pennell; 2 great-grandchildren, Cooper and Kynlee; 2 sisters, Madonna and Joan; 10 nieces and nephews, Kirsten, Kent, Kimberly, Catherine, Kevin, Kent, Jay, William, Marty and Danny.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Tuesday-January 29, 2008 from 6:00PM until 9:00PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Graveside Services will be on Wednesday-January 30, 2008 at 1:00PM at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with full Air Force Honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dad I love you and miss you dearly. Thank you for all of the personal sacrifices that you made over the years for us and our country. I hope to see you on the other side. You did make a difference in many people’s lives. Love you till the end of ti

Bill Pennell - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ My brother drew and I mentored under Mr. Pennell's guidance at EAA Chapter 35 Builder's Academy. We worked with him once monthly for at least three years now. Mr. Pennell was always an encouragement to everyone as well as a helpful hand whenever we found

Chris & Drew Mittal - February 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am his first cousin Linda. My mother Charlotte was his mother's sister. I never had the privilege of meeting Fred. My father Bill Cork was in the military and I remember him talking about Fred. I want to extend my deepest sympathy to all our you.
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Linda Endres - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I, HAD A CHANCE TO WORK WITH FRED FOR THREE AND HALF YEARS AT THE DEE HOWARD AVIATION MAINTENANCE COMPANY. HE WAS THE MOST CONSCIENTIOUS PERSON I KNOW IN ALL OF HIS ENDEAVORS. MY CONDOLENCES TO FRED'S FAMILY.

JESSE COLLINS - January 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What a wonderful man. A true patriot and a very caring person. I'll truly miss his smile. The world's a better place for having had Fred in it.*

*Love,
Mary Ann Pigott*

Mary Ann Pigott - January 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM