



Master Sergeant Gerhart W. Gruenke

September 24, 1921 - September 9, 2016

Master Sergeant Gerhart Jerry W. Gruenke, retired USAF of San Antonio, Texas passed away on September 9, 2016 at the age of 94. He was preceded in death by his parents Leo and Ida Gruenke, brother Henry Gruenke all of Sheboygan, Wi, brother Richard of Ontario, California, sister Margaret Rahnfeild of Chicago, Il and sister Sister M. Maurentio, SSSF of Milwaukee, Wi. Gerhart was married to Violet Wahl Gruenke of San Angelo, TX for fifty five years. She died in 1998. Gerhart remarried to Molly A. Pannell of New Albany, Miss. in 2005. Sgt. Gruenke enlisted in the Army AF in 1942, transferred to the AF Service in 1957. He served his country for another ten years with the school of Aerospace Medical Center and another ten years at Base Finances, Base Supply, at Brooks AFB, Texas. Retirement was in 1962. After retirement he was active at Holy Name Parish as building manager, member in Men's Club & Holy Name Knights of Columbus. Jerry was also active in the Highland Hills Lions Club, SA Texas. Services will be held at Holy Name Catholic Church 3814 Fairlawn Thursday, September 15, 2016 with the visitation to begin at 10:00am and the Holy Rosary to be recited at 11:00am. Funeral Mass to begin at 12:00pm, interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in the name of Gerhart Jerry Gruenke to Seraphic Sisters Building Fund, 130 Beethoven Street, San Antonio TX 78210-3218.