



Orel Homer Douglass Jr.

January 25, 1922 - June 16, 2019

Orel Homer Douglass, Jr. passed away into the arms of his Lord and Savior on Fathers' Day, June 16, 2019, in Converse, Texas. He was born on January 25, 1922, in Ochelata, Oklahoma, to Orel Homer Douglass, Sr. and Mary Magdalena Lonsinger. Orel was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Neatis Carroll Douglass; brother, Carl Douglass; and son-in-law, Gregory Womack. He is survived by his daughters, Leza Womack, Sue Hooker (Lewis) and Cheryl West; grandchildren, Emma Womack, Ellie Womack, Douglass Hooker, Daniel Hooker, Shane Streepy, Angela West and Amber West-Davis.

Orel grew up in Cherryvale, Kansas, and volunteered to join the Army Air Corps in September 1940. After the United States entered into WWII, he was assigned to the 7th Fighter Squadron, 49th Fighter Group in the Pacific theatre. Orel was an Airplane Armorer who was responsible for loading ammunition onto fighter planes. His squadron fought in the Philippines, New Guinea, and eventually moved into Japan after Japan surrendered. He received a Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon with Star, and a Philippine Liberation Ribbon with One Star. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant at the end of 1945.

Orel returned home and attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and a Certificate in Metallurgy. He worked as a Chemist for several years. In 1959,

Orel met the love of his life, Neatis. They married in Oklahoma City in July of that year and he became Papa to Neatis' daughter, Cheryl Ann. They moved to Maryland when Orel accepted a position as a Chemist. In 1962, his daughter, Leza Jane, was born. The family moved to San Antonio, Texas, in 1963 when Orel accepted a job as a Metallurgist at Kelly AFB where he stood up the Metallurgical Lab. That same year, their daughter, Sue Ellen, was born.

In 1963, Orel and Neatis joined Northridge Park Baptist Church. Orel served in many positions in the church. He was a Deacon, Chairman of the Deacons, Trustee, Youth Leader, Bus Driver, Sunday School Teacher, as well as a leader in many other positions. He loved his Lord and gave his time and support to many other churches and ministries in the San Antonio area.

Orel retired from Kelly AFB in 1987 to enjoy his many pastimes. He loved to travel. He and Neatis visited many cities in the US, Mexico, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East. Even after Neatis' death in 2005, he enjoyed traveling with his family to Oklahoma, Louisiana, and to one of his favorite places, Port Aransas, Texas. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, playing cards with his friends, spending time with his cat, and reading chemistry and physics text books even into his 90s. He was happy in all circumstances, loved life, and had a positive outlook in every situation. He had a life well-lived.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A celebration of Orel's life will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 11:00am at First Baptist Church, Peace Auditorium, 1401 Pat Booker Rd., Universal City, TX 78148. Interment service will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Orel's honor to Pregnancy Care Center of San Antonio <https://www.sapregnancy.com/> or to

Abortion Hurts God Heals <https://www.abortionhurtsgodheals.com>.

Tribute Wall

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“ We are all blessed to have known Oral, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless! With deepest sympathy Mike and Julie Schroeder! (The Hair Clinic)

Julie Schroeder - June 26, 2019 at 08:05 AM

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“ Dearest family, we are saddened by your loss, but are joyous 9f your dads home going and celebration that he and your mother (and grandmother)are having!! We are praying for comfort as you say farewell for now.

We love all of you.

Wanda Correa, Billie Leonard, Johnna Hernandez and Donna Howr

Wanda Correa - June 21, 2019 at 06:33 PM