



Orval O. Darnell

July 27, 1924 - August 6, 2010

DARNELL

Orval Otha Darnell was received into the arms of the Lord on Friday August 6th 2010 at the age of 86. He was born in Coldwater, Kansas on July 27th 1924. His family later moved to Freedom, Oklahoma. He enlisted in the United States Navy immediately after graduating from high school in 1943. He served in the Pacific theater during the remainder of World War II. After his discharge from the Navy, he went to college on the G.I. bill. He majored in entomology at Oklahoma A&M which is now Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Oklahoma and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture until 1951 when he was recalled to active military service. He applied for a commission in the United States Army and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. He was then stationed in Korea during the Korean conflict from 1951 to 1953. He was wounded in Korea and wound up being sent to the hospital in Ft. Sam Houston, TX for extensive rehabilitation. He has resided in San Antonio ever since. Orval was a wonderful man. He loved his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all of his friends in San Antonio. He loved living in San Antonio, he thought it was the greatest city in the world. Orval was preceded in death by his first wife, Ila Lee Darnell the mother of his children and by his second wife, Betty Jo Darnell. Orval is survived by many people who love him, including: Daughter – Donita Naylor and Son-in-law John; Son – Tom Darnell and Daughter-in-law Gaylynn; Grandchildren – Michele & Cynthia. David,

Brian, Emily & Nathan; Great Grandchildren – Zachari, Devin, Sydnee, Kassidee, Hannah, Joseph, Richard, Matthew, and Audrey. The wonderful friends at the Whataburger Coffee Group and at the monthly Bridge Group. He is also survived by many special nieces and nephews including Victor Glen Darnell and Eric Darnell.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held Tuesday August 10th , 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapel North. Funeral Service will be held Wednesday August 11th, 2010 at 9:00 at Mission Park Funeral Chapel North. Interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Disabled American Veterans, a national service organization.

Tribute Wall

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“ TODAY-14 JAN. 2011 IS THE 58TH YEAR OF MY BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE U. S. ARMY. LOOKING BACK AT PAPERS I STILL HOLD, I SEE A "DETACHMENT ORDER" DATED 1 JULY 1952 APPOINTING ME AS AN ACTING 1st SARGENT FOR MY DETACHMENT IN KOREA. IT WAS SIGNED BY 2ndLT. O

1951 / 1952 KOREAN WAR VETERAN - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear Darnell Family:

Please accept my deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved. There are never any right words to express how deeply sad I am for the pain your family is enduring at this difficult time.

Although I did not have the honor

Senator Leticia Van de Putte - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Orval was one of the most admirable men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He never left home without the American flag pinned on his collar, and when asked how he was, his reply was always, "I never had a bad day in my life." Our bridge club will

Mary Lea Ryon - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Rest in peace my dear friend, I will miss you greatly.

Richard Bain - August 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *He loved his family, his friends, and his country. He put everything on the line for each and is a true American hero for doing so. He liked a good laugh and "maybe once made a mistake" but isn't sure it turned out to be one after all. Lift a good vodka*

Jo - August 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM