



## Raymond L. Horvath

December 16, 1925 - July 31, 2010

### H O R V A T H

Our Lord as called Raymond L. Horvath Colonel USAF Retired home to his infinite love on July 31, 2010. He is at peace now with his beloved Julie, looking down on us all, holding hands and still giving us love through their memories. Colonel Horvath served thirty-three years in the Air Force as a pilot. During his career he achieved the rating of command pilot. He also served as a squadron commander, a base commander, a wing commander and as deputy director of command control at strategic air command headquarters prior to his retirement from active duty in July 1980. He had flown over 10,000 hours in eighteen various types of military aircraft, to include fighters, bombers and reconnaissance. He flew 150 combat missions during the Vietnam War. His military decorations include the legion of merit with one oak leaf cluster, the distinguished flying cross, the meritorious service medal with two oak leaf clusters, the air medal with six oak leaf clusters, the air force commendation medal, plus eighteen other medals and decorations. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska and the Industrial War College of the Armed Forces Washington, DC. He and his wife Julie were active members of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, serving as ministers of Hospitality Coordinators for ten years. He also served as a Eucharist Minister at the Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital with the pastoral care department and MD Anderson at Houston for one year. He is survived by

his daughter, Sharon Smith; grandchildren, Julie Castellano, Raymond Smith and David Hartman; great grandchildren, Darion Smith, Destiny Smith, Giovanni Castellano, Derek Hartman and Jordyn Hartman.

## SERVICES

A church service will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, August 26, 2010 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church with entombment to follow at Holy Cross Mausoleum Chapel, 17501 Nacogdoches Road.

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ I owe a lot to Col Horvath. I will tell him that when I see him again/909th AREFS

James Michael Denning - September 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HV

“ To The Horvath Family,

*My Prayers are with you, May Our Heavenly father give comfort in time of need. I had the pleasure of working with Ray for many years with Classified parking system. Raymond and his wife Julie were very wonderful to me and co-wo*

HERLINDA VARGAS - October 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Sorry this is so late,we've been out of town. We were with Ray and Julie on Okinawa many years ago. We liked them both so much. They were the only ,breath of fresh air' on the island. ginger & bud

bud & ginger davenport - August 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Sorry for your loss Sharon. He truely was a great American.

*James & Jonell*

Chaney's - August 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family in this hour of sorrow.

Ken and Mary Peek - August 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ To the family of Ray Horvath,

*It is with sadness that I render this genuine condolence at this time of loss. He was every bit the Officer & Gentleman; mild mannered, soft spoken while displaying a true feeling for his fellow man for he lived his*

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**Howard Ham** - August 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Cousin Ray and Julie brought light and joy to the lives of Lorraine and I after we reconnected in the late 1950s. Growing up, before WWII, we had many family events that had brought us together. Then Ray went into the military and did not return to the eas*

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**Gus R. Horvath** - August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM