



Rhey T. Hollett

January 7, 1932 - August 12, 2019

Rhey T. Hollett left this world on Monday, August 12, 2019 - to help St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. Rhey was born on January 7, 1932 to Major Rhey T. Hollett of the United States Cavalry and Bessie Lee Hollett.

Rhey graduated from Central Catholic High School. He attended San Antonio College and the University of Texas in Austin, majoring in Civil Engineering. When the Korean Conflict broke out, Rhey joined the United States Navy and was stationed at Fort Hueneme, California with the construction battalion (Sea-Bees). He then went on to San Diego Naval Air Station, where he boxed on the base boxing team. Rhey's love of boxing deepened - he went on to compete in five Golden Glove Tournaments in San Antonio (2), Washington, D.C., Chicago and San Diego. In 1956 he tried out for the Summer Olympics, held in Melbourne, Australia. He would later remark that "all forty+ opponents hit hard!".

Rhey put his civil engineering skills to work during his employment with Texas Highway Department and H.B. Zachry. He worked at several engineering companies, including Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam Inc. of Houston and Corpus Christi. He also spent many years with J.R. Ramon and Sons. Rhey was quite proud to have been Project Manager for the dismantlement of the uranium mill in Three Rivers, Texas, for Exxon Mineral Co., U.S.A. The structure encompassed 50,000 sq. ft. and was six stories high, plus adjoining

appurtenance. The project was written up in the national magazine "Demolition Age". Rhey retired at the age of 79 from Texas Landcrafters, Inc., of San Antonio, where he spent more than a decade. He was proud to have been president of the Coastal Bend Chapter of the American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians, and the Society of American Military Engineers.

Rhey loved guns and shooting and was a Benefactor member of the National Rifle Association. He was also an avid golfer for most of his life. He was a charter member of the United States Golf Association and a member of the Devine Golf Club for over 35 years.

Rhey was preceded in death by his sister, Elizabeth (Bette) Hollett Smith and his only son, Christopher Jon Hollett. He is survived by his wife, Carol Hollett; his children, April Raye Chase (Alan), Jona Michelle Hollett (Donna de Jesus), Diane Arnold (Lonnie), Cynthia Anguiano; grandchildren, Erin Thornton, Aaron Chatoff, Eileen Suarez, Kaitlyn Crenwelge, Ian Chase, Kelsey Walters, Austen Matsui, and numerous great grandchildren.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, August 16, 2019 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Military Honors

AUG **16**. 9:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

ES

“ I didn't get an opportunity to share my eulogy during my grandpa's funeral. So, I wanted to share here:

There is a special kind of love that grandchildren have for you their grandparents and I am so blessed to have experienced this kind of love during my my lifetime.

When I was 12 and my parents divorced, my grandpa and grandma took us in with open arms and that is when my bond with my grandpa Rhey began.

Our parents give us life, but our grandparents give us a sense of who we are and where we came from.

He helped me break bad habits that I am forever grateful for and taught me many valuable life lessons.

He shaped who I am today and taught me to never give up and have a strong work ethic.

As I reflect upon everything he has done for me and all the special memories, I have to thank him for who I am today. He always provided encouragement and valuable advice and I always followed it...He told me to pursue a Bachelors in Marketing...I did. Then he recommended I work for USAA, a company he was so fond of... I did. Get my Masters... I did. Live life to the fullest... I am! I definitely get my drive and dedication from him as he worked until he was 79!

He also taught me to love. He had a big heart and loved his family and was deeply devoted to his wife, my grandma Carol. He did everything for her and was always by her side. Their love is what kept him going, even when he was in so much pain.

There is no doubt he lived a life full of pride, joy, and happiness and his SMILE and humor is something none of us will ever forget!!!

Grandpa, I will always love and miss you, but have so many wonderful memories of you to hang on to. Your guidance and love will carry me through the end of my days. May you Rest In Peace knowing we will take great care of grandma. Enjoy endless golf in heaven!

Your granddaughter,

Eileen Suarez

Eileen Suarez - August 16, 2019 at 11:18 AM

LW

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Rhey. May he have everlasting peace and eternal life. You could always count on Rhey to put a smile on your face. One thing you all have are the memories he has left you with. May God hold you in his arms while you are going through this difficult time. Rest in Peace Rhey!*

Lisa Wilder - August 14, 2019 at 08:41 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rhey T. Hollett.*



August 14, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Rhey T. Hollett.*



August 14, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ *Rob and Linda Rowand purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rhey T. Hollett.*



Rob and Linda Rowand - August 14, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ *Dear Carol and Family,
We are so very sorry to hear of Rhey's passing and we extend our deepest sympathy to all of you. We always enjoyed seeing both Rhey and Carol at Gold's gym for our exercise classes and will miss Rhey and his sense of humor. So glad we had the chance to visit with Carol and Rhey at Costco several weeks ago.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely,
Ted and Roberta Ahrens*

Ted and Roberta Ahrens - August 14, 2019 at 02:00 PM

CA

“ Rhey was a very wonderful and loving stepfather and treated us well. He was also a wonderful husband to my mom and they were rarely apart. He was a very kind person and everyone that knew him liked and respected him. He had a wonderful sense of humor and great work ethics. When I think of him I will always remember him wearing his favorite orange golf shirt. He will be truly missed and in our hearts forever.

Your loving step-daughter,
Cynthia Anguiano

Cynthia Anguiano - August 13, 2019 at 09:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rhey T. Hollett.



August 13, 2019 at 12:27 PM

YF

“ Your USAA Auto PLL Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rhey T. Hollett.



Your USAA Auto PLL Family - August 13, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Rhey T. Hollett.*



August 13, 2019 at 09:09 AM



“ *Today we lost a very special person, my grandpa Rhey. He was like a dad to me and others and such a caring person with the best sense of humor. He always encouraged me to never give up and he never did either. He was a very tough guy and fought to stay alive (He was even a boxer in his younger days!). No matter how much pain he was in, he never showed it. He suffered so much the last few months and now he is at peace. He took great care of my grandma, which they were married 42 years! Don't worry grandpa, I will take care of her for you. May you play golf all day long with no worries!*

Eileen Suarez - August 12, 2019 at 10:27 PM



So sorry for your loss. I'm so glad I got to meet and know Rhey. He was a lot of fun be around and always seemed to be in good spirits. I'm so glad he is not in any pain anymore. He was an amazing grandfather and great grandfather as well. He will be missed terribly. To live in the hearts of the people we leave behind is not to die.

Scott Walters - August 12, 2019 at 10:37 PM



So sorry he is no longer with us but so thankful he is no longer in pain. We have lots of wonderful memories together and he will live on in our hearts. Rest in peace Rhey.

Lonnie and Diane Arnold

Diane Arnold - August 13, 2019 at 07:12 AM

FH

I went to Central Catholic High School and graduated with him in 1951. Lost track of him for about 15 years and ran across him on a construction project in the mid sixties where I was the project engineer for TxDOT . As I remember, he was an engineer working for the contractor, Killian House.. Rhey was a great guy back in high school and still a great one when we happened to meet again on that construction project. May God bless his soul and may he rest in peace. My condolences to his family.

Frank Holzmann

Frank Holzmann - August 14, 2019 at 04:17 PM