



## Col. Richard Walter Cwynar, Ret. USAF

March 22, 1939 - January 7, 2024

In Loving Memory of Colonel Richard Walter Cwynar (Retired) March 22, 1939  
- January 7, 2024

Richard proudly served his country as an Air Force Colonel for 30 years, deploying with distinction in both the Vietnam War and Desert Storm. His unwavering commitment and courage earned him the respect of his peers and the gratitude of a nation. His legacy as a devoted patriot and military leader will forever be etched in our memories and our country's history.

Beyond his distinguished military career, Richard was a beloved husband, first married to Paula Cwynar who passed too soon in 1980, then remarried for 40 years to his wife, Frances. Their enduring love and partnership were a testament to the strength of their bond, weathering the challenges of life with favor and resilience.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, and leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion. Richard is also survived by his three brothers, Robert, Walter, and Michael, who shared a lifelong camaraderie forged through the bonds of family. His memory will be cherished by his children, Rick, Mark, Kelly, Bill, and Kathy and his numerous grandchildren who were the light of his later years.

In celebrating the life of Richard, we remember a man of honor, integrity, and

character. He had a passion for sports, particularly golf and loved singing in Sunday Choir. His legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched and the values he instilled in those fortunate enough to know him.

May he rest in eternal peace, walk the golden streets, and have his memory continue to inspire us all. And in his honor, may the Cubs win the World Series and the Bears beat the Packers!

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## **Public Visitation**

FEB 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## **Rosary**

FEB 8. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
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## Funeral Mass

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FEB **9**. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Brigid Catholic Church  
6907 Kitchener  
San Antonio, TX 78240

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just found this while researching the family tree. Richard was my step-cousin (our fathers were stepbrothers), and I remember him fondly as a young man growing up in Chicago on whom I had a VERY serious crush when I was about 10. His obituary is a lovely tribute. Sincerest condolences.

Marian (Smentek) Anderfuren - April 08, 2025 at 08:02 PM

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“ Hannan, Royal and Mitchell families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Col. Richard Walter Cwynar, Ret. USAF.



Hannan, Royal and Mitchell families - February 08, 2024 at 09:58 AM

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“ Hannan, Royal and Mitchell families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Col. Richard Walter Cwynar, Ret. USAF.

Hannan, Royal and Mitchell families - February 08, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Col. Richard Walter Cwynar, Ret. USAF.



February 06, 2024 at 11:41 AM

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“ The WNV Security Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Col. Richard Walter Cwynar, Ret. USAF.

The WNV Security Family - February 06, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Col. Richard Walter Cwynar, Ret. USAF.



February 05, 2024 at 04:06 PM

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“ Sam & Mary Ann Schifano planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Col. Richard Walter Cwynar, Ret. USAF.

Sam & Mary Ann Schifano - February 05, 2024 at 04:06 PM