



Richard William Kitchen Sr.

June 15, 1949 - October 4, 2020

Ret. USAF Msgt. Richard W. Kitchen, Sr has passed onto eternal life with the Lord on Sunday, 4 October in San Antonio, TX. He was a native of Clinton, N.Y.; his children by his side during this heart wrenching event.

Richard was struck down by a man driving a pickup truck, near his residence while he was in a designated cross walk with his cane for the legally visually impaired, which he was. He hit said vehicle twice, rendering him completely unconscious. Blessed to be aided by two super Samaritans until Paramedics arrived was rushed to University Hospital where he was immediately rendered drastic brain surgery to cease intensive hemorrhaging and subsequently placed on life support for the remaining twelve days while in a medical coma. He also suffered from "many" fractured ribs on both sides as well as a broken clavicle.

It was decided with five of seven of their living children and one travelling in from Colorado, as well as his wife in N.Y. on teleconference, to make him comfortable for the next journey he was inevitably facing after undergoing extensive testing his ability of brain functions and normal stimuli to respond to his medical staff!

His family stood by his side for the duration of his stay in ICU. A family decision based partially on his previously mentioned desires was made as their remaining children were gathering for their final farewells while alive. Richard follows his son Carl Robert, his parents: John Sr. & Lillian Akin Kitchen as well as his youngest brother Dale Robert and youngest sister

Ronnieta Sue in death.

He is survived by his wife of 48.5 years, Louise Long Kitchen, their seven remaining children, Dana, Richard Jr., Amanda Griffin, Jason, Amber Kitchen Backman, Alexander S. and Katelyn, twelve grandchildren, eldest sister Mrs. Marie Phelps of Hinkley, N. Y., his brother John S. Kitchen, Jr. of Deansboro, N.Y., numerous nieces, nephews and relatives back in N.Y.

Services on 16 Oct at 0830 in shelter #1. A full military honors ceremony will be given at Ft. Sam Houston's National Cemetery. Those planning to attend please verify with the family as there's limitation of fifty present at the Ft. Sam locale.

In lieu of flowers, his wife requests donations be made to the Lighthouse for the Blind in San Antonio or any Association for the visually impaired.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

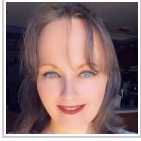
Previous Events

Graveside Service

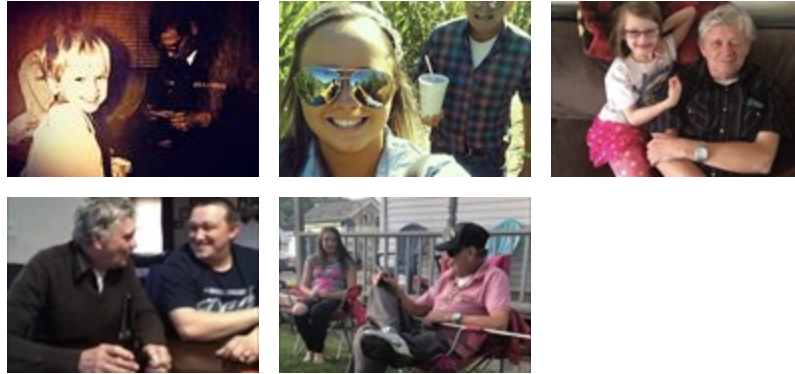
OCT **16**. 9:00 AM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall



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Dana Kitchen - October 10, 2020 at 08:51 AM

LB

Richard was an employee at Lackland AFB for many years, he was a hard worker and loved his family. My deepest condolences to his family

Lena Bailey - October 22, 2020 at 11:07 PM

DK

Thank you for being a friend to our father. I know that your kindness and friendship for him was greatly appreciated. He spoke of you and your family often.

Dana Kitchen - October 23, 2020 at 10:30 PM

LW

Lena. You and I have been friends through the thick and thins of many things through the ages. Between Girl Scouting, camping in terrible weather, offering Richard an opportunity when your company had openings etc right down to being the keeper of my senses since leaving Texas as unexpectedly as I did long before Richards tragic accident that stole his life from so many of us left behind. My only solitude is he has to be in a better place. Okay, maybe w/o his smokes and beer, but with family, friends and many co workers from all his years working both civilian and military.

You have dearly aided me through a really dark period. Through Carl's anniversary too. I'm not ever going to feel complete again I believe. How could I? I was with him 48.5 years out of my 66 years of l8ving. That's a huge chunk of time and energy we gave one another. Never expecting anything but whatever faced us as we travelled through life's doors.

Thank you for being there with me. You are my Earthly Guardian Angel. God bless you and yours always, Lena.

Louise LongKitchen- his widow - February 12, 2021 at 04:00 PM