



## Richard Aguirre Ortiz

June 14, 1923 - September 15, 2013

Richard Aguirre Ortiz, Maj. Ret. age 90, a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend entered into eternal rest to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is survived by his wife Elena, his children Rick & Brenda Ortiz and family, Daniel & Jennifer Ortiz and family, Winslow & Pamela Swart and family, including Jeremy & Alessandra Pressman in Jerusalem, Carlo & Lisa Ortiz and family, Patricia Ortiz, his sister Alicia Garcia and many nephews, nieces and great granddaughter. Richard was born on June 14th 1923. He graduated from Fox Tech HS in 1940, that same year he joined the U.S Army Air Forces to serve his country. In WWII, he was part of the small team that converted the Pan Am commercial airport in Khartoum, Sudan into the U.S Army Air Forces' operations base for the North Africa campaign defending the free world. His service extended into Europe where he was wounded in action. Richard was awarded the following medals for his service in the war, CGM, ARCOM and AM. After the war he attended Trinity University and graduated from UT College of Pharmacy in 1951. He loved his profession and practiced until 2010. He married Maria Elena Villarreal on January 19, 1952, his wife of 61 years. He was active in serving both his community and his Savior. He traveled to Mexico throughout his life as part of a medical missionary team where he shared the gospel, served the needy and founded an orphanage and young mothers home. His work continued as he mentored both young and old in San Antonio's near Westside. Richard touched all he met with his faith, integrity, compassion and infectious smile. He will be greatly missed by

all who love him.

## SERVICES

Visitation will be held from 4:00 - 9:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with a service to begin at 7:00 PM on Sunday, September 22nd.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, September 23rd at 10:45 AM with a procession departing Mission Park Funeral Chapels North at 10:00 AM to Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, where Mr. Ortiz will be buried with full military honors.