



Robert Arvil Lavender

March 23, 1944 - March 17, 2009

LAVENDER

Robert Arvil Lavender was born in Bryan, Texas on March 23, 1944, son of the late Cecil and Lucille Lavender. He lost his long battle with cancer and went to be with our Heavenly father on March 17, 2009 in San Antonio, Texas. Robert joined the U.S. Air Force at the age of 17. He spent time in England and Germany and served in Vietnam in the Air Rescue where he received several medals. Robert retired after 25 years at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio as a fire fighter. He is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Josie Solis Lavender; brothers, Raymond and Gilbert Lavender; sister, Brenda Smith; 2 children, Mark Lavender and Shari Hummel; 5 step-children, Jackie Castillo Garza, Mario, Michele, John and Jason Castillo. Robert had 16 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren that called him grandpa. He loved cooking, watching all the cooking shows, gardening and repairing cars. Robert will be dearly missed. His family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the nurses and staff at Odyssey Hospice for the care they provided.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Sunday-March 22, 2009 from 9:00AM until 9:00PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Services will be held on Monday-March 23, 2009 at 12:00 Noon at the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Mission Retama Cemetery, 15940 Lookout Road, San Antonio, Texas 78154 with Air Force Honors.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ *robert was a dear friend to mealways helpful I know the good lord took a great man, I surely miss him worked with him from 80-84 I no he\’s in heaven working on god\’s car.*

mark glaser - October 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Miss Bob and know Mike did too. He can show Mike around the pearly gates. Mike went to meet him 7 Aug 2015. They worked together so many years and Bob was also Best Man at our wedding. God Bless.*

Diann Pryor Mike - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *I worked with Bob at randolph AFB Fire Department for 7 years. I never met or had a more generous man. I will miss him.*

Dennis Pray - February 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *Truly sorry for your loss. My prayers to Josie and family. I used to work with Bob at Randolph Fire Dept. He was a good friend who always helped everyone. I will miss him.*

George Wong - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *My heart, thoughts and prayers are with you and yours at this time of loss and forevermore. Annie Lucille Finley Lavender was a half-sister to my maternal grandfather Leonard Hubert Wells via their Mother Ollie Geneva Ferguson. I do genealogy and have add*

Kathy Taylor Spivey - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Your cousin,
Reba Wells Corley

Reba Wells Corley - March 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Worked with Bob at Randolph AFB Fire Dept in 1973 on Chief Campa"s shift. Remember him always having a good time on shift and riding the rescue truck. My thoughts and prayers for his family from a brother Air Force Firefighter.

Richard J. Chavarria, MSgt USAF Ret - March 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ I didn't really know Robert but worked with his sister, Brenda for many years at TAMU. He has been on our church prayer list for several years. My thoughts and prayers are for the entire family during this difficult time. May God wrap HIS loving arms arou

Pat Nichols - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To Robert's Family, we had some good times together in our younger growing up days. Cousin you will be missed. Prayers were with Robert for years and now with Josie,Mark,Shari and the rest of his family on both sides. May God Bless and be with you all in

David & Sharon - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IB

“ To the Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Robert's passing. I had not seen him much since we were children, but he was always a favorite cousin. I know he has done well with his life and will be greatly missed by his family. My prayers are for you tod

Ida Janice Finley Bryan - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ So sorry to hear of my friend and firefighter brother's passing. We had a lot of good times on and off duty. You will be missed dear friend.

Fernando Padilla - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I have known Robert and his family all my life. Our mothers were friends. He was a good person and will be missed by many. God bless and comfort the family.

Connie Davis Francis - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

Jesse V. Sanchez - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I will miss you, my dear sweet brother. You have had such a loving, giving nature. I know you are cooking & planting flowers in heaven & visiting with our family. No more pain & suffering. Praise God! I love you!

Brenda Lavender Smith - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *God Bless Your Family. Old friends from Bryan*

Mark Hall / Susan Binford - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *Our prayers are with Robert's family and friends at this time.*

Amy & Jason Lavender - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *So sorry to hear about Bob's passing. You know we loved him very much and will miss him deeply. He has been like a brother to Bill and an uncle to Eric and Zac since 1972. God bless you all in your time of sorrow.*

WILLIAM & BYLINDA MCCABE - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM