



Roy L. Bodine

March 25, 1911 - May 17, 2005

Col. Roy L. Bodine, Jr. died at home on May 17, 2005 at the age of 94. He was born in Indianapolis and graduated from U of Iowa College of Dentistry. After joining the army he was stationed to the Philippines in 1939. He survived the Bataan Death March, the Hell Ships to Japan, and 41 months as a POW. Throughout his captivity he kept a diary which was used as evidence in war crimes trials after WWII. He was liberated from labor camp in Korea one month after VJ Day and was awarded the Silver Star for his evacuation efforts under fire on Bataan and Corregidor. After WWII he was given his choice of stations and chose San Antonio. In 1950 he began research and development in implant dentistry, while continuing a distinguished army dental career. He retired from the army in 1961 as Dental Surgeon for U.S. Army Hawaii and U.S. Army Pacific. He then became Professor of Prosthodontics at U of Puerto Rico for 10 years and at U of Southern California for another 10 years. After his final retirement in 1981 he began square dancing and competitive swimming, moving back to San Antonio in 1980. He was preceded in death by Monica, his wife of 49 years; Ruth, wife of one year; Dorothy, wife of 15 years; and brother, Col. Donald Bodine. He is survived by Regina, his wife of 4 years, two daughters, 7 grandchildren, three-and-a-half-great-grandchildren.

SERVICES

A Memorial Mass will be held at 5:00 PM on Friday, May 27, 2005 at the Air Force Village I. Visitation will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday~May 27, 2005 at

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with a rosary to be recited at 7:30 p.m.
Funeral services will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday~May 28, 2005 at the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park North with full military honors.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Col. Roy Bodine was a very good friend of my grandfather, Col. Rizal Crisostomo, also a military dentist in the Philippines and a WWII veteran as well. I believe they met in Tripler Army Medical Center. I have personally met Col. Bodine and his family back in the 90s when they visited us in Manila.*

Junnie Crisostomo - February 11, 2025 at 01:20 AM

LB

“ *He is now resting in peace*



Lorraine Butler - September 19, 2022 at 10:22 PM

JR

“ *May God Bless you...*

Jaime Rivera - June 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Col. Bodine was my Dad's Willis B. Harn's boss at Ft. Gordon, Ga around 1950. I grew up hearing stories of Col. Bodine - about his patriotism, wisdom, wit and strength. My Dad admired him so - he often said he treated him like a son - something he needed*

Joy Wheeler - May 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Ann,
What an honor to care for your dad, you and Peter. My thoughts
and prayers are with you at this time. My you find peace in your
dad's wonderful memories and in knowing what an awesome job
you did in caring for him .
love
andrea

andrea hoffman, lmsw - May 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ A courageous life. A devoted family.

Jean and Henry Halff - May 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ All of us at Vista Care Hospice feel honored that we were allowed to
care for Col. Bodine as he took that final journey of life. May God's
blessings with His strength, comfort and peace be with all the family
and friends of Col. Bodine.

Michael Insley - May 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ The Stephen Lenzo family sends their love and condolences. We
regret being unable to attend the service but are with you all in
thoughts and prayer. Although we realize he had run his course
here and was ready to go on to be with the Lord, we will miss hi

Stephen Lenzo - May 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North

Mission Park North - May 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM