



## SSgt. Jack L. Burkhalter

October 18, 1921 - May 29, 2010

### BURKHALTER

Jack L. Burkhalter entered eternal rest in his home on May 29, 2010 with family members by his side. He was pre-deceased by his parents, Felix Burkhalter and Mae Taylor; his brother, Joe Burkhalter; his sister, Frances Anderson; and his step-son, David Foulk. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Elizabeth Miller Burkhalter; and his devoted step-daughter, Linda S. Hines; his son-in-law, Garland M. Hines; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jack was born on Oct. 18, 1921 in Yukon, Oklahoma. He attended high school in Morrison, Oklahoma and graduated in the class of 1939. Prior to entering the armed forces, he leased and operated a small farm. In 1942 during World War II, he enlisted in the Army of the United States. He served in the 460th Bombardment Squadron 333rd Bombardment Group as an airplane electrical mechanic gunner until he received his Honorable Discharge as Staff Sergeant in 1946. He received the American Theatre Service Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theatre Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He then served in the Air Force Reserve from 1949-1952. While working pipeline construction, he met and married Elizabeth Miller from Poplar Bluff, Missouri in 1951. This was the beginning of his 35 year career with Bechtel Petroleum, Inc. until he retired in 1984. In the late 1950's Jack was active in pipeline construction activities which took him and his family to jobs in over 20 states of the United States

and Canada. During the 1960's, his assignments included field supervision of several major pipeline construction projects in Libya for Esso, Oasis, Mobil and Amoseas. In addition, he served as Construction Manager on the milestone Occidental pipeline. From the late 1960's until his retirement, he participated in most major United States and overseas pipeline projects for Bechtel to include Peru, Brazil, Tasmania, Alaska, West Irian, Bougainville, Abu Dhabi, Iraq, and concluded his Bechtel career as the Construction Manager on the very successful Algerian LPG pipeline. His dedication and willingness to accept assignments in the most remote areas of the world, and his quality and on-schedule dependability of work completed under his supervision contributed significantly to Bechtel's excellent management and construction. He rightfully earned the title and was recognized as "Mr. Pipeliner" within the Bechtel organization when it came to demanding international construction projects. After years of work, he enjoyed retirement in Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas where he learned to play golf, loved to mow his yard, and utilized his early life skills in carpentry.

#### SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 beginning at 10:00AM, followed by services at 11:00AM at the Mission Burial Park North Mausoleum Chapel, 20900 IH-10 West, San Antonio, TX 78257, with Reverend Bill Shockley officiating. Entombment will follow in the Mission Burial Park North Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 8115 Datapoint, San Antonio, TX 78229.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under the obituary section.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Very sorry to hear the sad news. I met Jack in Algeria with Bechtel and he really was a great help at the start of my career - a really wonderful gentleman.  
My Best Wishes to his wife and his family.*

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**Trevor Robertson** - July 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I picked up a newspaper yesterday for my own father, Verbel Keith, obituary and saw Jack's obituary. I met Jack one day in line at the post office. He told my husband and I about his career with the pipe lines. He seemed like a sweet old man with lots of*

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**angela** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *Sara and I both extend our love to the family.*

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**Thu-Ha Nguyen** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *We offer our sincere condolence to the family. Jack was a good friend and supervisor. God Bless*

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**Roy Laxson** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Truly sorry for your loss.  
Worked with Jack in the 1960's Libya.  
A real gentleman and a pleasure to be associated with.*

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**Don Hillman** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Sorry for your loss. We've lost another "true Pipeliner".

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**Kurt A. Belter** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I'm sorry for your loss. My heart is with you.

Love,  
Kim

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**Kim Mullins** - May 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband and father, as well as other family relationships. God be with each of you as you walk through your time of grief and loss.

With Our Deepest Sympathy;  
The Olivas' Tom and Leana

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**Leana & Tom Olivas** - May 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM