



Terrell Franklin Gates Jr.

July 9, 1933 - June 24, 2012

Terrell Franklin Gates, Jr., San Antonio native resident, went to be with our heavenly Father Sunday morning, June 24, 2012. He expired shortly before his 79th birthday after battling diabetes, cancer, and chemo-dementia which resulted in debilitating complications. He was born in San Antonio on July 9, 1933 to two lifelong educators, Terrell Franklin Gates, Sr. and Merrill Smith Gates. He grew up in San Antonio, excelled in both Sports and academics and went on to attend Baylor, Texas A&M and then served as a surgical technician in the Army at the time of the Korean War. He then entered the University of Texas where he met and married the love of his life, Judith Rae Gates, on August 29, 1958. Gates was a consummate entrepreneur. Among his many endeavors were ranching, logistics, importing and exporting, and most of all real estate development where he was most accomplished. His brilliant mathematical capabilities combined with a keen business sense facilitated much of his success. Gates was also known to be most generous, not only with his family but with strangers in need often stopping and giving cash to destitute strangers on the street among other things. Gates was baptized and attended First Baptist Church and later on University United Methodist Church with his wife and family. Gates was surrounded by a loving family and is survived by his spouse of 53 years, son, Terrell Franklin Gates, III, and daughter-in-law, Amelia Noble Gates, his beloved grandchildren, Terrell Grayson Gates, IV, Parker Noble Gates and Adeline Annette Gates, his daughter, Melissa Sue Gates, and partner, Claudia Carrasco, sister and

brother-in-law, Sue and Don McLeod, his Aunt Mary Nell Ing and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, his baby brother, Merrill Lauren Gates, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Gates' remains will be laid to rest at Mission Park Funeral Chapel South, Wednesday, June 27, 2012, visitation starting at 1:30pm with the Funeral Service beginning at 3:00pm. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate gifts to either the Texas Commission for the Blind in San Antonio or the Texas Diabetes Institute.