



Truman Francis Lindeman

July 10, 1922 - March 16, 2012

Truman F. Lindeman left this world on March 16, 2012 at the age of 89. "Lindy" was born in Blanco, Texas on July 10, 1922, the youngest of the three children of Patrick and Jesse Lindeman. He grew up on a small hill country farm through the Depression, poor, but well-fed and happy. His self-sufficient folks generally grew or made what they needed and only bought sugar and coffee in town, where Momo Lindeman sold her produce and eggs at the farmers' market. He graduated from Blanco High School where he was voted the most popular boy. A family friend, Congressman and future President Lyndon B. Johnson got him a job at Kelly AFB in San Antonio since he loved planes and had built a small one as a boy. He trained and worked there as an airplane mechanic. In 1940 he moved to San Angelo to help open Goodfellow Field. He and his crew maintained training planes and they helped train the future American pilots of WWII. He met the love of his life, Addie Crochet, and they married in 1948 and enjoyed almost 64 years together. Truman and his new father-in-law built their first home, doing all the work themselves, and he and Addie enjoyed learning how to cook together. In 1958 they moved back to San Antonio with their three new daughters, bought a home, and had two more girls. The girls got 12 years of a good Catholic education and were encouraged to go to college. Truman worked as a technical advisor on Air Force fighter planes at Kelly AFB. He retired from civil service in 1972 at the age of 50. Lindy had so many interests and talents. After retirement, he took a professional course on casting silver and jewelry making and began to help

his wife with her antique shows. But he was a true artist and began to cast sterling rings and pendants, setting them with turquoise and other stones, while Addie created beautiful bead necklaces. They started Lindeman Enterprises, a jewelry business of their own work that lasted more than 40 years. They had many fans and repeat customers, and it's wonderful to think how San Antonio and beyond sparkles with the jewelry they made. He loved to read and keep up with the world. He read Time and National Geographic, but especially loved books of science fiction and astronomy. Many a long road trip seemed short with family discussions about the vast universe. Besides weekend camping trips, he took the family in the station wagon on a long trip to the Grand Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns, The Painted Desert and The Petrified Forest. The girls' imaginations were stoked by the scenery, the snakes, and the bear that bit a hole in their water jug right outside the tent one night. He enjoyed growing flowers and vegetables. He could cook the most delicious soups and stews, chopping the vegetables right into the pot with a good sharp knife against his thumb. He was handy and could fix almost anything. He grafted and planted too many pecan trees to count and delighted his daughters by peeling pecans for them with his pocketknife. He and Addie invested in land in the country around San Antonio. He was a gentleman farmer who enjoyed his windmill and riding his tractor around the property, which he leased to ranchers and farmers. He loved cows, horses and Progressive Farmer magazine. He was a big fan of bull riding and marveled, remembering a neighbor's gentle but huge bull he'd ride as a little boy in Blanco. Truman had many friends who enjoyed his clever wit and dry sense of humor. He invented the best Balderdash word ever: "Limosis" meant "the sticking together of green things." He enjoyed a good game of 42 and going to Spurs games and the rodeo with one of his daughters. He loved his cats. He was kind and always willing to lend a hand to his friends and family. He spoiled his daughters and instilled in them a love of reading and the importance of an education. He taught them that they could do anything if they set their minds to it. He took great pride in his wife and girls and grandkids,

and the family had many happy years together. He is survived by his wife, Addie, and his immediate family: Mary Lindeman, and Kazu and Cheryl Ikegami of Tempe, Arizona, George and Karen Veni of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Janet Lindeman and Mike Crop of San Antonio, and Greg and Patty Fowler of Batesville, Indiana. His precious Grandchildren are Brian, Carl, and Kevin Ikegami of Tempe, and Sierra Fowler of Batesville. He still has many beloved relatives in Blanco, Texas.

Truman will be greatly missed. The world is a darker place since he left but in the night sky, there's a new star. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the charity of your choice.

S E R V I C E S

The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Wednesday March 21, 2012. A Mass will be celebrated at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church at 10:00A.M Thursday March 22, 2012. Graveside service will be held following Mass at Blanco Historical Cemetery in Blanco, TX at 1:00 P.M.