



## Wayne Stewart Holmes

January 29, 1929 - August 7, 2022

Wayne Stewart Holmes was born on January 29th, 1929 to Tom Holmes and Ethel Irene Brooks Holmes on their small ranch in Leakey, Texas. He grew up along the banks of the Frio River with his brother and sister, Raymond Alton Holmes and Ouida Geraldine Holmes McCaleb.

After graduating from Leakey High School in 1946, he attended, for a brief time, Durham Business College in San Antonio. In 1948, Wayne entered service in the U.S. Navy, reporting to San Diego, California for basic training. While in the Navy, Wayne served during the Korean war on a search and rescue helicopter. He described this experience as one of the most exciting in his life. After completing four years of service with the Navy, Wayne enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served for 26 years and achieved the highest enlisted rank, Chief Master Sergeant.

After retiring from the Air Force in San Antonio in 1979, Wayne served for many years as the secretary at Shenandoah Church of Christ. Following his strong Christian beliefs, he also served a short time as a church deacon and, for many years (up until his passing), he served as an elder.

Wayne's favorite pastime was family history. He corresponded with interested family members across the globe, sharing stories and pictures of his ancestors. He was also an avid movie buff throughout his life. He enjoyed

learning about historical persons and events and was an avid reader.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his brother Raymond and sister Ouida.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 60 years, Wilhelmine “Karoline” Holmes, and their three children, Thomas Holmes and Anthony Holmes of San Antonio, and Karen Holmes of Round Rock. He was also blessed with loving grandchildren, Travis Holmes, Dylan Holmes, Tony Holmes, Zoe Cartwright, and Isaiah St Clair. Family members across the United States as well as in England, Wales, Australia, Germany, Chile, Argentina, and New Zealand also mourn his passing.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Shenandoah Church of Christ  
11026 Wurzbach Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78230

# Tribute Wall

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“ WAYNE AND I BECAME VERY CLOSE ON FACEBOOK AND BY PHONE IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. HIS MOTHER AND MY GRANDFATHER WERE SIBLINGS. I CHERISHED ALL OF THE FAMILY HISTORY THAT HE GAVE ME, HIS GENUINE LOVE AND CONCERN FOR ME AND MY BROTHERS, HIS PATRIOTISM AND LOVE OF HIS FAMILY. BUT, I THINK THE THING I WILL REMEMBER AND CHERISH THE MOST WAS OUR LITTLE THING OF SHARING GOSPEL SONGS WITH EACH OTHER ON FACEBOOK AND MESSENGER. HE WAS ALWAYS SUCH A BLESSING TO ME. I'M SO GRATEFUL THAT WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME SO CLOSE. I AM DEFINITELY A BETTER PERSON FOR HAVING HIM IN MY LIFE AND FAMILY. REST IN PEACE, MY PRECIOUS WAYNE. I WILL DEFINITELY SEE YOU IN HEAVEN. I LOVE YOU. 🙏💖🙏💖

Pam Howell - August 15, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Wayne Stewart Holmes.



August 14, 2022 at 10:01 PM