



## Wilburn Thurman Franz

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After a struggle with COPD, Wilburn Thurman Franz passed to the next life quietly on December 20, 2021. He was at home surrounded by his family. Despite his physical pain, Will faced adversity with a smile.

Born at the beginning of the Great Depression in August 1930, Will spent most of his life in San Antonio raising a family, working at Kelly AFB, enjoying sports, going on camping and fishing trips, adopting various stray dogs, doing woodworking projects, and mowing a large lawn to his wife's specifications.

A veteran of the Korean War and member of the civil service at Kelly Air Force Base, Will served his country in many ways. His attention to detail made him an excellent aircraft electrician for F-86 Sabres and later a technical writer. In retirement, he supported men and women in uniform by volunteering at the Christian Service Center.

He met his wife Barbara at a USO dance while stationed at O'Hare Field in Chicago in 1954 and proposed after one date. They were married for 67 years. He was proud of and curious about the various exploits of his children, Lt Col David Franz (Dr. Dana Pomykal Franz) of Starkville, MS and Dr.

Kathleen Franz (Brendan Danaher) of Washington, DC. In his quiet way, he thoroughly enjoyed watching his two grandchildren, Sgt Joshua Franz and Jonathan Franz, grow up and give back to their communities.

Although he didn't say much, he had a sharp sense of humor. Will made us laugh and modeled not only good humor, but a Godly life and care in all things. We will miss him greatly. The family would like to thank Southeast Baptist Church, Trinity Hospice, and Jewish Family Services and many friends for their support over the last several years.

A graveside funeral service with military honors will be held Ft. Sam Houston on January 5, 2022 and conducted by Dellcrest Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, and only if so moved, the family suggests donations to either Southeast Baptist Church, <http://southeastbaptistchurch.org/> or the Christian Service Center of San Antonio <https://csc-hq.org/>.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service with Military Honors

JAN 5. 10:45 AM (CT)

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1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78209  
(210) 820-3891

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Vong & Luis Carcamo-Huechante purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Wilburn Thurman Franz.*



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**Sam Vong & Luis Carcamo-Huechante** - January 03, 2022 at 07:43 AM