



Col. William S. Horton (USA Ret)

May 22, 1925 - January 29, 2018

Col. William S. Horton (USA Ret), age 92, of Canyon Lake, Texas passed away Monday, January 29th, 2018. He was born May 22, 1925 in Grand Rapids Michigan.

The youngest son of Lloyd and Mona Horton, Bill and his older brothers Robert and John later moved to Battle Creek, Michigan. He graduated from Battle Creek Central high school in 1943 and was a member of the swim team.

He was drafted into the Army and served in company K of the 379th Infantry regiment of the 95th Infantry Division. He saw combat in France and was awarded the CIB, Bronze Star with V for valor and Purple Heart.

After the war, he attended Michigan State College. He married Lillian Scott Ballew of East Leroy, Michigan and had two children, Kathleen and William. He graduated with a BA degree in Business Administration.

While at MSC, Bill was in ROTC and upon graduation took a commission in the US Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. He served as a commissioned officer for 30 years in the Quartermaster Corps rising to rank of Colonel. He was stationed at various posts in the US including Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. His foreign posting included Korea, Germany, Vietnam and Italy. He attended Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas and the Air War College at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama. He retired in 1980 at Fort Sam Houston.

During retirement, he and his wife Scotty enjoyed gardening and traveling. His

wife Scotty passed in January of 1990. He remarried in November of 1991 to Dolores "Lo" Ann Dorsett. Together they began to travel the US in their RV and had many adventures. Bill and Lo moved to Canyon Lake, Texas where they became active in VFW post 8800 in Startzville, Texas. They both made many new friends who also RV'ed and had many adventures. Lo passed away in June 2017.

He is survived by Kathleen Susan Frank of Tucson, Arizona and William Scott Horton of Livermore, California. He will be deeply missed by his family and his numerous friends at the VFW, and will be remembered for his stories and good humor.

Services will be held Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Full Military Honors

FEB **14.** 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Col. Horton. I am sure there will be many treasured memories of his adventurous life. I am sending you a hopefully comforting scripture Isaiah 66:13 says : ‘like a man whom his own mother keeps comforting, so I myself shall keep comforting you people.’ So continue in your prayers and the God of all understanding will hear you and comfort you through this difficult time.

Cynthia Puente - February 10, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ Gerald Parks purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Col. William S. Horton (USA Ret).



Gerald Parks - February 10, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“ This is Deanna Parks and the Gerald Parks family. We will miss Bill greatly ...he was known as Wild Bill to my boys and to Jessica as Jaybird. From the day we met Bill he was special to us and we were proud of him for the service he gave to our country. We wish we had spent more time hearing about his memories. In the years of Bill and Dolores's marriage and the years they spent together we were so happy to share some of those Good Times with them. We have a big hole in our heart right now and missing both of them but we are so thankful for the precious memories.

Gerald Parks - February 08, 2018 at 11:11 PM

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“ Bill you will missed by all rv friends from the Go Luckly Sams club and all of your friends from the Friday night hamburger group. We have traveled many roads and had so many good times and lots of laughs. Know we will meet again and traved the ones we missed.

Ron and Cris Ritchey

Ron Ritchey - February 08, 2018 at 05:26 PM

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“ Our heartfelt sorrow for the family. Bill was not only a wonderful husband to our sister, but also just a great guy!

We miss you, Bill.

Steve and Michael

Steve Parks - February 08, 2018 at 02:32 PM