



William Otis Redus

August 31, 1923 - July 13, 2009

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William Otis Redus died July 13 at the age of 85. Born in Devine, Texas on Aug. 31, 1923 to John Clement Redus and Hazel Ann Slater, he was one of 14 children. His parents, nine siblings, and his wife, Betty Wuneburger Redus, to whom he was married for 56 years, preceded him in death.

Known to friends simply as Bill, he is survived by a daughter, Susan Buentello and her husband, Larry, of San Antonio, and a son, Glenn Redus and his wife, Mary, of Byram Township, N.J., along with grandchildren Julie Beck Stubbs, Leah Redus Cleary, Bryan Beck, Rebekah Redus Ray and Aaron Redus.

Three great-grandchildren are Meghan Stubbs, Jareth Stubbs and Daniel Cleary. In addition, he is survived by brothers George Redus, Clifford Redus and Allen Ray Redus, and a sister, Mildred Brooks.

Bill and Betty raised their family in San Antonio, where Bill worked in civil service at Kelly Air Force Base. In 1997 they moved to Kerrville, which became their home base while pursuing their passion for travel. They pulled a trailer home all over the United States and Canada. Bill was proud of his travels, with Alaska being the only state he never visited. Bill's other passion was football, and he loved the Devine Warhorses, The University of Texas Longhorns, and the Dallas Cowboys. Visitors to the Redus home soon learned what his family already knew: football was serious business, and was to be watched in total silence. Displays of emotion or cheering were frowned

upon as the noise broke his concentration for the next play. Even the television announcers were muted as season after season Bill silently willed his teams to victory.

But mostly Bill will be remembered for his nonstop sense of humor and gregarious nature. There were no strangers when Bill was around, and he was always joking and lending a hand to those in need. Even in his 80s, Bill was still clambering onto his friends' rooftops to help string Christmas lights, and his lawnmower was often heard at the crack of dawn as he cut grass all over the neighborhood, not understanding why anyone would want to waste daylight.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 17 at First United Methodist Church in Kerrville, with interment at 2:30 p.m. at San Jose Burial Park, 8235 Mission Road, in San Antonio. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Peterson Hospice in Kerrville, Texas.

For personal acknowledgment you may sign the guest book at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathy at this time of your great loss. May he rest in peace in the arms of The Lord. God bless.
Joe and Bobbi Schott

The Schott Family - July 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am certain that a brother mentioned well by others as one of good humor should be honored by others in some way. He was a brother Mason, and served his country well. I wish for him to know that although I never met him, he was my brother, and was by the

Leo Ryan - July 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM