



William W. Trimble

November 27, 1917 - February 23, 2005

Lt. Colonel Ret. William W. Trimble died on February 23, 2005. Col. Trimble was born in Monroe, LA to William W. Trimble, Sr. and Eula Medaries Trimble. Col. Trimble always dreamed of becoming a pilot and flying all over the world. He left college in his senior year, during World War II, to follow his dream. He joined the Army Air Corps and received his pilot wings as a 2nd lieutenant commission in early 1943. He was immediately sent to complete his training in the B-17 Flying Fortress. Later he was assigned a crew and deployed to the Eighth Army Air Corp in England, to enter the air war over Europe. Col. Trimble flew in some of the most famous Eighth Air Corp missions: the first American air raid on Berlin, Schweinfurt, Nuremberg, Leipzig, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich and two low altitude missions over Normandy on "D-Day". Col. Trimble was shot down over France on his last mission. He was captured by the Gestapo and after 21 days of interrogation, turned over to the German Army and placed in prison. After several months, he was transferred to the German Air Force. He later escaped and with the aid of the French Underground returned back to England. For this and other efforts over a 30 year military career, he was awarded the Purple Heart with cluster, the Flying Cross with cluster and the Air Medal with four clusters, the POW medal and numerous other medals. After the war, Col. Trimble flew a variety of aircraft in various assignments. The most enjoyable assignment for him and his wife Kay, was with the 86th Fighter Wing at Neubiberg, just outside of Munich, Germany in the early 1950's. As a member of the Greatest Generation he

lived his dreams, helped to protect our freedoms and was a real hero to all who knew and loved him.

Col. Trimble is survived by his wife, Mary Cathryn "Kay" Mullis Trimble, of 62 years; son and daughter-in-law, W. Hunter Trimble and Joan Trimble of San Antonio, Texas; son and daughter-in-law, Jeffery D. Trimble and Lynn Holiday Trimble of San Antonio, Texas, son and daughter-in-law; Brian C. Trimble and Tina Harris Trimble of The Woodlands, Texas and grandchildren, Austen William Trimble, Elizabeth Trimble, Aron David Trimble, Daryl Trimble, Jordan Trimble, Collin Trimble and Taylor Trimble. Col. Trimble was preceded in death by his son Kevin David Trimble of San Antonio, Texas.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday~February 25, 2005 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday~February 26, 2005 at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park North with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 8415 Wurzbach Rd., SAT 78229.

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a wonderful man! I have known Bill for 25 years. He was always such a gentle soul! So kind and considerate to everyone. We in the Real Estate community will miss his wonderful smile and friendly ways! I am so sorry for your great lost! I will k*

Jane Saunders - February 25, 2005 at 12:00 AM