



Richard Hans Jessen

September 10, 1934 - February 23, 2018

Richard Jessen, 83, of Dallas, TX passed away after a recent diagnosis of Lung Cancer, Friday, February 23, 2018. Funeral services will be 10:30 AM Thursday, March 1, 2018, at Christ Church Plano, 4550 Legacy Dr. Plano, TX. Visitation will be 6-8 PM Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at Restland Funeral Home. Richard Hans Jessen was born September 10, 1934, in Denver, Colorado to Hans and Mildred Jessen. Richard considered his greatest accomplishment was knowing Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior and being married to Betty Jean for over 59 years. Richard retired from the USAF after 24 years, where he was the Director of Engineering during the development of the Air Force Navigation Satellite System (NAVSTAR) and later coupled with the Navy's Timation III Satellite System to form the Global Positioning System (GPS). He was also a Field Test Engineer of the Air Force Balloon R&D Test Branch where the Surveyor vehicle was dropped 1000 feet from a tethered balloon to test its ability to make a soft landing on the moon. Richard earned his Masters degrees in Mechanical Engineering, Systems Management, Business as well as a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from USC. After retirement from the USAF, he also worked for E-Systems/Raytheon for 15 years and was also, an adjunct professor at LeTourneau University. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hans and Mildred Jessen; and sister, Eileen Hines. He is survived by his lovely wife, Betty Jean Jessen; daughter, Teresa Miner; son, Richard H. Jessen II; grandchildren: Jessica Hazle, Michael Wright, Daniel Wright, Gloria Rose Jessen, Holly Rebecca Jessen; sisters, Marlene Cummings, Sharon Zimmer; and brother, John (Michael) Jessen. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ Church Plano for mission work in his name, 4550 Legacy Dr., Plano, TX 75024. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75243.

Comments



“ We enjoyed knowing Dick the short time we knew him at Highland Springs. He was always cheerful and thoughtful.

James & Elaine Heinemann - February 27, 2018 at 10:52 PM



“ Elaine and I enjoyed knowing Dick the short time we knew him. He was always cheerful and kind.

James & Elaine Heinemann - February 27, 2018 at 10:26 PM



“ Condolences to the family and friends. Dick was a wonderful and kind man. It was a blessing to have known him.

Patsy Caropresi - February 25, 2018 at 09:55 PM



“ It has been my pleasure to witness the two of you look at one another, exchange anniversary vows and gently kiss every week at the 9:15 Mass at Christ Church. I watched you as you held hands, went to receive Holy Communion and then proceed to the sanctuary where you prayed for and with us. I have admired the two of you for so many years. I doubt there is no greater love story than the one you lived together for almost 60 years. Betty, I am so very sorry for your loss.

Sharon L. Borgne - February 25, 2018 at 09:00 PM



“ Heaven just got one of the world's best people who ever arrived there. Dick enjoyed his physical life with his loving family and all of us friends. He will enjoy being with the rest of his family now. We are sad that we did not meet Dick and Betty sooner or spend more time with them. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are sent to Betty and the family.

Robert & Fern Sigafos - February 25, 2018 at 07:09 PM