



George Jay Richardson

September 10, 1924 - September 6, 2014

George Jay Richardson, age 89, died at Creekside's health care center in Huntsville on Friday, August 29, 2014 after a long illness. He was born September 10, 1924 in Chicago, Illinois to Fred M. and Andrea C. Richardson, one of nine children who survived to adulthood. During World War II, he volunteered to become an Army Ranger. He was assigned to the First Ranger Battalion, and saw action in both North Africa and Sicily. In early 1944, nearly all of the members of his battalion were killed or captured during a battle at Cisterna, Italy. He was wounded during that battle and became a prisoner of war. He spent many months in a P.O.W. camp in what is now Poland, before escaping with another P.O.W. during a forced march that took place as Allied troops advanced into Germany shortly before the end of the war. In 1948, he married Jean Marie Dierssen, the daughter of Henry W. and Helen W. Dierssen. He worked at both a local furniture store and Sears Roebuck before beginning a long career at Shell Oil Company that included assignments in Chicago, Tulsa, New Orleans, New York, and finally Houston. After Jean's death in 1994, Jay moved to Huntsville, and lived in Elkins Lake for many years before moving to the Carriage Inn retirement community. Survivors include sisters Betty Lillie and Beverly Zurick (Tom); children Craig Richardson of Amherst, NH (Katherine), John Richardson of Yukon, OK (Sunny), and Susan Lewis of Midway (Lee); grandchildren Ty Lewis (Jenny), Sarah Richardson, Brett Lewis (Mandy), Emily Richardson, Andrew Richardson, and Adam Richardson; great-grandchildren Addie, Carter, River and Case. A

memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 6 at the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veteran Museum, 463 State Highway 75 North, Huntsville, Texas 77320, where Jay was active for many years. Final internment will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Relatives and friends are welcome at the memorial service, and at a reception immediately following at the home of Susan and Lee Lewis in Midway. Memorial contributions may be made to the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum. Memorial condolences may be made to family online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *George Jay Richardson*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Jay was a wonderful neighbor and we miss him so much. It has been our privilege to know and to love him these years that he has lived across the street from us. Anyone who knew him knew that he was a man of honor. Our country needs more of his love for his country.*

Gene and Dorothy Rotramel

The Rotramels - September 06, 2014 at 08:51 AM



“ *One of my best friends is now gone. We shared many stories and good times at the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum. I will miss him. Jeannine and I send our prayers to Jay's family during this difficult time.*

Arthur L. Jacoby - September 04, 2014 at 07:14 PM

TF

“ Dear Susan and family, You have my sincere condolences. Your father was special to Mom, Dad and our family. We enjoyed his company at our table every Veterans Day. With Jay and our dad being POW's, it was a special bond. I will not be able to make it the the memorial. I am caring for a good friend that has MS and Stage IV cancer and that takes a lot of my time. There is no doubt the service will be well attended - your dad was well loved. It is so sad for me to lose your dad. Like my parents, he was able to live a full life and deserves his place in Heaven and the peace and joy that comes with it. We will all miss him, but he is in such a good place now.h

Trudy Fuchs - September 03, 2014 at 04:27 PM

DK

“ We were so very sorry and saddened to hear about Sue's fathers passing. From her many Facebook posts we watched and learned from the loving daughter/father relationship and felt that we knew him even though we'd never met. We're glad you had him for so many years. This is a blessing in itself. But it's always hard to say goodbye. Your thousands of memories will see you through these hard times as we hope will our prayers.

Dan & Gayle Killian - September 03, 2014 at 01:28 PM

MA

“ There are no words that can express how we feel when we loose a loved one, just pain and sorrow. The only place to receive peace, comfort and hope is in and through Gods' Word, The Holy Bible. I'll leave this one verse that gives these words meaning and how special we as his children are to Him.

Psalms 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Our love and prayers to you all, Mike and Jodi Adams.

Mike & Jodi Adams - September 03, 2014 at 09:33 AM

WD

“ Dear Sue, Craig and John, Your dad was a very kind, sensitive and caring kind of guy-the best example of Tom Brokaw's Greatest Generation. My heart, prayers and thoughts are with you. I treasure your dad's thoughtful Christmas cards and calls-one of which was on the 30th. anniversary of the moon landing, reminding me that we were all together watching it on TV at that very moment. How wonderful is that?!!

Love and blessings, "Aunt" Wynanne

Wynanne Dierssen - September 01, 2014 at 10:08 AM