



Richard T. Fagan

October 20, 1926 - February 23, 2015

Chief Master Sgt. Richard T. Fagan, USAF Retired, age 88 of Mulberry Grove, IL, died Monday, February 23, 2015, at Highland Health Care Center in Highland, IL.

He was born October 20, 1926, in Des Moines, IA, the son of James B. and Ruth H. (nee Hoover) Fagan.

On November 25, 1947, he married Jean A. Wallace who passed away on September 19, 2013.

Dick had a full life and was a proud American, devoting his life to public service. He joined the US Army in 1945 and served in the South Pacific Theater of operations at the end of WWII. He left the service for a short while and returned to duty in 1950, joining the 132nd Tactical Fighter Wing with the Iowa National Guard. He served with 30 years of service in the Guard with the rank of Chief Master Sgt., and was a full time Air Technician. In his last three years of service he accepted an active duty position with the National Guard Bureau in the Panama Canal Zone, acting as the Guard Liaison between the active duty and guard in support of Operation Coronet Cove.

His leisure time was spent with his family, playing golf, bowling, and fishing. His retirement years were spent tinkering around the house and enjoying his grandchildren.

Survivors include :

Son - Michael L. (Amy) Fagan, League City, TX

Daughter - Julie J. (Cynthia) Burgess, Mulberry Grove, IL

Grandchildren - Ten

Great Grandchildren - Nineteen

Sister-In-Law - Virginia Wallace

He was preceded in death by :

Father - James B. Fagan

Mother - Ruth H. Fagan nee Hoover

Wife - Jean A. Fagan nee Wallace died 9/19/2013

Son - Richard J. Fagan died 4/19/2002

Brother - Jimmy Fagan

Local arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 PM on Friday, February 27, 2015, at Forest Park East Funeral Home in Webster, Texas.

Funeral service will be on Friday, February 27, 2015, at 3:00 PM at Forest Park East Funeral Home in Webster, Texas.

Interment will be at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster, TX.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project.

Tribute Wall

BW

“ Richard and I were blessed to have a brief encounter at his request. During his recent stay at St. Joseph Hospital, in Highland, IL, Richard instructed the pastoral care team to contact the local United Methodist Pastor for him. During our visit it was apparent that Richard loved God, Jean, his family and our Nation.

Richard was proud of his service to our great Nation and he was proud of his children but most of all, he talked about his beloved Jean and how he would be seeing her soon. Richard did not fear death and he had no doubts about heaven being both his and Jean's final destination.

Thank you Richard for allowing me to journey with you for a little while; your journey here as ended; but your love continues to touch the lives of all who were blessed to cross your path.

Rev. Dr. Beverly L. Wilkes-Null, Pastor
Highland Hope United Methodist Church

Beverly L Wilkes-Null - February 25, 2015 at 12:45 PM

KF

Richard was my Sgt when i was in the 132 Motor pool in 1953..I was a staff Sgt. I got a direct appointment to 2nd Lt...One time a S/Sgt and the next 2nd Lt. He was always a helpful person when I was an enlisted man and then as a Officer in HIS unit. I have many fond memories in the guard. God Bless. Keith Fenton

Keith Fenton - February 27, 2015 at 02:40 PM

BF

Dick was one of the first NCOs who I met when I joined the unit in 1956 and then went to work full time for the 132nd. He was always helpful to me as a young airman. Later when I went on AD with the NGB, he and Jean came to visit us in Virginia after he had accepted an AD tour with the ANG and was serving in Panama. They brought us drink coasters from Panama which we still have to this day. He regaled in stories about being at Howard AFB in Panama and being the senior Chief on the base. He had the responsibility of setting up the office for himself and the officer assigned to the office. As the senior Chief on base, he got the job done promptly and had no problem getting what they needed. When we read of his passing, my wife and I were saddened and then started smiling and remembering stories about him. He was a Chief's Chief and I am proud to say a true friend. May your soul rest in peace Chief.

Bernie Frey - March 1st.

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