



SMSGT. Jess S. Raley, USAF

August 8, 1940 - February 8, 2018

Senior Master Sargent Jess Samuel Raley, United States Air Force, age 77, passed away on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at the Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital, located in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on August 8, 1940 in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

Jess attended Fort Gibson High School where he was known as Sammy. He participated in basketball, music, baseball and FFA. He graduated from High School in 1959 and served in the United States Air Force for 26 years from 1960 through 1986. He is a Vietnam Veteran serving 2 tours in Vietnam. After military service, he worked Civil Service at Laughlin Air Force Base from 1989 through 2006. He was a Flight Line Flight Chief for the T-38 aircraft, T-1 aircraft and a Superintendent for the T-6 aircraft. He loved all outdoor sports, especially hunting, fishing and bow fishing. He served as a member of the big Friendly Bass Club and the Rio Grande Bass Club and was a member of the first archery club in Del Rio, the Del Rio Bowhunters Association. He loved family gatherings where he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and was always present at their activities such as birthday parties, baseball, basketball games and concerts.

He is preceded in death by his parents Cassie Mae Boling Raley and Samuel Lester Raley.

Family members left to cherish his memory is his beloved wife of 27 years, Maria Raley. Daughter Leah Chavez of Boise, Idaho. Sons: Adrian Villarreal (Patty), Andy Villarreal (Jane) of Del Rio. Brother: Robert Raley (Beverly) of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Grandchildren: Christopher and Steven Chavez of Boise, Idaho, Logan and Luke Villarreal, Jena and Adan Villarreal of Del Rio. Great Grandson: Jaxxon Chavez Boise, Idaho. Nephews: Carter Raley (Monica) of Allen, Texas and Josh Raley (Jessica) of Dallas, Texas. Grandnieces, Madison of Allen, Texas, Ella & Emily of Dallas, Texas. Close friends: Thomas "Tom" Berny (Maria) and Jerry Goodwin (Supap) of Del Rio.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in the Trinity Chapel of Faith. A Holy Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will be on Friday, February 16, 2018 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Moreno officiating. Pallbearers will be: Robert Raley, Carter Raley, Josh Raley, Adrian Villarreal, Andy Villarreal, Thomas Berny, Jerry Goodwin

Honorary Pallbearers will be: Big Friendly Bass Club Members

A Graveside Burial will be on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, located at 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd., in San Antonio, Texas. Full military honors will be rendered by the United States Air Force.

Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Trinity Mortuary, 206 Kings Way, Del Rio, Texas. For more information you may reach us at 830.775.2230. Tradition. Tribute. Trust.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Mortuary
206 Kings Way
Del Rio, TX 78840
(830) 775-2230
info@trinitymortuary.com
<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

Holy Rosary

FEB **15**. 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

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Catholic Mass

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
510 Wernett St.
Del Rio, TX 78840

Graveside Burial

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

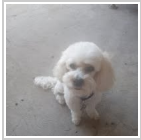
Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wuzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

LC

“ I just discovered your passing today dad. I really don't have the words to express the shock I feel. I wish so much for both of us that we never had. I love you dad. Rest with the angels.
Leah

Leah Chavez - February 27, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ Condolences to the family



Donna Huerta - February 15, 2018 at 07:41 PM

MS

“ I was deeply saddened when Robert told me of Sams passing. He was a good man and I remember my dad talking about Sams adventures when I was young. Billie and I would like to express our condolences to the Raley family.
Mark And Billie Smith, Cheyenne, Wy

Mark Smith - February 15, 2018 at 10:00 AM

RR

“ My brother, my best friend! Jess I will miss you deeply. I wish I could have been there with you when you went to see the Lord. I know you're in a better place now and the suffering is over. Mary, Andy, Adrian please know my thoughts and prayers are with you now and the future. May our God bless you and comfort you all in the this time of grief and loss. Please know I'm a phone call away if you ever need me for anything. I love you all deeply. R.I.P Jess I will always miss you my brother!.....,Robert

Robert Raley - February 13, 2018 at 01:12 PM

WV

“ I am really going to miss him.I was his best man at his wedding and worked many years with him at Laughlin AF base.Rest well my friend .



William Varnador - February 13, 2018 at 11:02 AM

TB

“ In the past 40 plus years Jess and I have been friends we have shared many campfire hunting and fishing stories. Jess, Jerry and I use to take our road trips to shop and eat out and just talk. We spent hundreds of hours hunting, fishing and shooting archery over the years. Now we just have the memories. Jess will be greatly missed. God bless you Mary and all your family. Your loss is much greater than mine.

Thomas Berny - February 12, 2018 at 09:45 PM

DS

“ I looked up to Sam and my older brothers and cousins. I always heard good things about Sam and respected him as a veteran. I wish I could have made it down to Del Rio to visit but know he is in good hands with Jesus. I had a really good time talking to him at Ft. Gibson when he and his wife sat with my wife and I. I remember visiting Cassie, and she would talk about Sammy. One time he called her when I was in her home eating breakfast and she was calling him son. Robert and Jess were blessed to have a wonderful mother and I do think about her often and still miss her. You guys both have done good work and I respect and admire the Raley boys ! David Smith

David Smith - February 12, 2018 at 12:11 AM

DI

“ Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Mr. Raley will be truly missed.
Mr. And Mrs. Banks

Diane - February 11, 2018 at 11:28 PM

CA

“ My sincerest condolences to Mary, her sons, and all the families. May your souls and hearts find peace and comfort. RIP MR. JESS.



CARMEN VELIZ, SAN ANTONIO - February 10, 2018 at 11:30 PM