



## George Henry Shafer

August 22, 1931 - March 18, 2025

Graveside services for George Shafer, 93 of Giddings will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas, Shelter 1, with military honors provided by the United States Air Force.

George Henry Shafer, recently living in Giddings but largely from New Braunfels, Texas died March 18, 2025 after a long and wonderful life. George was born to Will and Minnie Lee Shafer on a farm in Concho County, Texas near Lowake. His father, Will, was from the Shafer's in Hutto and Pflugerville who came from New York in 1870. He married Amy Earl of Birmingham, England in 1953. Their early years were in England during the Korean War, then Arizona, San Antonio, and New Braunfels, Texas. After Amy passed away he was blessed to marry Barbara Cook of New Braunfels in 2001.

George was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Amy, his second wife Barbara, son Michael Shafer; son in law, Glenn Vance; grandchildren, Damaris Taylor, J. Michael Taylor, and siblings Leon Shafer, Norman Shafer, and Willadene Raley.

He is survived by two children Debbi Vance of Paige, and Mark Shafer and wife Mary of Houston; step children, Karen Doyle, Jimmy Cook, and Donna Weir; grandchildren, Annelise Jones, M. Alex Taylor, Quinn Shafer, Preston

Shafer and Reagan Shafer; step-grandchildren, Sarah Young, Amy Church, Allie Peters, Cody Cook, Heather Seibold, Jeremy Weir and Ronan Baerg; great-grandchildren Evan Taylor, Aniya Taylor, and Oliver Shafer and numerous extended family members.

George was enlisted in the Air Force from 1951-1972 and his roles included organizing manuals for airplane care during the Korean War and the original computerization of personnel information (remember punch cards?). He was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal upon retirement. After completing a BBA in computer science from Southwest Texas State University, he went to work for USAA in their computer division. He retired again in 1993.

George was active in the Baptist Church, especially as a member of Texas Baptist Men Retirees Builders. He spent his retirement constructing church buildings in Texas, New Mexico, Mexico, the Navajo Nation, and England. He was an active Lion and 50-year Mason. He built a beautiful home for his wife, Amy, before she died of ALS. With Barbara, he continued mission construction work and cared for her as she died of complications of heart surgery. Since then, he lived close to his children and enjoyed going out to eat and wandering the countryside with his friend, Jul Noble.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The ALS Association, 1300 Wilson Blvd., Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22209.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Road  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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