

BARREN

Mr. Robert John Barren (Major Ret.) passed away on January 29, 2009



after a fulfilling life at the age of 91. Mr. Barren often said there were two things in life worth living: FAMILY and HONOR. This

could best be seen with his marriage of 55 years to Mary Goss Barren who preceded him in 1998. Together, they loved their FAMILY and, in particular, their nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Mr. Barren is survived by his five children: Pamela Talley and her husband Thomas of Southlake, Texas; Robert J. Barren, Jr. and his wife Barbara of Seattle; Adelaide Belk of Euless, Texas; Harry J. Barren and his wife Barbara of El Paso; and Philip R. Barren and his wife Vicki of White Hall, Ark. His grandchildren are Chris Talley of San Antonio; Tommy Lee Sanders of Liberty Hill, Texas; Robert J. Barren III of Seattle; James Sanders of Leander, Texas; Scott Talley of Denver; Jessica Rozal of Everett, Wash; Sandra Goodman of Bedford, Texas; Paul Barren of Atlanta and Lisa Marie Barren of Albuquerque. His nine great grandchildren are Shayna Sanders, Michael Talley, Megan Talley, Lupita Barren, Bobbie Barren, Caroline Talley, Kacie Sanders, Laramie Sanders and Reese Rozal. Born July 1917 in Indiana Harbor, Ind., Mr. Barren grew up in Shaker Heights, Ohio where he became a

lifelong Ohio State Football fan. Barren served with HONOR in the United States Army for 27 years. His military career began in 1939 with the 107th Cavalry Regiment, Ohio National Guard. During World War II he was with the 3rd Armored Division and participated in the Battle of the Bulge along with the rescue of the Royal Lipizzan Stallions of Vienna, Austria. He also served in the Korean Conflict and was instructor of the Nike Hercules Missile Systems, ADA U.S. Army Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, Texas. Just as the Army barracks ballad of Major Barren's time went - "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away" - we can now join together in offering a final salute to our noble soldier. Visitation will be on Monday, February 2 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Martin Funeral Home, 1460 George Dieter Dr. A graveside service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 3 with Military HONORS at Fort Bliss National Cemetery with Rev. Bill Francis presiding. His six grandsons will serve as HONORARY pallbearers. The FAMILY extends special gratitude to Angie, Carmen, Gracie and Irene for their loving care and to the staff at William Beaumont Army Medical Center. FAMILY and HONOR are the words that best describe the lives of Mary and Robert J. Barren.