



## Col. Ret.

October 16, 1922 - October 31, 2009

Military Graveside services for Lt. Col. Doug Beggerly, 87, of Oak Hill, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, at Oak Hill Cemetery with Rev Ted White officiating. Col. Beggerly died Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009 at his residence. He was born Oct. 16, 1922 in Houston, Texas and had lived in Henderson since 1968. He was a retired Lt.Col. in the U.S. Air Force. Col. Beggerly began his military service by enlisting in 1940 and was an aerial gunner in the B-18's and B-17's, flying combat missions in the Australian Pacific. Then was selected for pilot training and flying support missions for the Flying Tigers and other Allied forces in China-Burma-India. In Korea he flew night combat low level attack missions in the B26's, credited with destroying 6 enemy locomotives and several supply trains. In Vietnam he flew B-57's giving close air support in the south and interdiction in North Vietnam. His combat awards include the Silver Star, 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, and over 20 Air Medals. He was also awarded several Campaign and Service medals. After retiring from the military he worked for Anderson Hickey Inc. in a Management position for 18 years here in Henderson. Col. Beggerly was Commander of the Commemorative Air Force Lone Star Wing, Member of the East Texas Vintage Auto Club, Tyler Model A Club, Optimist Club, a Mason, Former Chairman of the Rusk County Democratic Party, and active with the Henderson Chamber of Commerce. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Faye Beggerly. Survivors include: sons, Jim Beggerly and wife, Brenda of Tyler, Scott Beggerly and wife, Brenda of Oak Hill; daughters, Bev

Pobuda and husband, Ken of Ohio and Cindy Pruett of Henderson; sister Mary K. Longnecker of Ft. Worth; 8 grandchildren ; 14 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be the Air Force.

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ We are all so Blessed to have known you. To all the Family so sorry we have lost him, but know he has moved on to a much better place with Aunt Dorothy. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow. We loved him and will miss him. Love to All of you!

Robert & Janet Stallard - November 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Bradford C. Beggerly III & Erika, and Brooke Beggerly - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Uncle Doug was a very special person in my life and I will miss him dearly. Thanks for all of your stories and laughter. Be at peace

Treleta Walker - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ A man I remember through the stories my father tells. I do know he was a man of pride to his family and country. He is now at peace with the many other warriors of our great country. He is missed by many. Thank you Sir for your time spent here with us. 'Semper Fi'

Jim Metro - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Unwavering love and devotion to his wife, his family, his country and the amazing accomplishments made by Uncle Doug will always be treasured by me and my family. He made a difference and he is my hero. Love to all, Clark and Pam

Clark and Pam Beggerly - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Amazing how some lives touch so many others. Uncle Doug, we are saddened by the loss of you, but so proud to have known you, and offer you with the greatest love and respect our final salute. Well done. Rest easy. Charles and Carolyn Walker

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**charles walker** - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ TO THE BEGGERLY FAMILY,WE ARE SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF MR. BEGGERLY. HE WAS LIKE A GRANDFATHER TO THE BOYS AND A SECOND DAD TO ME. I AM VERY THANKFUL THAT I WAS ABLE TO HELP WITH HIS CARE FOR A SHORT WHILE AND SPEND THAT SPECIAL TIME WITH HIM. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU. MUCH LOVE TO ALL. GENA

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**GENA AND MICHAEL DEWINTER, JUSTIN AND MATTHEW** - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you on the loss of your loved one. We thank Lt. Col. Beggerly for his service to this country. May the Lord bless and keep you all.Jan and Roger

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**Jan and Roger Spann** - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My heart goes out to my family. He was a good man. A loving husband, a good dad, a wonderful grandpa, and an awesome great grandpa. I have wonderful memories of him and the farm. He is going to be missed.

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**Kelly Beggerly** - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Granpa was truly a good man. His good nature and love for his family and friends will be remembered by us all. To everyone else who knew and loved him go our thoughts and condolences. Chris, Kelly, Joshua and Matthew Beggerly*

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**Chris Beggerly** - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *Jim and Brenda, My prayers are with you. Love, Mom*

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**Betty Ellis** - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Brenda and Jim, Donnie and I are sorry to hear about Mr. Beggerly. Our prayers are with your family. If there is anything we can do, please let me know. We love you.*

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**Don and Debbie Gable** - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What a beloved father, grand-father, and great- grand-father. He will be missed, but will live on in our hearts and in our family. Gina Lynn Andrew, Axel & Lily Ott*

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**Gina Beggerly Ott** - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM