



Alfred William Hammett Jr.

April 4, 1924 - February 26, 2015

Alfred Hammett passed away February 26, 2015 at the Retreat at Sun River in St. George Utah. Al was born April 4, 1924 in Oak Park, Illinois to Marion Kingsley and Alfred William Hammett, Sr. He married Mary Lou Freer in Chicago, Illinois in 1948.

In 1942, Al enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the Air Corps where he was a member of the 9th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron supporting missions in India and Burma. He re-enlisted in the USAF where he served his country honorably until his retirement in 1966 with the rank of Major. Early in his military career, he attended the Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center, at the Presidio of Monterey, California where he became fluent in Russian. In subsequent years, he was stationed in Japan, Germany, England, Italy, California, Texas, and Washington D.C. He attended Columbia University, and then the University of Maryland where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Military Science.

After his USAF retirement, Al joined LTV (E-Systems) in Greenville, Texas as a systems engineer. Because of Al's love of learning, he continued to pursue higher education goals and studied at East Texas State University for a master's degree in political science. He earned an MBA from the University of Dallas in 1985. Later that year, he retired from E-Systems and moved with his wife to Santa Fe, New Mexico where they enjoyed the scenery, food, art and style of the city. They moved to St. George, Utah in 2011 to be closer to family. Al was always a kind and fair man with a quick wit and easy sense of humor. He enjoyed classical music, bridge, travel, reading, and the Dallas Cowboys - even when they were losing.

Al is survived by, Mary Lou, his wife of 67 years. He is also survived by his daughter Carol Champneys and husband Gene (children Cherié, Tiffany and Jeremy) of St. George, Utah, and daughter Tricia Ridgley and husband Floyd (children Adam and Neil) of Cash, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home, St. George, Utah. You may share memories and condolences at www.serenitystg.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Alfred William Hammett Jr..*



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“ *Al was a fine friend, a fantastic office mate, a good traveling companion. And his quick wit was fabulous to be around. Rest in peace, my friend. Hugs to Mary Lou, Trish, and Carol.*

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“ *WE REMEMBER AL WELL AND REGRET HIS PASSING. HE AND MARY LOU WERE IN OUR BRIDGE CLUB HERE IN GREENVILLE, TX. IN FACT THEY GAVE US BRIDGE LESSONS WHENEVER WE BEGAN PLAYING BACK ABOUT 1970 .HE WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS NEW YEARS FRENCH 75'S THAT WAS HELL OF A MIXTURE OF VARIOUS ALCOHOLS. WE SURE HAD FUN. AL ALWAYS HAD AS JOKE OR TWO TO LIGHTEN OUR SPIRITS. WE WILL MISS HIM. WE HOPE MARY LOU IS DOING WELL. LOVE, JIM AND NORMA KUSEWITT*

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