



## Alvin Orlando Berg, Jr.

June 30, 1922 - June 5, 2016

Alvin Orlando Berg, Jr., 93, resident of Euless for 59 years passed away on June 5, 2016.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Countryside Bible Church, 250 Countryside Ct., Southlake, Texas, 76092.

Alvin was born June 30, 1922. He was the oldest of four siblings born to Orlando and Anna Maley of Malta, Illinois. After high school, he earned a baseball scholarship to James Millikan College. Then came December 7, 1941, and he enlisted in the Army Air Corp in early 1942. During his training at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, Texas, he met his future wife, Vera Fae Manteris. They went on to exchange love letters throughout the entire war. He was initially assigned to New Guinea under General MacArthur's Army in the Pacific. He stayed with MacArthur's Army all the way to Tokyo flying troop transports and freight in the C-46 and C-47. He flew one of the very first planes to land in Tokyo after the Japanese surrendered. After the war, he married his sweetheart on September 3, 1946. They were married for almost 70 years. After a season of Minor League Baseball with the New York Giants organization, he was again called up for military service as a jet fighter flight instructor during the Korean War, reaching the rank of Major. He remained in the Air Force Reserves until he was hired by American Airlines in 1957.

He retired as a Captain in 1982. During his retirement years, he enjoyed spending most of the summers at their "Wilderness" Cabin in Crested Butte, Colorado where they often hosted children, grandchildren and friends. He had horses which he frequently rode into the Gunnison National Forrest. He also participated in many trail rides with other riders throughout the state of Texas, his most memorable being the Texas Sesquicentennial Trail Ride in 1986. Alvin was also an avid hunter, fisherman and snow skier in Colorado. He was a member of Countryside Bible Church, the Allied Pilots Association, the Grey Eagles, and was President of the 5th Air Force Memorial Foundation.

Survivors: His loving wife, Vera Fae; and their children, Don Berg and wife, Belle, Douglas Berg and wife, Lurna, and Coni Wilson whose late husband, Truett will be meeting him in heaven; nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

# Events

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**JUN**   **Graveside service**   11:30AM

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Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX, US, 75211