



Lt. Col. Henry Jackson Kornegay, Jr.

February 19, 1919 - January 14, 2015

Lt. Colonel Henry Jackson Kornegay, Jr., 95, passed away on January 14, 2015, at his residence in Anaheim, CA. Lt. Colonel Kornegay was born February 19, 1919, in West Point, the son of the late Henry Jackson and Harriet McFadden Kornegay, Sr. Lt. Colonel Kornegay graduated from West Point High School in 1937, where he was President of the Senior Class. He attended the University of Mississippi "Ole Miss" from 1938 through the Spring of 1941, where he was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He entered his military service September 3, 1941, as an Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet. He flew the DB-7, B-24, and the B-17 before transferring to Berkshire, England, with the 376th Bob Squadron, 306 Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, where he remained until after World War II. His group was re-assigned to photo mapping Europe west of the Iron Curtain. He was then re-assigned to Giebelstadt, Germany, in 1945 and various other military bases in Germany until returning to the United States in 1947. He met and married the woman of his dreams, Jessica Marilyn Hogue on August 6, 1948, in Tampa, FL. During 1948-1949, he flew the B-29, B-17, and C-54 aircraft. They went on to have three children with him, meeting the youngest when she was six months old, as he was stationed and flying in England during her birth. His autobiography and memoirs of his military life have been filed and published in the World War II Veteran's Project in the National Archives. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother and often the benefactor to a child in need. He was tender hearted to the child that would be left out of a school field trip, a child that needed medical treatment or a simple bicycle at Christmas, all unknown to him personally. All of his little songs, which were often made up, the ones he sang to his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will be greatly missed. The "little finger snapping song" that he would whistle to while doing a silly little dance across the room, the ear that would listen to you, the memories in the kitchen teaching us to make Thanksgiving stuffing or his famous peanut brittle, all of which will be greatly missed. He was a man with a big heart and the only things he loved as much as his family was his country and Ole Miss... "Hotty Toddy"! In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by Four Sisters: Lucille Ball, Vivian Simmons, Frances "Totty" Williams and Elizabeth "Tib" Harper and by a Son-in-Law: Robert Taskey.

Graveside Services will be Sunday, January 25, 2015, at 1:00 P.M. from Greenwood Cemetery in West Point with Reverend Jeff Shannon officiating. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include Two Daughters, Gwen Day (David) of Anaheim, CA, and Marilyn Taskey of Wexford, PA; One Son, Henry Jackson (Trey) Kornegay, III (Elizabeth) of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; Seven Grandchildren and Two Great Grandchildren; and One Sister, Mary "Dinks" Thornton of West Point.

Memorials may be made to Palmer Home for Children, P.O. Box 746, Columbus, MS 39701.

Comments



“ My wife and I had the privilege of meeting Jack, "Dinks", and some of their nieces when we were doing family research in Mississippi in 2005.

He mentioned to me as we left that he wished that he had met us earlier in life. The same feeling was returned from us to him.

He will be missed. Nelson & Sherron Kornegay Montgomery, Texas

Nelson Kornegay - January 24, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ My deepest condolences to you and your family Gwen. I have only the fondest memories of your Dad, Pops growing up. He was always good for a smile ,a chuckle and a great story. Never letting us leave the house without asking, "Just what are you girls up to tonight?" Of course we never told him anything! He just shook his head and told us to be careful. He shared his heart full of love with everyone he met. He was a special guy!

May Gods love and warmth surround you and your family and give you peace during this time of need.

My love to you and yours,
Your friend always,
Marylou

Marylou Amos, (Frangie) - January 24, 2015 at 11:25 AM



“ I remember while I was in high school and went over to see Trey, Trey and Mr. Kornegay were painting the house. Guess what I ended up doing that weekend, yep helping to paint the house. Mr. Kornegay was fun to be around, he had great sometimes corny stories. I'm sure he will be missed by all.

Chris Steffen - January 23, 2015 at 10:02 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family of Lt. Col. Henry Jackson Kornegay Jr. There are never enough words to sooth the pain from loosing a loved one. I didn't have the honor to meet you sir, but I do have the honor to call your granddaughter Kendall a friend.

I have no doubt that you will be missed and forever loved by those who knew you. I would like to thank you for your service to our great country and answering the call like many of the brave men from your generation. To me personally you are all my heroes and I will continue to admire you.

Rest easy Lt. Col and take your seat among the warriors of the past for your time as a guardian has now concluded and your legacy as a leader of warriors and patriots will always be remembered. Your watch is done and the next generation will continue where you left off.

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" it is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."

- Gen. George S. Patton

Braulio Bertinetti - January 23, 2015 at 08:02 PM



“ Braulio Bertinetti lit a candle in memory of Lt. Col. Henry Jackson Kornegay, Jr.



Braulio Bertinetti - January 23, 2015 at 06:23 PM



“ I have such fond memories of your father and his warmth. Always he wore his smile. Heartfelt love and thoughts to you and the family. Now he soars without limits...
Sherri Tolley

Sherri Tolley Arden - January 23, 2015 at 05:10 PM