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M/Sgt (ret.) Charles C. Austin left on his final assignment, March 26th, 2017.

He was born in rural Scotts Hill, Decatur County, Tn. To Albert Curt and Merle Mae Austin just before the devastating world-wide depression hit.

World War II broke out and he could not wait to serve. He left home at the tender age of 17. He first enlisted in the Merchant Marines and when that didn't work out, he joined the Army Air Corps. He served 27 years in the Air Force seeing the world. He served in the Korean Conflict and the Viet Nam War.

While serving in England, he met and married Elizabeth Frost, the mother of his four children, Debra (Jerry) Kilpatrick; Linda Taylor; Gary (Laura); and David. He is survived by all. He is also survived by six grandchildren---Jason (Valerie) Austin; Lisa (Joel) Pitre; Courtney (Alyssa) McGuire; Collin Austin; Connor Austin; Jared Austin and one great-grandchild, Ashlyn Pitre.

He retired to San Antonio and went overseas again with Bendix and Rockwell International. He also earned his BBA and Masters from Southwest Texas University (Texas State).

Along the way, he divorced. He was able to reconnect with and marry his childhood sweetheart, Betty Ruth Alexander Creasey. He inherited five "bonus" children—Diane (Mac) Pennington; Ray (Sue) Creasey; Ronnie Creasey (deceased); Cindy (Steve) McAllister; Lori (Jeff) Stiles as well as seven grandchildren.

His siblings, Kathy McVey; Julia Carr; Billy Austin and Mary Alice Yarbrow and numerous nieces and nephews survive him as well.