



Alvin J. Hollas

October 13, 1928 - May 19, 2023

Alvin J. Hollas, age 94, of Houston, peacefully passed away Friday, May 19, 2023. Alvin was born October 13, 1928 at home in the High Hill community north of Schulenburg, Texas to Hugo and Pauline (Schmidt) Hollas. Alvin grew up the oldest of 7 boys.

In his younger years he attended the High Hill School and helped on the family farm, milked cows, worked in the fields and picked cotton. At age 18 he was employed as a carpenter. Two years later, November, 1950, Alvin was drafted into the service when the Korean War began. He served in the 40th Infantry Division. After a short basic training at Camp Cook, California, the Division was shipped to Japan for 9 months of advanced training and then dispatched to the front lines in Korea for another 9 months, where he received several Infantry Combat Awards.

After his honorable discharge In October 1952, he moved to Houston and was employed by the Ford Motor Co. Parts Depot, and Phoenix Dairy where he had a retail milk delivery route in the River Oaks area. On October 19, 1953, he married the love of his life, Bernice Richter of St. John, Texas and they enjoyed 67 years together until her death in 2020. The following year he enrolled in the University of Houston and was employed by the Harris County

Auditor's Office. He graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and obtained his CPA Certificate. He continued his employment with Harris County for 38 years, including one year as Director of Internal Audit for the Harris County Hospital District, and then 23 years as the First Assistant County Auditor.

Alvin retired in 1993 but he continued to want to work and to serve in the community. After retirement he was appointed to the Harris County Hospital Board of Managers where he served one term. He was a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Houston Downtown Kiwanis Club, The Knights of Columbus, and served as Treasurer for the Texas Lone Star Chapter of the Korean War Veterans. He was an active member of St. Jerome Catholic Church where he served on the Finance Committee for several years. He was a Catholic Life Insurance Representative and was currently serving as the President of Northwest Houston Branch 58.

Alvin enjoyed travel. There were many family vacation driving trips and several overseas vacation trips with Bernice. He was a handyman and a gardener. He loved to socialize with family and friends.

Alvin was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice (Richter) Hollas, his parents, Hugo, Sr. and Pauline (Schmidt) Hollas; his brothers Armand Hollas, Leo Hollas and Hugo Hollas, Jr.; and his great-grandson, Callan Symmank.

Alvin is survived by his four children and their spouses, Ronald (Esther) Hollas, Carol (Gregory) Batt, Deborah (Kevin) Hunter, and Rebecca (Robert)

Symmank; six grandchildren and their spouses, Jessica (Chip) Belcher, Travis (Louella) Batt, Dana (Justin) Neuneker, Michelle (Stephen) Groppell, Matthew (Genesis) Symmank, and Eric (Meredith) Symmank; nine great-grandchildren, Blake and Elizabeth Belcher, Taylor and Ryan Neuneker, Olivia and William Groppell, Benjamin and Tatum Symmank, and Martin Symmank. He is also survived by his brothers and sister-in-laws, Robert (Alice) Hollas, Winfred (Carol Ann) Hollas, and Richard (Barbara) Hollas; sister-in-laws, Mildred Hollas, Rose Hollas, and Paula Hollas, and many extended family members.

The Funeral services will be held at St. Jerome Catholic Church, 8825 Kempwood Dr., Houston, TX 77080 on Monday, May 29, 2023. The visitation will begin in the church at 9:30 a.m., with a recitation of the Holy Rosary, led by the Knights of Columbus Council 4550, at 10:30 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow the Mass in the Activity Center at St. Jerome. Alvin will be laid to rest in Houston National Cemetery on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Alvin's memory to St. Jerome Catholic Church Building Fund, or to a charity of one's choice. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Joseph Earthman Generations, 234 Westcott Street in Houston.

Family and friends can view and sign the guestbook online at www.josephheartman.com

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Alvin brought a smile to everyone in the path of his afternoon walks. He showed warmth and kindness to our daughters and told us all of his favorite stories about his most recent visits with his family. He was nothing but a picture of wisdom and grace in the neighborhood. He is so missed already. -the pooles at 2702 Tilson

Chad - June 05, 2023 at 08:19 PM

OG

“ I worked with Alvin when I was in the County Attorneys Office. He was a knowledgeable, kind, pleasant, helpful person. I know that his wisdom and counsel will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies are with you in your loss.

Jim Guiberteau

Oliver Guiberteau - June 01, 2023 at 10:56 AM

MV

“ Our condolences to the Hollas Family ,may he rest in eternal peace.... The Villegas Family

Mary Villegas - May 29, 2023 at 07:56 PM

MV

“ Mary Villegas lit a candle



Mary Villegas - May 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Stefani Rose lit a candle Ron, I am so sorry for your loss. My sincerest condolences to you and your family. We are all thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and comfort.*



Stefani Rose - May 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

QM

“ *My condolences for your lost Ron, let me know if there is anything I can do for you. We are all here for you.*

Quintin Mitchell - May 25, 2023 at 09:58 AM

TB

“ *Tommy Bigelow lit a candle Ron, my deepest condolences to you and your family. I know how proud you were to be his son, and I am certian he was proud of the person you are.*



Tommy Bigelow - May 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ *Supakorn lit a candle Ron, What the most simplest and interesting life of your father. You are great as he had been doing. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Supakorn*



Supakorn - May 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Stephanie Wernet lit a candle Ron, your father was as amazing as you are! My deepest condolences to you and your family.*
SKW



Stephanie Wernet - May 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM