



Philip Joseph Blais

March 11, 1924 - February 18, 2008

Philip Joseph Blais, age 83, of Fairview, Texas passed away February 18, 2008 at his home. He was born March 11, 1924, in Van Nuys, California, the son of Fred and Lucille (Allain) Blais. Phil served his country during World War II in the Army Air Corps. He was a pilot that flew the Berlin Airlift, over 50 combat missions in the B-24 Liberator. Upon his retirement as a Lt. Col from the United States Air Force, he was a well decorated soldier. Phil married Rachel A. Frazier on February 27, 1947, in Ohio. He and Rachel retired to Ft. Myers, Florida upon Phil's retirement from American Airlines where he was a flight instructor. He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Rachel; daughters, Rebecca Murphy, Catherine (Blais) and Ken Blob, Elise (Blais) and Randy Ramey; sons, Philip T. Blais and Pamela Blais, Jerry and Rosanna Blais; grandchildren, Jason B. and Lindsey Lambertson, Philip T. Blais, Erik. E. Blais, and Rachel M. Blais; and a great-grandson, John Henry Lambertson. He was preceded in death by his son, Gregory F. Blais (1999). A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, February 23, 2008, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel in Allen, Texas, with Rev. John Bell officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in Philip's name to the Retina Foundation of the Southwest, 9900 N. Central Expressway, Suite 400, Dallas, TX 75231.

Memorials

Thank all of you who remember my father.

PHILLIP L. BLAIS, AUGUST 14, 2019

I was stationed with then Major Blais. He was a very good Commander. It was a pleasure to have served as the NCOIC of Operation and his 1st Sgt in 1960

*to 1962. May dear God look over him and his Family. M/sgt Duane L. Rapelje.
RET.*

DUANE L. RAPELJE, MAY 14, 2019

Dad, I miss you! Your son,

PHILIP L. BLAIS, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Hi Rachel. We were sorry to hear of Lt. Col. Blais passing we have great memories of our time at Blaine AFS, Col Blais was always nice to us. May God be with him and you and family.

DUANE AND EDNA, OCTOBER 21, 2018

I was sad to hear of Col. Blais passing. I was stationed with him at Blaine AFS, Washington. Col Blais was a very good Commander.

DUANEL. RAPELJE, DECEMBER 4, 2016

So very sorry to hear of Col Blais Death. I was his First Sgt at Blaine AFS, Blaine Wa. in 1960-1962 Rachel if you read this contact Edna at 4252591941

DUANE L. RAPELJE, DECEMBER 20, 2013

Rachel and Family: I am sure that your family is as sad as ours for our mutual losses. Let's hope that our loved ones are reunited and happy with God in Heaven. God Bless You and Yours. Love Jean Blais

JEAN D BLAIS, APRIL 3, 2008

The trip we took to Ohio with Ohmie and Grandad adn all the fun we had with the whole family out there. We did not see a lot of Uncle Phil but what I remember is he was a kind and gentle man....always had something nice to say to me when we saw him.

CAROL LYNN ROESKE (METZEL), MARCH 17, 2008

We are sorry to hear about your loss he was a great person. So sorry we were out of town and did not find out to later

CHARLEY AND JEANNETT DAVIS, MARCH 17, 2008

Our sincere regrets to the all the Philip Blais family. Love Norma and Bob Lynn.

NORMA AND BOB LYNN, FEBRUARY 23, 2008

As a young boy I remember the excitement when being told my Uncle Phil and

Aunt Rachel were coming to visit. The visit was always a high point in my young life. The memory of my Uncle Phil is full of love and pride. Proud of his achievements and the love of seeing his smile. As a young boy, every time I would meet my Aunt Rachel she would gently slap and pinch my cheek. I was struck with memory shock when she did it again when I was in my 50s. I wish all my cousins and Aunt Rachel all my love and grieve the loss of a man I greatly respected and loved.

JAY L. CHAISER, FEBRUARY 22, 2008

I am very sorry for your loss. I have moved back into the neighborhood and often go down Shady Hill. I always think of you all and remember the good times.

LISA C ROBERTS, FEBRUARY 22, 2008

Uncle Phil and his family arrived for a visit. My Dad and his brother Phil packed all the kids in the Rambler station wagon and took us to the amusement park. At the end of the day Dad and Phil collected all of us for the ride home. As Dad turned on the engine, he asked Phil to take a count. Phil turned and asked is everyone here, all yelling yes we headed home. An hour later Dick, he was about ten at the time, shows up asking why we left him. Even today I still smile and remember it fondly. And still hear Phil yelling is everyone here?

SUE BLAIS, FEBRUARY 21, 2008

Rachel and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Phil, thankfully he did not endure a long period of suffering. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rita also sends her love and prayers. She has many fond memories of her little brother. With Love, Mimi and Family

MIMI YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 21, 2008

Rachel, Jim and I were so sorry to learn of Phil's death from the morning paper. Our love to you and all the kids.

MARY ANN WILSON, FEBRUARY 21, 2008

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