

MSG (Ret) Reynaldo E. Alfar

June 18, 1936 - November 6, 2010



Funeral Mass for retired Master Sgt. Reynaldo E. Alfar, 74, Lawton, will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. Philip Seeton, pastor, officiating. Wake service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Master Sgt. Alfar died Saturday, November 6, 2010, in a Lawton hospital. Burial with full military honors will be at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under direction of Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Service.

He was born June 18, 1936, in Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines, to Francisco and Celerina Eusebio Alfar. He married Irmtraud K. Kroeck on August 30, 1963, in Heuchelheim/Giessen, Germany. He retired from the US Army on January 31, 1985, after 24 years of service. He served tours in Vietnam and while in the Army he earned the following awards: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Two Overseas Service Bars, Driver Badge with bar, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Civil Actions Honor Medal-2, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with palm, Good Conduct Medal-7, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Army Service Ribbon, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon-3, Army Commendation Medal-2, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Marksman (Rifle M-16). After his retirement from the Army, he received his air conditioning and refrigeration license and operated his own business, Ray Alfar Heating and Air Conditioning, for several years in Lawton. He was one of the founders of the Filipino-American Association in Lawton/Fort Sill and was a member of the Mended Hearts Association of Lawton/Fort Sill. An avid fisherman, Ray was known for his fish fry's and his famous brisket.



He is survived by his wife, Irmtraud "Irmi" of the home; a son, Frank K. Alfar, Amarillo, Texas; a brother, Douglas E. Alfar and family, of California; Ann Alfar and family, of Colorado; three sisters: Ched Alfar Nava and husband, Ted and family, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines; Prescy Alfar Laguerta, of California; and Tess Alfar Sy and husband, Ed and family, of California; three godchildren: Philip Campos Bishop, Ga.; Romina Troester, of Germany; and Nadia Pilar, Gonzalez, Texas; extended family: Karl Happel, of Germany; Sonda and Whitney Williams, of Texas; Elma Campos and family, Dr. Jim and Maria Pilar and family, Drs. Tony and Fe dela Paz, Dr. Rodrigo and Piere Mariano and family, Mary and Glynis Tejada, Audrey Tejada-Yu and Joe Yu, Ed and Nelia Maniulit and family, Brent and Zena Erskine and family, Rosemarie Jolly and family, Ellydia Seymour; and all the members of the Filipino-American Association of Lawton/Fort Sill.