



Willliam Thompson Talbow

November 25, 1930 - October 12, 2012

Colonel William T. Talbow, 81, died Friday, October 12, 2012 at his home in Chandler, AZ after a courageous battle with bone cancer. He was born Nov. 25, 1930 in Laramie, WY to Irish parents, Florence and Herbart Sprague. Bill grew up in Colorado after his mother remarried. He attended Regis College and moved to Arizona in 1958 continuing his education at ASU. He married Nancy (Fabrizio) Sarns in 1980. Bill joined the Army at 18, became a part of the Corps of Engineers and retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1990 with 42 years of service. He owned United Surveys of Arizona and worked as the Director of Engineering & Surveying for the Gila River Indian Community for 13 years. He was the Chief Project Supervisor at ADOT for highway design and contracted for various real estate development projects throughout AZ. He later worked and retired from America West Airlines. Bill's special gift and passion was cars and he had remarkable mechanical skills. He was a sports car enthusiast throughout his life. He was a racecar driver in his younger years, and was a current member of the Jaguar Club of Arizona. William, Bill, Uncle Bill, Papa. He was our own American Hero. He was always there to help anyone he could. He would always say, "You do it, because, that's what you do." He will be missed dearly by us all. Bill was preceded in death by his mother Florence Joy (Thompson) Talbow; siblings, Leonard, Charles, Jerome, Evelyn Daurio, Joan Morenz, and grandson Nicholas Jackson. He was survived by his wife Nancy of 32 years; siblings, Ed Talbow, Mary Ellen (Ed) Beauvais; children, John Ottenstein, Lori Miller, Rick and Mitch Sarns, Louise (Sarns) Reed and Tina (Sarns) Jackson; grandchildren, Tori, Miles, Jacob, Morgan and Tracy; great grandchildren, Shelby and Austin; nieces and nephews. The private military burial was on Saturday, October 20, at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery in Phoenix, AZ. Bill requested contributions be made to the Hospice of the Valley in lieu of flowers. There will be a Celebration of Life at Grimaldi's, 4000 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ from 1:00 to 5:00 on Saturday, November 24 and is open to family and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mitchell Frank Sarns lit a candle in memory of William Thompson Talbow



Mitchell Frank Sarns - October 24, 2012 at 12:44 AM

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Steve Daurio - October 23, 2012 at 01:38 PM

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Steve Daurio - October 23, 2012 at 01:33 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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Tina Jackson - October 23, 2012 at 12:12 PM



“ Tina Jackson lit a candle in memory of William Thompson Talbow



Tina Jackson - October 23, 2012 at 11:20 AM

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I would like to express my love and sincere condolences to the entire family, especially to his beautiful wife. I feel fortunate to have been able to meet the man, my dear friend/sister, Tina and her siblings called, Papa. May he Rest in PEACE. With love and a heavy heart.

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