



Henry Isaac Fankhauser

October 5, 2024

Henry Isaac Fankhauser, II left this earthly life on October 5, 2024 . He was born to Delmar and Marcy Fankhauser in Edinburg, Texas on April 11, 1952. He graduated from Mission High School as member of the National Honor Society in the class of 1970 .

Henry enlisted in the United States Army in November, after graduating from high school. He served in Vietnam and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal before being honorably discharged in June of 1972.

In returning home, Henry entered the family agricultural business, before joining his brother, Del, at the University of Arkansas. Henry majored in Horticulture and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree.

On graduating, Henry worked for Castle & Cooke in La Ceiba, Honduras. After returning to the Rio Grande Valley, he re-entered the family business, eventually serving as President of Edinburg Citrus Association, and President of Texas Citrus Exchange. His background in South Texas farming would eventually lead him to work for the Temple-Inland Container Corporation.

When Henry decided on a change of career, he became a 5th grade teacher for the La Joya Independent School District where he quickly became known as committed educator, a firm disciplinarian, and an engaging Science teacher. His efforts led to him to receiving the Teacher of the Year Award, before health issues forced him to retire.

Henry passed away under medical care and with his wife, Betty Lanier

Fankhauser, present. A lifelong early riser and a man committed to being on time, Henry rose before dawn to meet his Lord on October 5, 2024.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, Delmar and Marcy Fankhauser, his sister, Gwendolyn Fankhauser Marshall, and by his son, Joseph Henry Fankhauser, USMC.

He is survived by his sister, Jerry Kay Floyd, his brothers Delmar Jr. (Dora) and Thomas (Linda), his niece Amber Marshall, his nephew Christopher Marshall, his step-grandson Alejandro Thomas Swinford and his step-granddaughter Sarah Lanier Livaudais.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the charity of your choice.

Memorial Service will be at 11:00am on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at St. John's Episcopal Church in McAllen.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **12**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Episcopal Church
2500 N. 10th
McAllen, TX 78501

Tribute Wall

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“ *Henry was a great person. He will never be forgotten.* ”

Mike Mills - October 14, 2024 at 09:57 PM

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“ *Dave Silva lit a candle in memory of Henry
Isaac Fankhauser* ”



Dave Silva - October 12, 2024 at 04:38 PM