



## Captain Robert R. Cordonier

March 4, 2018

Captain Robert R. Cordonier spent the last six years of his life at the Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home of McAllen, TX., prior to his passing at the Comfort House Facility in McAllen, TX. on Sunday, March 4, 2018, surrounded by family and loved ones. He was 87 years old and will be greatly missed.

He was born September 7, 1930 in Troy, KS to William S. and Georgia Cordonier. He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Irma G.R. Cordonier. Also surviving him is his son, Robert R. II (Sally) Cordonier; grandsons, Robert R. III, Mathew D., and James R. Cordonier; step children, John A. Rodriguez and Rachel (Henry) Torres; step grandchildren, John P. and Adam A. Rodriguez, Allison and Justin Torres, all from Edinburg, TX.; brother, William S. (JoAnn) Cordonier of Wathena, KS; sister, Elen (Lloyd) Wise of Kansas City, MO; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Upon graduation he enlisted in the USAF at the age of 17 and served his country for four years. He was a Korean War Veteran. He spent his 1st two years of military service stationed at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. there after; he was transferred to Sheppard Air Force Base, where he was trained for Air Flight and Engine Mechanic. Upon completion of his A/E training, he was sent to Olathe Naval Air Station in KS and later to the Milwaukee Civil airport as an Aircraft Engine Mechanic.

With an honorable discharge from USAF, he signed up for the Flight School in

Kansas City and obtained his commercial flight license, followed by his instrument and instruction ratings, which qualified him for instruction and commercial flying.

In 1957 he became a flight instructor in San Marcos, TX at the Army's Primary Flight School.

In 1959 at the age of 29 he began flying commercially for Texas International Airlines and then Continental Airlines. He retired in 1986 after 35 years in aviation, into one of the most memorable and joyous times of his life "the farm", there he tended a yearly garden, feeding and petting his farm animals and dogs.

We deeply "thank" the Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home and Comfort House staff for their great care, nurture and hospitality during our time of need.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, from 4-8 pm with a prayer service starting at 7 pm at Kreidler Funeral Home.

Graveside service will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 10 am at Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery, 2520 Inspiration Rd, Mission, TX.

Pallbearers will be Robert R. II, Robert R. III, Mathew D., James R Cordonier, John A. Rodriguez, and Henry K. Torres.

Funeral services are under the direction of Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.

# Cemetery Details

## Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery

2520 South Inspiration Road  
Mission, TX 78572

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.  
314 N 10th St.  
McAllen, TX 78501  
(956) 686-0234  
kreidler@sbcglobal.net  
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

## Prayer Service

MAR 6. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

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MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery  
2520 South Inspiration Road  
Mission, TX 78572

# Tribute Wall



“ *Captain Robert R. Cordonier*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Captain Robert R. Cordonier*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *I am sorry for the loss to your family. I flew with Bob many times as a Texas International Flight Attendant and also at Continental. He was a True Gentleman.*

**Sharon Hensley Green** - October 29, 2018 at 09:55 PM



“ *I just saw the notification on Facebook or would have attended the service. I am sorry for your loss. I flew many trips with Bob and would see him at the airport many times as I commuted to work. Healing prayers for you all. Sharon Hensley Green*

**S Green** - March 09, 2018 at 03:34 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I had the pleasure of flying with Bob as co-pilot at Texas International. RIP Bob and my Condolences to his family. And may we fly together again someday. Bud Koch*

**Bud Koch** - March 07, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ *Mrs. Cordonier, Robert and Sally, I am sorry for your loss for you and your entire family! Please accept my condolences! With Love and affection Edward E. Garza*



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**Edward Garza** - March 07, 2018 at 12:02 PM



“ *Irma*  
*so sorry to here of Bob's passing. He & I went to work for TTA in 1959. He always had a smile for everyone. I always enjoyed being around Bob because of his jovial nature. I wish I had known sooner, so I could have been at the services... Have smooth flight West Bob.....*  
*Jerry Cunningham*

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**Jerry Cunningham** - March 06, 2018 at 12:54 AM



“ *Condolences to Irma and family at the passing of Bob. I flew many hours with Bob as a new hire F/O on the DC-3, then on Convair 600, DC-9 at TTA, TEXAS INTERNATIONAL AND CONTINENTAL AIRLINES over the years. I always had conversations about his fishing trips with family at Delta Lake and his gardening. His dry humor amazed me as well. RIP peace my friend. Prayers for this family during these times of sorrow. God Bless.*  
*Capt Cal Earley, Houston, Tx.*

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**Calvin Earley** - March 05, 2018 at 11:47 PM