



Lt. Edwin Bickerdike

September 3, 1936 - November 15, 2007

Lt. Col. Edwin V. Bickerdike (Retired), 71, born September 3, 1936 in Tyler, Texas passed from a full and happy life on November 15, 2007. Services will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 17, 2007. Dr. David Dykes of Green Acres Baptist Church will officiate. Burial with full Military Honors will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler. Lt. Col. Bickerdike retired from U S Army after 24 years of service. He served in Vietnam, Iran and Germany. He rose through the ranks to command a full Chaparral/Vulcan missile battalion and helped develop the Patriot missile system. Lt. Col. Bickerdike was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Joyce Bickerdike and son, Chris Bickerdike. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Joyce Bickerdike; daughter Caryn Bettes and husband, Randy; son Tony Bickerdike and wife, Helene; seven grandchildren, Amanda, Josh, Lindsay, Tiffany Paige, Christopher, Alex and Emily; brothers, James Eugene and Jerry Bickerdike. Honorary Pallbearers are Randy Phillips, Ben Phillips, Matt Phillips, Jim Bickerdike, Steve Bickerdike, Glenn Bickerdike, Kenneth Barron, Grady Barr, Bill McMinn, Charley Kirkley, Frank Snider, Kendall Neill and Eddie Sandefer. Visitation is scheduled for 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday, November 16, 2007 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas 75703. Special thanks and appreciation to Dr. Ashigbi, Dr. Gass and nurses at ETMC Oncology Floor and 4 West B ICU. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 1301 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701. For

more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.