



Aloysius Stepchinski

March 8, 1933 - December 14, 2024

Lt. Col. Aloysius Michael Stepchinski, USAF (Ret.), aged 91, passed away peacefully on December 14, 2024, in Austin, TX, surrounded by his loved ones. Al was born on March 8, 1933, to the late Catheran Monica Collerain and Ignatius Victor Stepchinski in Houston, Texas. He married JoAnn Humphries on September 3, 1966. "Colonel Step" dedicated his life to serving his country and community. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1950 as a Private, where he began his journey as a mechanic and crew chief. His passion for flight and commitment to excellence saw him promoted ten times throughout his prestigious 38-year military career, retiring as a Base Engineer ranked Lieutenant Colonel. Al will be remembered for his extraordinary service, unwavering spirit and deep love for his family and country.

Throughout his distinguished military career Lt. Col. Stepchinski, served in various capacities.

He piloted a variety of aircraft such as the P18 Supercub, T-28, T-33 Trainer,

F-86D/L, C47, his own Cessna 170A, F-102 Delta Dart, C-54, and the Cessna 310. His service included overseas deployments at Itazuke Air Base in Japan and Tague, Korea. He bravely served in combat during the Korean Conflict, alongside 3 of his older brothers. Al was proud to be a member of the 147 th Fighter Group, Texas Air National Guard at Ellington AFB. Also, 9 th Fighter Bomber Squadron, the 49 th and 136 th Fighter Bomber Wings and Texas 111th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. He is a lifetime member of the 147 th Ace in the Hole Retiree Association. After retiring from the Air Force, Al served the City of Houston at Ellington Field as an Operations Supervisor and Inspector for 19 years, marking his profound commitment to service.

Throughout his career, Al was a dedicated, loving husband and father. He enjoyed being a pack leader in the Cub Scouts / Webelos pack 779 and Boy Scout troop 251. He loved the Houston Astros, and he would frequently take his grandchildren to games. He loved all types of animals and made it part of his schedule to feed the squirrels and deer as well as the cats and dogs. Above all, he loved his family.

Al is reunited with his loving wife JoAnn. He is survived by two sons, Michael Wayne Stepchinski and fiancé Tonya Hill; and David Stepchinski, both of Austin, TX; two daughters, Jill

Marie Stepchinski Shofner of Pearland, TX and Barbara Allen of Conroe, TX; three grandchildren, Ashley Marie Shofner and Austin Michael Shofner, both of Pearland, TX and Lana Jo Boeker of Conroe, TX. The family would like to convey their gratitude to the caregivers of Silverado Barton Springs Memory Care Community in Austin, TX. Memorial viewing will be held Saturday, December 28th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a memorial mass at 1 p.m. at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church located at 10727 Hartsook St.,

Houston, TX 77034. Interment to follow at South Park Cemetery located at 1310 N. Main, Pearland, TX 77581.

Previous Events

Memorial

DEC 28. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church
10727 Hartsook St.
Houston, TX 77034

Funeral Mass

DEC 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Houston, TX 77034

Burial

DEC 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

South Park Cemetery
1310 N. Main St.
Pearland, TX 77581

Tribute Wall

GW

“ My condolences to the family of Lt Col Aloysius "Al" Stepchinski. I always thought that since the Stepchinski brothers were probably all called "Step" that "Al" worked better for the new guy (me) in 1970 when I joined the 147th Fighter Interceptor Group. Al and I soon found ourselves working together as he flew the T-33 when I joined as the T-33 Academics Instructor in the Schoolhouse mission of the Group. My job was to teach students how to fly instruments, a skill that was needed when they became Interceptor pilots and had to fly alert missions in terrible weather. Although Al was really the base Civil Engineer, he and I spent a good deal of time in the Operations building getting ready for flying the venerable T-33 as we both flew as often as we could. I really appreciated Al's acceptance of a new guy to the unit and enjoyed many a laugh together. And it was great to see Al at events after I moved onto other Texas ANG positions. Our relationship was one of mutual respect and fun. Al served his state and nation in combat and peacetime.as a man of many talents. RIP my friend and Check Six.

Gary Richard Walston - May 18, 2025 at 12:22 PM

YC

“ Your friends Ed & Stella Copher purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Aloysius Stepchinski.



Your friends Ed & Stella Copher - December 26, 2024 at 03:29 PM

JS

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Jill M. Shofner - December 24, 2024 at 09:33 PM

MG

“ Al was our cousin but we always called him Uncle Al because he was so good to us and spoiled us. I am so very sorry Mike and Jill for the loss of your amazing and wonderful father. May you both find peace and comfort knowing that he is having a huge reunion in Heaven.

Molly Garza - December 23, 2024 at 06:39 PM

CG

“ Wonderful memories of Uncle Al, from my sleepovers in the 1960s as a child ,to the retirement event at Ellington AFB in the late '80s. Even in retirement, his zeal for life and wonderful desire to learn new things was a great example of why he achieved so much . In the '90s, I introduced him into the world of home computers while I was at Compaq and his curiosity for learning about electronics was boundless.

Another member of the greatest generation has now passed and we are all the lesser for it. RIP Uncle Al ❤️



Charles Green - December 23, 2024 at 12:31 AM

LS

“ *Love, Andy and Tammy Stepchinski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Aloysius Stepchinski.*



Love, Andy and Tammy Stepchinski - December 22, 2024 at
07:13 PM