



## Lonnie Quandon Franks

September 16, 1935 - August 31, 2017

Lonnie Quandon Franks, 81, passed away peacefully on August 31, 2017. Lonnie was born in Dallas, TX on September 16, 1935 to Charles B. Franks and Thelma Joconyne Johnson. He attended Forest Avenue High School in Garland, TX, where he excelled in baseball. Even when attending Lagow Grade School, he was lauded as one of the best fielding shortstops in the city. While playing for the Kiwanas Club, he made All City for 2 years, led the league in RBI, doubles and stolen bases. His fielding came in with the 2nd best fielding average. Known for his strong throwing arm, he also batted clean up and ended one year with a .475 average...the best on the team.

After graduating high school he enrolled to Arlington State College; now known as the University of Texas at Arlington, where he hoped to pursue a career in baseball. Although he was scouted by Major League recruiters, Lonnie decided to serve his country and joined the United States Air Force in 1954. During his career in the Air Force, Lonnie served as an Airborne Radio Communications Technician for the Strategic Air Command. He flew in search and rescue missions, as well as couriering high ranking officials during the Vietnam conflict. Lonnie retired in 1974 with the rank of Technical Sergeant. Following in his father's footsteps, his career path then led him to serve his community for the next 20 years as a Deputy Sheriff in the Dallas Sheriff's Department. Lonnie worked in the Warrants and Fugitive divisions, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant.

Lonnie is preceded in death by his parents, and his beloved wife of 38 years,

Linda Franks. He is survived by his sons, Michael Franks and Judy Carlton, Mark Franks and wife Michelle; his daughter Melissa and husband Ron Martin; his step-children Chris Hedgepeth and wife Melissa, Jill Hedgepeth; his grandchildren, Jason, Brenna, Tyler and Georgia Franks; and his step-grandchildren, Casie and Brianna Worley.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation and thanks for the love, friendship and support given by all.

Special thanks to the staff at Christian Care Center and Seasons Hospice for their dedication and care.

# Cemetery Details

## **Laurel Land Memorial Park**

6000 S. RL Thornton  
Dallas, TX 75232

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our Condolences, Garen and Suzanne Cornett purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lonnie Quandon Franks.*



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**Our Condolences, Garen and Suzanne Cornett** - September 05, 2017 at 05:41 PM

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“ *Matthew 5:9 Blessed [are] the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

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**Garen Cornett** - September 05, 2017 at 04:45 PM

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“ *Lovingly Peggy Martin, Manuel & Rene Reyes purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Lonnie Quandon Franks.*



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**Lovingly Peggy Martin, Manuel & Rene Reyes** - September 05, 2017 at 12:15 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Lonnie Quandon Franks.*



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September 04, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Lonnie Qandon Franks.



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September 04, 2017 at 08:43 PM



“ *Love, Randy, Chris, Tommie, Jim and Cari Martin* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Lonnie Qandon Franks.



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**Love, Randy, Chris, Tommie, Jim and Cari Martin** - September 04, 2017 at 09:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Lonnie Qandon Franks.



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September 03, 2017 at 02:59 PM

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“ I was very young when Lonnie married my aunt Linda. I don't remember when he wasn't there. I so loved holiday time because he was always so much fun! He had this thing where you bend over and put your arms through your legs, and then he would grab them and flip you over. He never complained when we bugged him incessantly to do this "trick" to us! He always treated us like we truly were his family. He always loved in Jill like she was truly his daughter, and she wholeheartedly loved him in return. Quandon, enjoy your reward!

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**Amie Dean** - September 02, 2017 at 10:29 AM