



Paul Freeman Danforth

July 6, 1924 - March 4, 2021

Services for Mr. Paul Freeman Danforth, age 96 of Hideaway, Texas, are scheduled for 2:00 PM Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale, Texas with Bro. Lawrence Zillner officiating. Interment will be 3:00 PM Thursday, March 11, 2021 at the Glendale Cemetery in Goliad, Texas with services under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale, Texas. Paul passed away Thursday, March 4, 2021 at his residence in Hideaway, Texas. He was born in Nowata, Oklahoma on July 6, 1924 to the late Paul and Martha Esther (Freeman) Danforth. Mr. Danforth retired from the United States Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel after 34 years of serving his country. He was a pilot of a P47 during WWII and during the Korean war he was a transport pilot. The Air Force took him to many places including Texas, Oregon, Mississippi, Colorado, Japan, Virginia, Korea, and Shreveport. After retiring he moved to Austin, Texas for several years before deciding to make Hideaway, Texas his home in 2003. While living in Austin, he earned a second college degree in computer programming from Austin Community College. He then decided to teach for Austin Community College and eventually was promoted to department chair of the computer department. Paul loved to snow and water ski, square dance, bowl, golf, and to volunteer. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Shirley Danforth and three sisters. Paul is survived by his four children, Alan Danforth of Hideaway, Texas; Lynn Martin and husband, Robert of Warrenton, Virginia; Mary Ann Swanson and husband,

Craig of Sterling, Virginia; Allison Thelen and husband, John of Raleigh, North Carolina; stepsons, Mike Wilson and wife, Gail of New Mexico; Mark Wilson of Colorado; 7 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Cemetery Details

Glendale Cemetery

965 North Fort Street
Goliad, TX 77963

Tribute Wall



“ *There are those teachers that made a difference, Mr. Danforth did. I was his student at ACC. I remember his codaphone message.*

Nancy Harp Harp - June 23, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ *Paul Freeman Danforth*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Paul Freeman Danforth*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Dad,
I feel so blessed to have had 59 years with you in my life. You are a kind, patient and caring father and a true gentleman. You were always so friendly to everyone. A perfect role model. I am so fortunate that you are my father.*

Thank you for all the conversations, back scratches, hand holding, big hugs and kisses. I will treasure the times we were together. Wish we had more but the distance was just so far.

You will be forever missed and never forgotten. Rest in eternal peace. Until we meet again.

*Love you sooo much,
Allison*

Allison Thelen - March 19, 2021 at 10:54 PM

SC

He must have been a hell of a dad. I only knew him for his time teaching my first college level programming class (Fortran 77). Even decades later, conversations in his class remain some of the best I've had.

Sam C - January 27 at 01:13 PM

MS

“ Dear Dad,

Throughout my life, I've felt you near even when we were miles apart. You have always been a positive influence in my life and that will not change. For me and others, you were an extraordinary man and a wonderful role model. Your strength of character, your kind-hearted nature, your values and patriotism, gave me a guidepost to follow.

The way you began your young adult life in the service to this country as a P-47 pilot in WWII was heroic. Like other young Americans, part of the Greatest Generation who contributed and sacrificed greatly for our freedom and liberties, I will forever be in awe and grateful for your service.

I was truly fortunate to have had you in my life and to have benefited from your unconditional love and wisdom. I treasure the special times we shared... I will keep them in my mind and heart forever.

I will miss your warm loving embrace. Until we meet again, dear Dad.

*Love Always and Forever,
Mary Ann*

Mary Ann Swanson - March 09, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Paul Freeman Danforth.



March 09, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Paul Freeman Danforth.



March 09, 2021 at 09:55 AM