



## Forrest Newel Herold

April 16, 1928 - February 5, 2013

Forrest Newel Herold, 84, of Grand Prairie, TX, died on February 5, 2013 at his home in Grand Prairie. Forrest Newel Herold was born April 16, 1928 in Buffalo County, WI., the 2nd of 4 sons born to the late Elmer Herold and the late Myrtle Moseman Herold. Born into a farming family, Forrest was raised without electricity until the age of 12. He graduated from High School, and enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Korean War, where he would be one of legendary General Curtis LaMae's crew. He would fly around the world with the general. He was offered a position at the United States Air Force Academy, which he declined. After four days of mystery training, the Air Force asked him to be one of the first candidates in their new space program. Forrest again declined. After receiving an honorable discharge, he would return home. At that time, he would meet Doris Mae Trok, a "big city girl" from Winona, MN., a town just on the other side of the beautiful Mississippi River. She would become his bride and loving wife of the next fifty-seven years. Forrest would gain employment with American Airlines. While stationed in Chicago, IL. Forrest and Doris would have their only child, Ricky Lee. When American Airlines moved into Dallas Love Field, Forrest was one of the first employees. He would work for American Airlines the next thirty-seven years. He would serve as Union President, management, and finally the Manager of Maintenance at DFW International Airport. Upon his retirement, he and his wife bought a motor home and toured the Country for four years. Both described that as some of the best years of their lives. Forrest remained the

ultimate mechanic always working on friends and neighbors cars and homes. They would decided to settle in a retirement community in the Rio Grande Valley. When their son became the Director of Parks and Community Services in Euless, it was time to come baeck to the metroplex and become volunteers. When Rick became the Director of Parks and Recreation in Grand Prairie, they bought a home in Curtis Wright Village. Forrest and Doris were very active in their churches over their entire lives. He would hold numerous positions, from Finance Chair, mowing and landscaping for 7 years. Even while in the Valley, he assisted numerous missions. Survivors include his wife, Doris Mae Trok Herold, son Rick Herold; brother Craig Herold of Fort Wayne, IN; in-laws, Bill and Barbara Trok from Palma Valley, CA, Ron and Lynn Trok from St. Paul, MN, Bert and Gary Morrison of Plano, TX and Mike and Jane Trok of Wabasha, MN. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Loui and Clem Herold. Friends are invited to attend a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 8, 2013 at the First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie, 122 NE 2nd St Grand Prairie, TX 75050. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. in the foyer of the church. A private burial will occur at a later date. If friends desire, the family kindly request that donations be given to the Forrest and Doris Herold Scholarship Fund, University of North Texas, Division of Advancement, Acct.#75900, 1155 Union Circle, Box 311250, Denton, TX 76203.