

*In Memory of*

# Thomas Edward O'Briant

February 26, 1937 - August 13, 2014



Survived by:

Wife: Hattie Jo Wishert

Daughters:

Debra Jonell O'Briant of League City, TX

Karen O'Briant Nevelow and husband Craig of Austin, TX

Sons:

William Thomas O'Briant and wife Pamela of La Porte, TX

Keith Edward O'Briant of League City, TX

Grandchildren:

Vanessa Lile and husband Terry

Michelle Howard and husband Matthew

Ryan Nevelow

Chad Nevelow

Meagan O'Briant

Shannon O'Briant

Cameron O'Briant

Great Grandchildren:

Hannah and Haylee Lile

Mason and Madison Howard

Edward is also survived by many loving brother and sisters in law, nieces, and nephews.

Joins in Heaven:

Parents: Thomas Shannon O'Briant and Katie (Brown) O'Briant

Sisters: Clara White and Ruby O'Briant

Brothers: Royce O'Briant and Vondal O'Briant

From very humble beginnings, Edward accomplished and enjoyed many rewards in his earthly lifetime: marrying his one and only sweetheart, Hattie Jo, at 19 years old and dying in her loving arms at the age of 77; raising four healthy children; and living to enjoy his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was the first in his family to graduate from high school and then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A & M University.

Edward was a pioneering engineer in the aerospace industry. He had a long and accomplished career at NASA's Johnson Space Center, with a vast list of contributions to the manned spacecraft program. Simultaneously, he had a long career in the National Guard and Army Reserve; culminating in retirement as Lieutenant Colonel.

Edward was a proud and independent man who carried his weight in the world and supported those around him. He was also a man of infinite love.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Edward's memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777, or online at **[https://www.michaeljfox.org/get-involved/donation.php?fr\\_id=2380&type=tribute](https://www.michaeljfox.org/get-involved/donation.php?fr_id=2380&type=tribute)**.