

Hal Granger Obituary, Memorial Mass & Celebration of Life

Harold (Hal) Granger, 89 of Austin, Texas passed away on Monday, February 8, 2021. Hal was born on April 24, 1931 to Mary and Fred Granger in Cincinnati, Ohio where he was raised along with his brothers Paul and Tom. He graduated from St. Xavier High School in 1949 before enlisting in the Navy and serving in the Korean War earning two decorations. He returned home and married his wife of fifty years, Sheila Daly, on June 4, 1955. He received a BS in Physics with a minor in Philosophy from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1957.

Hal began his career in Cincinnati with GE working in the Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion program. In 1961, He and Sheila moved to Hampton Virginia when Hal accepted a position with NASA's Space Task Group, In 1962, NASA moved to Houston, Texas and so did Hal and Sheila. During his career with NASA, Hal worked in the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs in Landing and Recovery He enjoyed a challenging and fascinating career and was honored to work among so many gifted people. Hal and Sheila raised their family of six children in La Porte and Friendswood, Texas before enjoying their retirement in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. They were members of St. Mary's, Mary Queen, and St. Paul the Apostle Church respectively.

Hal was preceded in death by wife, Sheila, as well as his parents and brothers. He is survived by his three sons, Mark Granger and wife Jan, David Granger and wife Mary, Doug Granger and wife Martha, and three daughters, Stacey Granger and husband Rob McCollough, Barbara Frantz and husband Joe, and Patricia (Tish) Granger; grandchildren: Erin, Kathleen, Evan, Sarah, Daniel, Benjamin, Granger, Chase and Channing; great-grandchildren: Kylie, Avery, Finley, and Simone.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Friday, February 12 at 10:00 AM in the Mother's Chapel at St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church in Austin, Texas at 126 W Oltorf St, Austin Texas. The Chapel is small and due to Covid restrictions, seating will be limited. Everyone please join the Granger family for a celebration of a life well lived at Doug and Martha's home at 114 Pine Court, Bastrop Texas beginning at 12:00 on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be sent to a fund for the staff & family of The Auberge at Onion Creek, the home where he lived for the past six years. It is very apparent to us how much they loved and cared for Hal – and they truly became part of his family. To donate, you may send a check payable to The Auberge at Onion Creek noting on the check "for associates' Holiday Fund" and include a note that this is in memory of Hal Granger. The Auberge at Onion Creek 11330 Farrah Ln Austin, TX 78748