

Jerry Craft



CRAFT

Jerry Craft, age 79, dear friend to all who knew him and cherished by many whose lives he touched, died quietly in his home Wednesday after a short and courageous battle with cancer. Jerry was born January 6, 1934, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to Mel C. and Octavia Odom Craft, who Jerry considered to be his "most trusted friends" throughout their lives. Jerry and his brother Mel Jr., were raised by their two loving parents who had a lasting influence on their lives. Jerry attended University of Southern Mississippi where he enjoyed an active college life serving as class officer several years and holding leadership roles in fraternities and campus organizations. He was selected as "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities". Moving to San Antonio in 1962, Jerry became the merchandise executive and Asian-European product development manager with Joske's of Texas and Dillard Department Stores. After 32 years of service in retail, he retired. In his "retirement", he became owner of Schnabel's Hardware Store in Olmos Park for 18 years. Being a resident of San Antonio for the over 50 years, Jerry brought his time and talents to many civic and cultural organizations: he served on the San

Antonio Opera Board; served as president of Alamo City Men's Chorale; president of Olmos Park Business Association; board member of the Monte Vista Historical Association; resident of Monte Vista on Summit Avenue for 30 years and resident of the Mayfair Condominiums for the last 11 years. Retired for the last 20 years, he continued to spend his time supporting civic groups and enjoyed attending the many cultural events which were close to his heart. He loved to travel and traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe with close friends. Jerry was preceded in death by his mother and father, Mel C. Craft and Octavia Odom Craft, and his brother Mel C. Craft, Jr. He is survived by his niece, Rebecca Craft of Nicholson, Mississippi; and his friends of a life-time, Tom Karam and Jeffrey Dyer. Growing up in a small southern town, Jerry was always a true southern gentleman. Thanks to Amanda, Lori and Kim at Remington Medical Resort, and Rebecca, Obianna and Kisha with Avionn Home Health Care for their love and attention to Jerry He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

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