



Irion Heyman

July 31, 1929 - September 25, 2015

Irion Simmons Heyman, Jr. was born July 31, 1929 in San Antonio, Texas. He passed away on September 25, 2015 at the age of 86. Buddy, as friends and family knew him, succumbed to a lengthy illness while residing in a memory care facility. He was preceded in death by parents, Carolyn Victor Harris and Irion Simmons Heyman, Sr., stepfather Sherman Harris, and stepbrother Kenneth Harris.

Irion, Jr. and his family moved around Texas then to Chicago, Illinois during the war years, where he attended high school and made many life long friends. A graduate of the University of Illinois in Champaign (B.S., Marketing 1951), he proudly served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, attaining the rank of 1st Lt., Special Weapons.

He moved to Houston and began his career as a salesman for Houston Paper Company in 1954. As members of a mutual friend's wedding party in 1955, he met Frances Friedman who became his bride on December 16, 1956. Four years later came their first daughter, Cathy, followed by Laura in 1962.

Twenty years after starting in the paper business, he co-founded National Inpak Corporation in 1976. Buddy's diverse business interests lead him into commercial land development in 1982 in which he worked until retiring in 1994. For leisure, he enjoyed card games, tennis, and traveling, frequently going to Galveston for family get-a-ways and fishing excursions. He loved his

dogs.

Buddy is survived by wife, Frances, and daughters, Cathy Heyman (Austin, Texas) and Laura Heyman Perlman (Houston, Texas), son-in-law Andrew Perlman, grandson Joseph Rion Siegel and granddaughter, Jillian Dee Siegel, sister Frances Markman and brother in-law Ray Markman and nieces and nephews: Leslie and Phil Stern, Jan and John Bell, Thomas and Robbie Markman, Suzanne and Arthur Friedman, Bruce Friedman, and Claire and Andy Haut.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice.