



## Richard Pikala

June 28, 1935 - December 30, 2013

Richard L. Pikala, 78, passed away Monday December 30, 2013 in Lubbock, Texas. He was born June 28, 1935 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Richard married Marilyn Pikala on August 13, 1955 and they celebrated 58 wonderful years together. Their children are the late Debra Richards and Randy Pikala. Richard served in the Air Force from 1952 to 1976 and was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Era and Peacetime as well as an air traffic controller. After his service, he went to work for the Southland Corporation in 1976 and began a career that would span 22 years. He enjoyed going on cruises, playing cards and bingo as well as providing for his family . Richard is survived by wife, Marilyn Pikala: son, Randy Pikala: son-in-law, D.R. Richards: brothers, Gary, Larry, Stephen, and Michael: sisters, Barbara, Diane, Nancy, and Kathy: four grand kids and four great-grand kids: and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers, Bob and Frank: and daughter, Debra Richards. Sanders Funeral home is handling the arrangements. His family will celebrate his life in a private gathering. In lieu of flowers , memorial donations may be made online in his name to either [www. OperationSmile.org](http://www.OperationSmile.org) or [www.StJude.org](http://www.StJude.org) two of his favorite charities.