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East, William "Bill" Funeral Services for William "Bill" East (74) of Grand Prairie will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at Homestead Funeral Home in Grand Prairie. Burial will follow at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 - 8 p.m. on December 1, 2009, at the funeral home. Bill passed away November 23, 2009, in Arlington. He was born to

George and Louise Donley East on February 18, 1935, in Champaign, IL. Bill married Jane Beeler on August 15, 1970, at the El Toro MCAS in California. Bill was a career Marine of 23 years, primarily serving in the Explosives Ordnance Division (EOD), before retiring in 1977. His military career took him to many places, including several stints in Korea and Japan. He served in the Vietnam War and was involved in the siege of Khe Sanh and the fall of Saigon for which he received several commendations. After his retirement, Bill worked as an explosives consultant which allowed him the chance to travel to 60 countries and every continent, including work in Kuwait after Operation Desert Storm. He was featured in the IMAX film "Fires of Kuwait" and in a National Geographic special. Bill was also a tireless volunteer for Toys for Tots and veteran's activities. He was a member of VFW Post 8561, Elks Lodge 2114 and Moose Lodge 1818. Left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 39 years, Jane East of Grand Prairie, daughters Karen Hale and husband Dan of Arlington and Andrea Phillips and husband Lance of Carrollton, brother Carl East of Michigan, and grandchildren Alex & Katie Hale and Avery & Brady Phillips, his greatest joys. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jack East and sister Shirley Phillips. In lieu of flowers, the family strongly prefers that donations are made to Toys for Tots (www.toysfortots.org).



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