



Jesse Frank Sobotik

June 6, 1926 - May 19, 2020

Jesse Frank Sobotik, 93, of Houston passed away May 19, 2020 at Grace Care Center of Katy. Jesse was born in Rosenberg, Texas on June 6, 1926 to Frank Joe and Marie Ann Matus Sobotik.

Jesse graduated Valedictorian from El Campo High School in 1943. On February 29, 1944 he was accepted into the Naval Aviation Program, V-5. He was sent to Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi and after eight months he was transferred to the V-12 Program at Polytechnic Institute in Ruston, Louisiana for another eight months and was commissioned. After being stationed in Orange, Texas on a reserve ship, he was sent to Naval Supply School in Bayonne, New Jersey in October 1946. After completing his course, he was assigned to the USS Corduba, (The Rusty Bucket), a refrigerated cargo ship out of Bayonne, and delivered food provisions to our armed forces in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, England, Greece, and Casa Blanca from January to July 1947. Lt. Jesse Sobotik was released honorably from active duty on September 9, 1947. He remained a selective reservist for many years.

He received a B.S. in Naval Science from Rice University, Houston, in 1946, B.B.A. in Accounting in 1949, and a M.P.A. in Accounting in 1952 from the University of Texas in Austin earning his CPA designation. While at the University of Texas he met the love of his life, Mary Elizabeth Zaruba. They were married December 10th, 1955. After graduating from the University of

Texas he went to work in Corpus Christi where he answered an ad for an overseas job in Venezuela. While working in Venezuela, he held various positions at Varco, Sun Oil Company and Gulf Oil Corporation. It was there he started his family. His children have fond memories of their many years abroad.

Jesse loved to travel and made several trips to Europe. While in Europe, he visited the gravesite of his brother, 2nd Lt. Stanley Sobotik (killed over Germany in WWII) who lies buried in the beautiful Netherlands American Cemetery in the village of Margraten, Netherlands. He and Mary made numerous trips throughout the United States and Canada with their children. They drove from Texas to Alaska on an adventure of a lifetime. It was this love of travel that inspired him to learn several languages to include Czech, Spanish and Russian.

Jesse is survived by his wife Mary of 64 years, daughter Deborah Ann Sobotik-Varnell of Concord, New Hampshire, her children Jason, Brian and Kelly, daughter Kathryn Grace Sobotik Minkler and husband David of Katy, Texas, their children Logan and Lyndze, son Mark Stanley Sobotik of Houston, daughter Marilyn Frances Sobotik and her longtime partner Charles Langridge of Houston, and sister Blanche Stibora of La Grange, Texas.

Jesse was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Stanley, his son Richard Stanley Sobotik and his son in law William D. Varnell.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 30th, 2020 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home from 10:00 a.m. until service time at 11:00 a.m.

Military Honors will be performed by the VFW of Katy Post #9182 and the American Legion of Rosenberg Post #271.

Serving as pallbearers will be David Minkler, Logan Minkler, Mike Surman,

Jake Surman, Mainer Gavranovic and Colin Seward.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471.

Tribute Wall



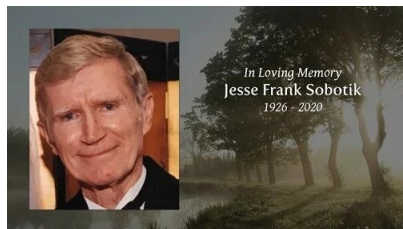
“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Jesse Frank Sobotik*



Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries - May 30, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Jesse Frank Sobotik*



Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries - May 29, 2020 at 08:43 AM

JF

“ We are trying to get into contact with the Sobotik Family. Richard Stanley Sobotik was our Classmate from West Point, USMA '81. He was tragically killed on April 25th, 1981, in a traffic accident on Storm King Highway, right before our Class's graduation. Cadet Barry Lowe (Co. I-3, USCC, USMA '81) was with him on that fateful night. Barry was severely injured but survived. Six of our Classmates served as pall bearers at Rick's Funeral that April. We are trying to write a memorial article in Honor of Rick for the upcoming 44th Anniversary of his passing. The contact person for this article is: G. Kent Troy Lakewood, WA (253) 409-5513, Co. E-3, USCC, USMA '81 . Thank you for your help. John J. Flanagan, Co. E-3, USCC, USMA '81

JOHN FLANAGAN - January 28, 2025 at 12:18 PM

JF

Sorry my email is Uncle.John.J.F@gmail.com

JOHN FLANAGAN - January 28, 2025 at 12:20 PM

LG

“ Jesse was a great person I lived in his rent house in El Campo ,Tx for 13 years he was special prayers for the family from Lillian n Philip

Lillian Green - May 27, 2020 at 08:06 PM

LD

“ Kathryn I am so sorry to hear about your dad.. you and your family are in my prayers. He was such an awesome man. You are so fortunate to have had him in your life for as long as you did. Kiss your mom and please send my condolences.



Laurie Distefano - May 26, 2020 at 07:51 PM

MR

“ Dearest Mrs. Sobotik, Debbie, Kathryn, Mark, and Marilyn,

I just found out today from Jonathan B. about Mr. Sobotik's passing. I am heartbroken for all of us. I love him very much and will miss knowing that he is still here with us in this world, even knowing that he is in a better place. It is we who will weep and mourn and miss him. What a beautiful beautiful man and a lovely and kind soul! I write this through tears of sadness.

The years we spent in Venezuela were the best. They were magical times, and all of you Sobotiks were a big huge part of that. Your husband/dad was my dad's roommate when they were both still bachelors back in "the old country". My dad would speak so highly of Jesse Sobotik. We all thought the world of him. He was a prince among men.

I grieve his passing, and I will be praying a rosary for his soul, and another for your healing and consolation in this time of sadness and grief.

God bless you and comfort you,

Margaret Reistroffer-Hall

Margaret Reistroffer-Hall - May 25, 2020 at 08:55 PM

WB

“ Jack and Wilda Bayless are part of the Kroger Koffee Klatch . We adored Jesse ! He was such a sweet gentleman. ! Happy I got to make a birthday cake for him and another Kroger friend last year . He was so happy to eat and share. He came to our home several times for brunch as part of our Kroger friends . He will be greatly missed when group gets to meet again . Blessings and love,
Wilda and Jack Bayless

wilda and Jack Bayless - May 25, 2020 at 02:45 PM

SM

“ My condolences to you and your family.
Love, The Hunter Family.



siobhan mcDonnell - May 24, 2020 at 07:39 PM

BF

“ Mary and family: I am so sorry about Jesse passing. You'll be in my prayers. My sympathy to all.

Bernice A. Freudensprung - May 23, 2020 at 10:04 PM