

Dr. Alexander A. Calomeni

Dr. Alexander A. Calomeni, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.) passed away on January 5 at the age of 91 at his home in San Antonio, Texas. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During World War II, Dr. Calomeni was stationed in England with the Army Air Force. He piloted a B24 and flew 15 missions over Europe. After the war, Dr. Calomeni attended the Pittsburgh University School of Dentistry, graduating in 1950. He joined the Air Force in 1951, where he practiced dentistry until retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1968 at San Antonio's Lackland Air Force Base. Shortly thereafter, he joined the first faculty of the <u>University of Texas</u> Health Science Center Dental School at San Antonio. Dr. Calomeni headed the Division of Complete Dentures in the Department of Prosthodontics. In 1986, he received a Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching in Prosthodontics. In 1988, Dr. Calomeni retired from teaching. He remained in San Antonio with his wife and family. He was an avid traveler, golfer, reader and enjoyed spending time with his sons and daughters in their homes across the country.

Dr. Calomeni was gifted with a remarkable wit and an ability to see humor in life's peculiarities and trials. He instilled in all of his children his values of hard work, perseverance, integrity and loyalty. His family remained the most important thing in his life, above all else.

He is survived by his wife, Marion, to whom he was married for 62 years, and his five children: Joseph Calomeni, Lt. Commander (ret. Navy) of San Antonio; Dr. James Calomeni of Bend, Oregon; Jean Calomeni of Boise, Idaho; Dr. John Calomeni of Lajitas, Texas and Boise, Idaho; and Carolyn Calomeni, Captain (ret. Navy) of Boise, Idaho. Other living relatives include eight grandchildren and his sister, Adlyn Ciampoli of Media, PA. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Dr. Calomeni will be deeply missed.