



Rudolph "Rudy" J. Hamborsky, age 90, passed away on Monday, October 19, 2015.

Rudy joined the Army Air Corps Reserve in April of 1943. He was a full soldier from 1944 to May of 1945. He flew 20 missions over Austria, Italy and Hungary. Rudy was a bombardier, navigator and pilot of the B24 Liberator 4 engine Bomber 451st Bomb Group. He re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 as a 1st Lt.

He graduated from Colorado University in 1962 with a Masters degree in Electric Engineering. After graduating, he was employed at Cape Canaveral in Florida with the newly appointed Astronauts. He was later assigned to the Houston Space Center and was the countdown commander of the Gemini space flights.

Rudy retired as a Lt. Col. in October of 1968. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked for H.B. Zachery Co. in San Antonio from 1969 to 1977. He was the resident electrical engineer on the coal power plants in San Antonio, and was employed with USAA from 1977 to 1986.

Rudy was preceded in death by his parents: Matthew and Anna Hamborsky; and his son, Stephen Hamborsky.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years, Roma B. Hamborsky; daughters: Mary Margaret Haper (Rodney), Mary Elizabeth Blandford, Trudy Ann Redding, Mary Clare Townley (Rick), Mary Jeanne Walther; sons: Rudolph J. Hamborsky, Jr. (Margaret; Matthew T. Hamborsky, II (Katie), Joseph P. Hamborsky, George Hamborsky and William J. Hamborsky; twenty-four grandchildren; step-children: Kent J. Cooper, Kira Cooper and Kellye Cooper; seven step-grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and eight step-great grandchildren.