

## HENRY JAMES KJELLANDER

Mr. Henry James Kjellander, age 78, went to be with The Lord, Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Mr. Kjellander was born June 19, 1931 in Brookly, New York. he proudly served his country in the US Navy from 1951-1955 during the Korean Conflict. While on active duty, he received the Navy Commendation (NavPers 14900) for inventing the "Transmitter Remote Control Station" which was used by the Navy to train operators throughout the fleet. after his tour, he attended the University of Houston on the GI Bill where he majored in electrical engineering with a minor in history.

While in Houston, he met the love of his life, Genevieve Irwin. They wed October 11, 1958 and were married for 51 blissful years. Mr. Kjellander began the Chemistron Corporation in 1961 where he made the plaque that was placed on the moon by Neil Armstrong commemorating his trip to the moon. At Chemistron, some of his major projects were the manufacturing of the first million and one half electronic control devices for the new Polaroid Cameras, the detector system used on the trails in Vietnam and the final electronics for the

Minute Man II Missile System. Chemistron merged with Sterling Electronics in 1966 where he continued as President of Chemistron and Vice President of manufacturing for Sterling Electronics until 1970.

Mr. Kjellander founded Audio Archives, Inc. in 1970 to follow his passion of history, a logical step as he was an audio historian. From his personal collection of 28,000 hours of historical recording of speeches, dedications, special events and radio broadcasts of the 1920's, 30's and 40's, he produced several audio history albums of historic merit for educators.

In 1979, he moved to Houston County with his family where he continued his audio history business. One of his albums consisted of 12 hours of primary resource recording of the actual history from a highly documented history on the Battleship Texas to the Texas City Disaster. He also produced an album on WWII history and many other projects of historical interest. These recordings are now being used by historians at universities, libraries and schools throughout Texas.

He also produced the "Saturday at the Shamrock" series, containing recordings of the only national radio broadcasts originating from Texas. He produced auditory perception programs for classroom use. These programs are successfully being used in schools to foster development of critical listening and comprehension skills.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Genevieve Kjellander; children Henry James Kjellander, Jr. (Jim) and wife Laurie, Alicia Ann Bittner and husband Jeff and John Robert Kjellander and wife Maritza; four grandsons Jeffery Jason (J.J.) Rightmire, Henry James Kjellander III (Jamie), Joshua Robert Rightmire and Douglas John Kjellander.