



A Message from the Sam Houston Chapter: The Passing of Sam Houston IV

March 10, 2017

The Sam Houston Chapter of *The Sons of the Republic of Texas* greatly laments the passing away, on March 10, 2017, of our great compatriot and friend, Sir Knight Sam Houston IV, KSJ. Sam was a charter member of the Sam Houston Chapter #38, in Katy, begun in 1987, so named in honor of his great grandfather, Texian Commander and hero of the Battle of San Jacinto, and President of the Republic of Texas.

Sam was invested into the *Knights of the Order of San Jacinto* in 1985, had served as Knight Commander of the Order, and had served as the President General of *The Sons of the Republic of Texas* from 1990 to 1992. He had also served as President of the San Jacinto Chapter #1; and, in 2016, was named *President Emeritus* of the Sam Houston Chapter.

He served as General of the Texas Army, and was an Admiral in the Texas Navy. He was honored by the Paul Carrington Chapter of *The Sons of the American Revolution*, as the recipient of the George Washington Award. Throughout his adult life, he was honored by numerous heritage, service, fraternal, and other societies.

Sam was born in Claremore, Oklahoma in 1931, and was adopted by the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with the name of Little Coloneh. He attended Schreiner Military Academy and Allen Academy in Texas, and well as St. Michael's College in New Mexico. He graduated from the University of Houston, earning a B.A. degree in History. Sam served in the United States Army as an infantry platoon leader, and then served in the Army Reserve for sixteen years, retiring with the rank of Lt. Colonel. Over many years, Sam had a professional career in the steel industry.

One of Sam's great interests throughout his adult life was the reaching out to children and adults alike in bringing to all a greater awareness and knowledge of Texas history. He was a speaker to many classes of children, and to numerous clubs and organizations. He was a frequent speaker at the annual San Jacinto Day celebrations.

Sam Houston IV was a proud son of Texas, and a great American. To the members of the Sam Houston Chapter, and to all others in *The Sons of the Republic of Texas*, he was a good and true mentor and



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friend. Most of all, he was a fine gentleman, a man of great humor and concern for others, and a God-fearing man of humble dignity.

The Sam Houston Chapter extends its sympathy to his wife, Virginia, and to all of his family and friends.

In sorrow, we behold that this giant among Texans, this great Texas gentleman, our friend and compatriot, Sam Houston IV, has passed from our midst. But we take consolation in the pride and joy that we knew him, that he enriched our lives, and that he will remain with us in our memories and in our hearts.

We, the members of the Sam Houston Chapter, bid our good and true friend farewell from this life, with the fond hope of being rejoined with him in the next. We salute him, and we pray:

Eternal Rest Grant unto him, O Lord. And may the
Perpetual Light Shine upon him. May his Soul, through
the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

Requiescat in Pace