



Fred Blackmar October 6, 1932 – March 29, 2014

Fred Blackmar was a longtime member of the Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society. A wonderful man who was always willing to share his lapidary knowledge with other members.

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The Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society would like to acknowledge and thank the Blackmar Family for their generous donation of Fred Blackmar's collection of polished rocks and minerals. The Society is greatly benefited by the donation, and will proudly display the exhibits at the gem shows and permanently at the lapidary shop. The Blackmars also donated a beautiful display cabinet which we make a feature at the lapidary shop. Fred Blackmar loved the mineral sciences and created many wonderful pieces that will go on to show others his legacy and hopefully inspire others to create and collect like he did. We hope to have an unveiling of the cabinet as soon as we get it ready with a base and lights. Thank you again for your generous donation and thank you for members like Fred Blackmar and family.

Caller Times obituary

CDR Fredrik Seward Blackmar III
Corpus Christi, TX

CDR Fredrik Seward Blackmar III, U. S. Navy, ret. age 81, passed away early in the morning of March 29, 2014. Fred was born on October 6, 1932 in Taylor, Texas to Kenneth and Bettina Blackmar but grew up in Luling, Texas along with his brothers Guy and Jim. It was in Luling, Texas that Fred would meet Carolyn, his wife of 59 years. Fred went on to graduate from the University of Texas in 1955 where he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the Naval ROTC and the Texas Cowboys. Fred then joined the U. S. Navy, earned his wings and proudly served as a Naval aviator for 22 years. He flew AD's, S-2's and the E-2C Hawkeye aboard aircraft carriers USS Ranger, USS Yorktown, USS Midway, and the USS Constellation. His distinguished career included serving as the CO of VAW-115, Air Ops Officer aboard the USS Constellation and numerous medals and awards before retiring in 1976 from the CNATRA staff here in Corpus Christi,

Texas. Retiring from the Navy allowed Fred to pursue a second career in golf. Having been an accomplished player himself as evidenced by winning the 1965 National Left Hander, the Texas State Left Handers 6 times and the Inner Service Championship; he touched the lives of many as a golf instructor for adults and juniors alike. Fred also excelled creatively as a restorer of old persimmon woods. Fred's other passion was rocks. Specifically, he had a deep love of Laguna agate and various crystals. In fact, he annually shared some of his better specimens at the Corpus Christi Gem and Mineral Show having been a long standing member of the Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society.

Fred is preceded in death by his son Donald and survived by his wife Carolyn, daughter Allison, her husband Bill Hunt and his children Tom and Maley, son Phil his wife Carol, their children Kristin, Kelli, her husband Pete Maginot and son Peter, Philip and his wife Ashley, and Mark and his fiancé Savannah Lester.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2014 at Seaside Funeral Home Chapel, 4357 Ocean Drive 78412. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcomed to The Cattery Cat Shelter of Corpus Christi at www.thecatterycc.org or the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay at PO Box 23076 Corpus Christi, Texas 23076-3076.