



# Ace Park

Kenneth "Ace" Nace moved his family to North Richland Hills in 1952 after being transferred from New York. North Richland Hills was not officially a city when Ace became involved in civic affairs. In 1953 he served on the citizen committee that initiated a movement to incorporate the town and then served on the first City Council from 1954 to 1956.

In 1957 he became the third Mayor of North Richland Hills, serving for two years. During his tenure as Mayor, the City Council approved renting a small two-room office which essentially served as City Hall. He hired the city's first City Secretary, Mrs. Laura Ray for \$25 per week. As the city began to develop, traffic issues were frequent discussions at City Council meetings. Mayor Nace authorized a private security service to patrol the streets in residential areas and control traffic at intersections. This eventually led to the city's first paid Police Department a few years later. In the late 1990's, he served on the Historical Committee where he and others assisted a professional historian in writing *The History of North Richland Hills*, published in 1998.

In his private life, Ace was a Captain for American Airlines. He flew for 38 years, flying military cargo during World War II. He logged over four million miles with American, retiring in 1978. During that time he owned two local gas stations and was an avid Ham Radio Operator. He won a number of national Ham Radio awards, including one for contacting every country in the world. During his retirement, he spent much time riding his Goldwing motorcycle, winning several awards for "oldest rider".

Ace and his beloved wife, Dayle, lived on Turner Terrace from 1952 until 2000 when she passed away. He then moved to a local retirement home and resided there until his death in 2001.

*"He was the best dad ever and he had a great sense of humor. My friends would visit and want to hang out with him because he was so much fun."*

*Kenneth "Ace" Nace*

Diana Parks, daughter of Ace Nace

## Zoning Approved In North Richland



## 'Ace' Nace, North Richland Mayor, Is Pilot, Too... and Ham Operator



## Corporate Court, Patrolman Named For North Richland Hills Duties

For Nace: Chris Zellers, James Brown