



## Preston N. "Sonny" Littrell, Jr.

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Preston N. "Sonny" Littrell, Jr. passed away peacefully on Saturday, July, 27, 2019. He was born June 5, 1934 in San Antonio, TX to Preston N. Littrell, Sr. and Katherine K. Littrell. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Jon K. "Bubba" Littrell. He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Kathy; children, Mike (Pauly), Patti Farber (Chuck) and Mark; brother, Bill (Mary Ann) and sister-in-law Rose, along with 8 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and one on the way. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, extended family and a host of friends. Family was most important to him and he always made time for them no matter how busy he might be.

Preston grew up in San Antonio and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1952. He attended San Antonio College until he was inducted into the Army in 1954. He served in Germany where he played baseball and was assigned to the Medical Service Corp. He liked to say that he served 21 months and 19 days, but who was counting. Upon his discharge from the Army he worked at the YMCA and attended St. Mary's University from which he graduated in 1959.

Preston was actively involved in education since the beginning of his career. He coached high school baseball followed by his service as a high school and college football official and was a member of the Southwest Football Officials Association (SFOA) from 1957 to 1993.

On August 1, 1961 he left coaching and embarked on a 55 year career in the pharmaceutical industry beginning with Eaton Laboratories (later Norwich Eaton and then Procter and Gamble Pharmaceuticals) from which he retired in 1988. The day after retirement from P&G he went to work for Mission Pharmacal Company in San Antonio as their Government Sales Manager and continued his career until his final retirement at the age of 82 on August 1, 2016, the date of his 55th anniversary in medical sales.

Beginning in 1961, Preston began a long association with the Society of Government Service Urologists (SGSU) and attended more than 40 Kimbrough Urological Seminars. In 1992 he became the Administrator for the SGSU and served in that capacity until 2009.

During that time, as he would say, he had the honor and privilege of working with and for our wonderful military urologists and others in federal service and civilian urology. Preston received numerous awards and honors in his lifetime including the H. G. Stevenson Award for Service to the SGSU and Mission Pharmacal's Winston A. Simmonds Award for Leadership. Among his honors were the establishment of: The Preston N. Littrell Resident Excellence Award in Urology, UT Health San Antonio; The Kathy and Preston Littrell Urology Conference Room, UT Health San Antonio; and the Kathy and Preston Littrell Awards Banquet at the Annual Kimbrough Urological Seminar. Preston lived the two great commandments every day he was on this earth. He loved the Lord with his whole heart and he loved his neighbor as himself and put that love into action. "What can I do for you?" was his mantra in every facet of his life, be it family, friends, business associates, or people he hardly knew. He was truly a man of God! The family would like to extend their deepest appreciation to Ian Thompson, Jr. M.D., Gordon Willey, M.D. and Tom Rozanski, M.D., and his caregivers from Christus VNA Home Care and Christus VNA Hospice. Special thanks to the therapists and the staff on the 600 hall of Sorrento who cared so lovingly for Preston during his final days. Also, many thanks to the Walsdorf family who were so kind and generous to Preston during his many enjoyable years at Mission Pharmacal Company and to the DeSantis family and members of the SGSU for their support and friendship over the years.

## SERVICES

Visitation, Thursday, August 8, 2019 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. Funeral service, Friday, August 9 from 12:30PM-1:30PM at First Baptist Church 515 McCullough, San Antonio with a visitation prior to the service from 11:30am-12:30PM at the church. Interment with Military Honors will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 2:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: the Television Ministry, First Baptist Church San Antonio, 515 McCullough Ave, San Antonio, Texas 78215 or <https://fbcsa.org/tvspecialoffering> and/or Friends of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Foundation, 100 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 706, San Antonio, TX 78216 or [www.friendsfoundation.org](http://www.friendsfoundation.org) to benefit the Cancer Program at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital – Medical Center.

# Events

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**AUG 8 Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive, San Antonio, TX, US, 78230

**AUG 9 Funeral Service** 12:30PM

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First Baptist Church of San Antonio  
515 McCullough Ave, San Antonio, TX, US, 78215

**AUG 9 Graveside Service** 02:00PM

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Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio, TX, US, 78209

# Comments

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“ Preston was an integral part of the SGSU during his years of service and association with the organization. He will remain an integral part of our remarkable history forever and we will miss him.

COL (Ret.) Martin L. Dresner, MD, FACS

Parliamentarian and Historian of the Society of Government Services Urologists.

Martin L. Dresner - August 16 at 05:38 AM

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“ My greatest respect and admiration for Preston. His dedication and loyalty to the SGSU and the military were unwavering. Preston, without fail, always went the extra mile, carried the extra burden and delivered for those of us during our time in service. He was unafraid to take a stand when it was called for and endeared himself to us in so many other ways. He was the same Preston I always knew when we visited during the 2015 Kimbrough in San Diego. He will long be remembered.

I cannot say enough good things about Kathy and want to offer my sincerest condolences during this difficult time of bereavement. I am so sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

Torrence Wilson, Col. USA ( Ret.)

Former Chief of Urology

Fitzsimons Army Medical Center

Torrence M. Wilson - August 15 at 03:37 PM

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“ Kathy,  
Susan and I send our prayers and our sincerest condolences on Preston's passing. It is hard to believe our friendship dates back to the mid 80's when I was doing my residency in San Diego. We have the greatest memories of the "Norwich Eaton Suite" and all of the great meetings from Seattle to San Diego to San Antonio and back again! Seeing you and Pres at the meetings we attended after year after year made the trips even more worthwhile. The beautiful plaque you gave me on my retirement from the Navy still hangs in a place of honor in my home. I think of you both EVERY time I see it.

Sue and I will hope to see you and pay our respects this coming January.

Tom and Sue Huisman

Thomas Huisman - August 08 at 06:15 PM

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“ Ed and Nancy Mueller purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Preston N. "Sonny" Littrell, Jr..



**Ed and Nancy Mueller** - August 07 at 11:28 PM

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“ My condolences to the Littrell family. I was a child when y'all lived across the street from us on Deerfield. My childhood memories were happy. I remember the fish y'all caught and shared with us, the parades on July 4th, and the many happy times playing with the kids. I send my prayers and blessings.



**Anna Cazares** - August 06 at 08:08 PM

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“ Kathy, we send our condolences, Preston was a great friend for many years and will be missed by the great number of urologists that he cared for.  
Don and Barb Novicki

**Barbara Novicki** - August 05 at 08:35 PM

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“ Kathy, I was so sad to read of the passing of Preston. Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Arlene Wueste

**Arlene Wueste** - August 04 at 07:33 PM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Preston N. "Sonny" Littrell, Jr..



August 04 at 04:44 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Preston N. "Sonny" Littrell, Jr..



August 02 at 04:19 PM

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“ My heart was heavy after learning the news. But my mind immediately was filled with joy as I remembered all the good times we spent together. It is not often that you meet such a wonderful person as Preston. He was a dear friend to not just me, but also my parents John and Beverly and the rest of the Carson Clan. His quick minded jokes and continuous smile were only complimented by his beautiful wife. I will never forget his voice and especially his laugh. May GOD place his hands around the Littrell family and provide comfort and healing. And may the good memories fill your hearts and minds with the same joy Preston brought each of us whenever we were with him.

Jeff Carson - August 01 at 01:34 PM

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“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Preston N. "Sonny" Littrell, Jr..



August 01 at 01:29 PM

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“ Always happy to help resolve any problems and with a joyful approach to life, he will be missed by all who knew him. TLeitner

**Thomas Leitner** - July 31 at 09:50 AM