



Ben T. Donahoe

January 28, 1935 - August 28, 2025

Ben T. Donahoe, Sr., age 90, passed away at home on August 28, 2025. He was born to John William and Ina Gladys Donahoe.

Ben's most satisfying professional achievement was becoming a police officer and faithfully serving the citizens of San Antonio for 35 years, from November 1956 to February 1992. Ben was a patrolman and worked the Southside District for nine years. He liked patrol best, noting, "That's where the action was." He also served as a Detective Investigator and Police Sergeant. Ben earned a Purple Heart after surviving three shotgun blasts during the Battle of Flowers Day Parade in San Antonio on April 27, 1979. He recovered, thankfully, but the 114 pellets would always remain lodged in his back and legs. Ben always delighted in recalling the many adventures he shared with his brothers and sisters in blue.

Ben said he was most proud of being a father to his three children. "That was a big deal," he explained.

Ben is preceded in death by his wife, Joyce S. Sarkis, who went ahead of him on March 11, 2024. His children, Cheryl Ann Guerrero (Jimmy), Ben 'Bubba' Donahoe, Jr. (Karen), and Kathy Elaine Donahoe, survive him, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also surviving Ben are Alice 'Aunt Jo' Donahoe and nephew, Gerald Donahoe.

Rest in peace, Brother Ben.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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The graveside service will be held in Block 6. Maps are available at the front office of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear about my dear sweet Uncle Ben. He and I stayed in contact through texts and messages often, and the phone since we moved to Tennessee. He meant so much to me. The last message I sent was telling him we would be there in the spring, and asking for the name of a good hotel nearby; he never responded. I am heartbroken. We would often talk about the Lord, and I prayed daily for him. He continued to grieve for Aunt Joyce, the love of his life. I wish someone would have notified me so I could see him one last time. I'm sharing a photo of the last time I brought my mother and her twin sister to see him. They have both passed away, mother in November 2021 and aunt Mary this last February. We had a wonderful time together, the 4 of us. Uncle Ben I will see you again some day, in our forever home, heaven.

Patricia Landrum Swett - December 03, 2025 at 10:43 AM

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“ BEN, YOU HAVE BEEN A PART OF MY LIFE FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS. WE SHARED ALOT OF TIME TOGETHER AND SHARED ALOT OF LAUGHS. MY LIFE WILL NOT BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU BUT I KNOW YOU ARE IN PEACE. MY FAMILY AND I WILL MISS YOU. REST NOW MY FRIEND. BOBBY AND SIMONA.

BOBBY E. TEDDER JR - September 03, 2025 at 01:59 PM

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“ Ben was a major part of my early adult life. He was responsible for everything I am today and everything I have today. He will be missed very much in my world. God be with you Ben, you are finally back with Joyce. Rest in Peace.

Robert Anderson - September 03, 2025 at 09:04 AM