

## Benjamin Alfred Alves Jr.

June 10, 1933 - June 1, 2021

Heaven gained a great man and servant as, Benjamin “Ben-O” Alfred Alves Jr., passed away on June 1, 2021, at the age of 87, in his hometown of San Antonio, Texas. He was with his loving family when he peacefully passed on to join our Lord in heaven. As always, he remained a hero and stayed strong until the end.

Ben was born at the Alves home in Selma, Texas on June 10, 1933, one of 13 children, to Virginia Mae and Benjamin Alfred Alves Sr.. He lived a happy childhood in a strong family environment that valued a strong work ethic, high strength of character, and Christian morals. This strong family character proved valuable when his father, Benjamin Sr., passed away on his 9th birthday. He was quickly forced to “grow up” to help the family in any way possible. Upon graduating from San Antonio Technical High School in May of 1951, he started work at Western Electric. Soon thereafter, he enlisted in the United States Navy on August 7, 1952. Following his basic training, he was assigned to the USS Merrick (AKA-97), an Andromeda-class attack cargo ship, during the Korean War. During his service on USS Merrick, he participated in “Operation Big Switch” in August 1953, which involved transporting 6,400 Korean and Chinese prisoners to Inchon for repatriation following the armistice. Of his 3 years, 11 months and 2 days of service, he was stationed in a foreign nation or at sea for 3 years and 7 months. He completed his service in the Navy July 9, 1956, and returned to San Antonio

to work for Western Electric, who had agreed to save his position for him while he served.

On April 25, 1957, he agreed to join a friend on a blind date. There, he met Dorothy Mae Schrock and found the love of his life. They were soon married on August 10, 1957 and remained inseparable for the next 64 years. Over the next 6 years, Ben and Dorothy had three children, Leslie, Nancie, and Benjie. Ben's extreme love of family helped to create a universe in which he was the center. With a lot of love and true grit, he instilled into his family the same strong work ethic, strength of character and Christian morals he so valued from his own childhood.

Ben worked a long period of his career, over 34 years, for H.B. Zachry Company. At Zachry, he was highly regarded as an inspiring, no-nonsense leader that was always tagged as the man you need to "get the job done right". He was typically assigned the most complex projects or those that needed a strong hand to get them back on track. He was a highly valued mentor for many of the ensuing leaders at Zachry as well as across the broader construction industry. He retired to Mountain Home, Texas in 2001 with Dorothy to live out the life of a rancher he loved so dearly. On that ranch, our families created countless memories with "Ben-O". He also felt a strong obligation to participate in his community. He served as a Director on the West Kerr County Chamber of Commerce and became the President of the Emergency Services District in Kerrville, Texas, helping to raise funds for a new and upgraded volunteer fire facility and fire truck. He and Dorothy were also lifetime members and supporters of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Calf Scramble resulting in their induction into the San Antonio Stock Show Calf Scramble "Hall of Fame".

"Ben-O" was a larger-than-life mentor and father figure to everyone he met. He believed that everyone was placed onto the earth by God to help each

other, no excuses. And he lived by that principle every day and touched the lives of countless people over the years. There is an old saying by Babe Ruth stating “Heroes are remembered, but legends never die...” – while Ben-O’s physical presence may be gone, the memories of him will last forever. Legends are like that...

Ben is preceded in death by his father, Benjamin Alfred Alves Sr., his mother, Virginia Mae Alves, his brother, Clyde Russell Alves, his sister, Nellie Lee Moore, his brother, Carroll (Bud) Alves, his brother Gene Virgil Alves, and his sister, Virginia Mae Evans. He is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy, and his sister Nancy Jane Goodwin. He was the proud father and survived by his daughter Leslie Virginia Keen and her husband Chris, his daughter Nancie Irene Falgout and her husband Charles, and his son, Benjamin Alfred Alves III and his wife Leah. He was also the proud grandfather of granddaughter Kodi Marie Hawkins and her husband Austin, granddaughter Lindsay Brooke Buckman and her husband Jon, grandson Austin Benjamin Alves, grandson Brenden William Alves, and grandson Alec Charles Falgout. He was also the proud great-grandfather of George Austin Hawkins, Liam Michael Hawkins and Amelia Brooke Buckman.

Benjamin Alfred Alves Jr. will be buried with military honors at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 27.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Service

**JUN 28.** 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Benjamin Alfred Alves Jr.*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - June 23, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin Alfred Alves Jr..*



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June 27, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin Alfred Alves Jr..*



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June 26, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Benjamin Alfred Alves Jr..*



June 24, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Killer and Rita purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Benjamin Alfred Alves Jr..*



**Killer and Rita** - June 23, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ *I remember meeting Ben in the 70's during the construction of CPS' first coal fired power plant, after that Job he had hired me at the CP&L plant near Goliad. Ben was a great guy, and one of those bosses that I will never forget. May the Light of our Lord's face shine upon him, and grant him eternal rest.*  
*James Barry*

**James Barry** - June 23, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin Alfred Alves Jr..*



June 21, 2021 at 11:51 AM

CC

“ *Every time I was around Mr. Alves, he was so kind and always made me smile with his humor. Rest in Peace!* ”

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**Curtis and Charlotte** - June 21, 2021 at 11:33 AM

KC

“ *So sorry for your loss. We lost a great and caring man! Love KC* ”



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**KC** - June 20, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin Alfred Alves Jr..* ”



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June 18, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin Alfred Alves Jr..* ”



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June 11, 2021 at 04:35 PM

CM

“ It always made my day when Ben and Dorothy would come to our dealership and make it a point to come and find me! His smile was contagious.... his hugs were warm and sincere. We didn't see each other often but he made a very positive impact on my life and I will dearly miss him! Rest easy and fly high Mr. Alves! You are so loved! <3



Capricia Moran - June 11, 2021 at 04:23 PM

DB

“ Dear Dorothy and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Ben as a very nice man. I'm glad I got to know you and Ben while working at Zachry. May all your wonderful memories be a help in your days and years to come. May God give you peace.

Debbie Baker - June 11, 2021 at 10:21 AM



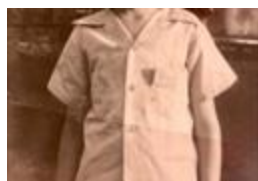
“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin Alfred Alves Jr..



June 11, 2021 at 09:47 AM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - June 04, 2021 at 06:16 PM