



## Carleton H. Knisely

February 3, 1935 - January 18, 2025

CARLETON (CHUCK) H. KNISELY

1935-2025

Chuck Knisely was born to Homer and Lillian Knisely on February 3, 1935, in Toledo, Ohio. He passed away at home in San Antonio on January 18, 2025, just fifteen days shy of his 90th birthday. He spent his first nineteen years in Sylvania, Ohio. He was always proud to say that he couldn't have asked for better parents or a nicer place to grow up.

However, after high school graduation, he decided to test his wings and consequently, he joined the US Air Force. He would spend the next twenty-two years representing and defending his country, including two assignments in Japan and five years in Panama. He also served in Thailand and outside the continental US in Hawaii. His final assignment was to Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio where he retired in 1976.

He married Sharon Hanley in 1957, a union that produced two sons, Bob and Rick. After their divorce, Chuck met and married Ellen Joyce in 1964 - a happy union that lasted until Ellen's death in 2001.

Chuck's second career was spent as manager of the Naturalizer Shoe Store at Ingram Park Mall, from which he retired in 1998. He really enjoyed the

interaction with customers and also took great pride in creating beautiful window displays, using his natural artistic talents.

After losing Ellen, he returned to Ingram Mall to walk every morning. He found there a congenial group of mall walkers and coffee drinkers who became his social circle until he became mostly homebound in the last year.

Chuck is survived by his two sons: Bob Knisely (Diane) of Scottsdale AZ and Rick Knisely (Leann) of Peoria IL; sisters: Bev Burns of Des Moines IA and Brenda Bain of Orlando FL; sister-in-law Sally Knisely of Yarmouthport MA; grandsons Mason, Keegan, Michael and Corey and granddaughter, Heather; eight great-grandchildren; multiple nieces and nephews and special friends: Sylvia Shiflet, Tony Aguilar and the coffee gang at the Mall. He was predeceased by his parents, brother, Ron, and wife, Ellen.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, February 4th, 12:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapel; 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr; San Antonio. Interment with Military Honors will follow the conclusion of the Service. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Previous Events

## Chapel Service

FEB 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Interment

FEB 4 (CT)

Mission Burial Park North  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Tribute Wall

DH

“Totally agree with my Sister, Lori. I remember when I was young, hearing stories of this Uncle Chuck guy. Always knew this was someone I wanted to meet. When I finally met him, he was to me, larger than life. Loved hearing his stories of the parts of the world that intrigued me. His sense of humor with a gleam in his eyes, was always a pleasure and honor to be around. We bonded, probably because we both loved to "shake " things up. One thing he loved to talk about was his son, Rick. I want Rick to know how proud of you he was. And how much he regretted not being around as much as he wished he could. Rick, he loved to watch the banter between us. One of my fondest memories is when the fam went down to Uncle Chuck's for the Super Bowl. Everyone left to run pre-game errands, leaving Rick and I alone, (don't know what they were thinking!). When they got back Rick and I had somehow screwed up the TV to the point we thought we would have to foot the bill to go watch it at a bar. Uncle Chuck came in, shook his head, and with that ornery grin, pushed a button, laughed, and saved the day. Just how I imagined he did when he honorably served our country. I will miss his smile, his stories, and his love for mischief, that we both shared, and playing pool with him. We shared a lot of laughs Uncle Chuck and will surely miss you! I've got quarters on the table Uncle Chuck, we're up next!

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David M Hart - February 03, 2025 at 12:32 PM

LH

“As a child, Uncle Chuck was a mysterious figure who lived in some exotic place, Panama, Thailand and Japan. As an adult I got a chance to know him as a very sweet, gentle, quiet (unlike his sisters) man. I know that Mom and Brenda will miss him, but I also know his spirit will continue to life and smile along with their memories of him. Happy heavenly birthday Uncle Chuck! Love, Lori

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Lori A Hinton - February 03, 2025 at 09:56 AM

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“ Love, Dave and Lori purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Carleton H. Knisely.



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**Love, Dave and Lori** - February 03, 2025 at 09:38 AM

BB

“ Being the baby sister of the family, my memories of Chuck began when he was in his teens and I was still in grade school. He was the cool guy with the ducktail haircut, pegged pants and fast car. He was my idol then and we remained friends and cohorts in teasing, silliness and fun through his life. I'm so glad I got to see him as recently as April 2024. I'll miss my big brother but salute him, honor his military service and love of our roots and family. See you on the other side, Chuck.

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**Brenda Horne Bain** - January 30, 2025 at 12:53 PM