



Clifton J. Imken

January 6, 1948 - August 16, 2025

Clifton J. Imken, a devoted husband, brother, uncle, father, grandfather, and friend, went to be with the Lord on August 16, 2025, at the age of 77. Born on January 6, 1948, Clifton lived a full and meaningful life, guided by faith, family, and an unwavering work ethic that left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Clifton attended Sam Houston High School, where he graduated in 1965. During those years, he proudly represented his school on both the golf and baseball teams, where he formed lifelong friendships and cultivated his love for teamwork, perseverance, and competition.

Following graduation, Clifton began his career with Zachry Construction, where he dedicated an extraordinary 45 years of service. Known for his loyalty, integrity, and quiet strength, Clifton was admired by colleagues and built more than structures—he built a legacy of hard work and commitment.

In 1991, Clifton's life was forever brightened when he married the love of his life, Bea Guerra. Together, they shared a beautiful marriage filled with laughter, devotion, and countless cherished memories.

Clifton's family was the center of his world. He is survived by his loving sister, Diane Imken; his nieces, Jennifer Imken and Ashley Baxter; his nephews, Otto Imken and AJ Schuetze; his stepson, Chris Gates and his wife Alicia; his

stepdaughter, Sonja Gates Bitsko; and his treasured grandchildren—Reagan, Carson, Collin, and Rachel Gates, and Corrine Bitsko—who brought him endless pride and joy.

He is preceded in death by his father, Henry A. Imken; his mother, Irma Imken; and his brothers, Elroy Imken and Henry Imken.

Clifton's faith was central to his life. As a devout parishioner of St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas since 1992, he lived each day with gratitude and humility, finding strength and peace in God's promises. His faith, paired with his loving spirit, made him a source of comfort and guidance for those blessed to know him.

Clifton will be remembered for his steadfast heart, gentle nature, and the deep love he poured into his family and community. Though his presence will be greatly missed, his legacy of kindness, devotion, and faith will continue to inspire.

Clifton's Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 502 E Nueva St, San Antonio, Texas 78205, from 10:00am - 11:00am. There will be a reception to follow in the church's Memorial Hall.

"Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your Lord"
(Matthew 25:21)

In lieu of flowers memorials can be sent to St. Johns pipe organ fund.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
502 E. Nueva St.
San Antonio, TX 78205

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Cliff was a great person. Even though he was pretty quiet his presence was felt greatly by everyone. He was a very gentle soul and a great person to talk with. He will be greatly missed by many people to include myself and my son. One of his favorite sayings was we'll see you when we see you. We know he is in good hands now with the Lord.

Art schuetze - August 22, 2025 at 07:52 PM

BL

“ Dear Bea and family!
I'm so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.

Bob Liggett - August 22, 2025 at 06:51 AM

BM

“ I admired Cliff as he seemed to be very good at everything he tried. He was a kind person and everyone respected him. It sounds like what he did best was to form a relationship with the lord. RIP friend.

Bob Moore - August 19, 2025 at 09:19 PM

MB

“ We will always remember the times Ken & I spent with you and Bea in Rockport. You are a true friend and we will cherish those moments. Until we meet again. Love, Ken & Mary

Mary Boehme - August 19, 2025 at 03:00 PM

JI

“ You are so very loved. The most gentle, kind-hearted man. My favorite uncle. Simply the best. We miss you so much already.

Jennifer Imken - August 19, 2025 at 02:45 PM

RJ

RIP, Cherokee...

Ray Jones - August 27, 2025 at 10:50 AM