



Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck

November 24, 1938 - March 15, 2021

Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck of San Antonio, Texas, passed away Monday, March 15, 2021. He was born to the late Ruthven and Isabell (Noel) Van Slambrouck on November 24, 1938 and graduated from Holy Cross High School in Marine City, Michigan in 1956. Van married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Jean Banning, on December 27, 1958.

Van enlisted in the Air Force on January 17, 1958 and retired as M.Sgt. on January 17, 1980. During his 22 years of military service, he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Longevity Service Award with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with One Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and NCO Academy Graduate Ribbon. After military retirement, Van joined the Department of Defense for an additional 22 years of service to the Federal Government.

Faith and service to the community were an especially important part of Van's life. Over the years he volunteered at Northside ISD Special Olympics, was a Surrogate Advocate for Special Education students for Northside ISD, a leader in the Boy Scouts, and a member of Lions Club and Knights of Columbus.

Van immensely enjoyed his monthly lunches with former workers from Randolph's PSM group, and often joked about being a member of the Silver Chick-Fil-A Club.

Travel and RVing were a passion with his wife and friends – especially trips to South Padre beach. Van had a knack for decorating and anyone who visited their house always admired his many craft projects and the famous Christmas decorations that filled the house.

His grandchildren remember him lovingly as Cabana Van, the resident mixologist! Grandpa loved to wrap their Christmas presents very tightly with lots of ribbons and marveled at how he fought so tenaciously during Trivial Pursuit and Left Right Center games. They could always count on seeing Grandpa Van at ballgames, dance recitals, FFA stock shows, music, and choral concerts.

Van was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and loved his family immensely. He is survived by his bride of 62 years, Carolyn; his children: Steve (Janice) Van Slambrouck, Doug (Cindy) Van Slambrouck, Annette Van Slambrouck (Laurie Hoffman), Matthew Van Slambrouck; grandchildren: Mike (Jen) Hoffman, Jarett (Kristina) Krueger, Nicole Krueger (Ryan Cummings), Robert Hoffman, Monica (Jon) Escobedo, Jeanne (Bart) Hartman, Caitlyn Van Slambrouck (Brian Pieniazek), Caroline Van Slambrouck, Eva Van Slambrouck; great-grandchildren: Jacob Sanchez, Ashley Cantu, Luke Flores, Ashley Hoffman, Joshua Hoffman, Jacob Hoffman, Jackson Escobedo, Hadley Pieniazek, Conner Krueger, Cade Pieniazek; his sister, Alice Guibet, his brothers, Edward Van Slambrouck, Gerald Van Slambrouck, and Mark (Sue) Van Slambrouck.

Van is preceded in death by his sister, Helen Smith, his sisters-in-law, Sally Van Slambrouck and Ruth Van Slambrouck, his brother, Noel Van Slambrouck, and his brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Diane Banning, and several nieces and nephews.

A Rosary will be held at St. Monica Catholic Church (501 North St, Converse, TX) at 1:00 PM on Tuesday March 23, 2021, immediately followed by a

Memorial Mass. Internment will be determined later at Fort Sam Houston
National Cemetery

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 23. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Monica Catholic Church
501 North Street
Converse, TX 78109

Funeral Mass

MAR 23. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Monica Catholic Church
501 North Street
Converse, TX 78109

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love Jed & Rita Fritz purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.



Love Jed & Rita Fritz - March 22, 2021 at 05:21 PM

YS

“ your friend, Tony Santacroce purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.



your friend, Tony Santacroce - March 22, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.



March 22, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.



March 22, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.*



March 22, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ *TJ & Jodi Banning purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.*



TJ & Jodi Banning - March 22, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.*



March 20, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.*



March 19, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.*



March 19, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Carolyn and the Van Slambrouck family.....it has been a pleasure knowing Van and spending many happy hours sharing lunches, cruising and RVing with he and Carolyn.....may he RIP.*

Jo Ann Brock - March 19, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ *Geofill and Geocrete Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.*



Geofill and Geocrete Family - March 19, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.*



March 19, 2021 at 01:21 PM

AR

“ Alan and Ilene Rubin purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.



Alan and Ilene Rubin - March 19, 2021 at 12:43 PM

LD

“ Lester & Judy Dees purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.



Lester & Judy Dees - March 19, 2021 at 12:28 PM

DN

“ We were so saddened to learn of Denny's death. (here in Mi, he's always been Denny).
Even though we've been separated by 1500 hundreds miles, we've always been best friends and loved our yearly get togethers.
We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, Doris & Bill.

Doris Netter - March 19, 2021 at 10:55 AM

NL

“ Norma Campa & Eva Longoria purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.



Norma Campa & Eva Longoria - March 19, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dennis Howard "Van" Van Slambrouck.



March 18, 2021 at 05:43 PM