



Edwin Gerard Lenfestey Jr.

December 22, 1933 - May 24, 2025

Our loving father, Opa (grandfather), great grandfather, and hero Edwin Gerard Lenfestey, Jr. passed away on May 24, 2025, in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on December 22, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan to Edwin G. Lenfestey, Sr. and Florence M. (Sipes) Lenfestey. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Rita and infant son Richard (Ricky). Ed is survived by his sons, Russ and Kenny (Diana) Lenfestey; grandson, Carson (Cailyn) Lenfestey; granddaughter, Carina Cortner; and great-grandsons, Caison and Caden Lenfestey. Youngest great-grandson Caden carries the middle name Edwin, proudly honoring his great-grandfather. Ed was the oldest of 5 siblings, the late Tom (the late LuAnn) Lenfestey, the late LuAnne (Jerry) Waldecker, the late Ken (Linda) Lenfestey, and Kate (John) Vincent.

Ed was raised in Livonia, Michigan and joined the U.S. Navy in 1952, serving aboard the USS Sea Owl as an Electronics Technician in the Atlantic Ocean during the Korean War. He met his future beloved wife Rita at a USO dance while on shore leave in New York City. A bad premonition she had saved his life when he returned home on a different ship than assigned. The original ship, USS Bennington, had an explosion on board that would have killed him. Instead, they were married February 19, 1956, and were happily married for 65 years.

They moved to Tulsa in 1958 where they raised their sons. Ed would spend

almost 30 years working for American Airlines, leading the team responsible for sourcing all electrical components for the company's aircraft fleet. Ed and Rita were longtime members of Asbury United Methodist Church, singing in the choir and serving in the children's ministry. They enjoyed many dances, concerts, and events at the German-American Society of Tulsa. Ed loved serving others, raising his family, camping, boating, fixing just about anything, and traveling to several countries and all over the US. They lived in Tulsa until moving to San Antonio, Texas in November 2020, to live with their family.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 12:30pm at the funeral home chapel, with interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, with Navy honors. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the German-American Society of Tulsa (<https://gastulsa.org/support/>), an organization that Ed and Rita loved being a part of.

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<https://www.vlm.cem.va.gov/EDWINGERARDLENFESTEYJR/a9bce4>

For personal acknowledgement, please sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH
3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230
(210) 349-1414

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Chapel Service

JUN **10**. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Interment

JUN 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Edwin Gerard Lenfestey Jr.*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - June 10, 2025 at 12:13 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Interment - Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery*



Kenny Lenfestey - June 14, 2025 at 10:25 AM

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“ *My Big Brother Ed brought a pony to my 5th birthday party at The Grill for all of my friends to ride on. So thoughtful!*

Katey Vincent - June 04, 2025 at 09:17 AM