



## Elizabeth "Betsy" Olson

February 20, 1958 - October 16, 2023

Elizabeth "Betsy" Olson of San Antonio, Texas passed away on Monday, October 16, 2023.

She was born on February 20, 1958, in East St. Louis, Missouri to Dr. Frank and Miriam Huster who preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by her brother, Steven Huster. Betsy is survived by her husband, James Olson.; children, Brittney, and James (Keli) Olson and grandchildren, Tristan, and Colton; her niece Cynthia Elizabeth (Shawn) Forrest, and two nieces, Savannah, and Shannon.

Betsy's family moved to Dreamhill Estates in San Antonio in 1961. She grew up in this beautiful neighborhood where she developed her lifelong friendships. Even after Betsy moved away, she stayed close to her Dreamhill roots. She loved visiting friends and checking in on aging neighbors. These older generation friends were the same that lovingly watched over her when she was a young girl.

Betsy's family owned and operated Paradise Canyon, a fishing and recreation park. At a young age, she honed her business skills by selling worms, bags of ice and beverages to Paradise Park visitors. Betsy, Frank, and Miriam were ahead of their time in the value of repurposing recycled materials. They built a ranch log cabin from old telephone poles, scrap fencing and rocks from the

canyon. This cabin built by the Huster family was affectionately named the "Pole House".

After graduation from UTSA in San Antonio with a degree in Information Technology, her professional career started with USAA insurance company. After USAA, she worked with CIAS of UTSA to train state and local government agencies on best practices for cybersecurity.

She was involved in multiple charitable groups after her retirement with time and treasure. Some of her favorites were the Humane Society and Meals on Wheels. Like her mom, Miriam, she had no problem being behind the wheel of a car and delivering meals to those in need. Betsy enjoyed being outdoors, especially playing golf where there was more bird watching than hitting golf balls.

Another one of "Bootsi's" nicknames given to her was "Thundercloud". Those who knew her personality said that you could see her coming in and knew when she got there would be plenty of action and excitement, just like thunder and lightning. With her passing, we have lost a beautiful person who could make things happen with ultimate compassion to help others any way she could.

The Service will be held on Friday, October 27, at 9:00 at the Fred J. Tips Chapel located at the rear of Mission Burial Park North, 20900 IH 10 West, San Antonio, TX 78257 followed by a graveside service. After the service, friends and family will meet (10:30 – 1:00) nearby for brunch and the opportunity to share memories of how Betsy made our lives better by knowing her. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to your favorite charity in her memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10  
West San Antonio, TX 78230

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **27**. 9:00 AM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Happy Birthday in heaven, Boots! Miss you so much! I wish we had more time together. Praying you've found peace. 💔  
Love, Julie (cousin)

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**Julie Wilson Howcroft** - February 20 at 01:55 PM

JH

“ Correction. 2 yrs since you passed. 💔

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**julie wilson howcroft** - October 15, 2025 at 10:46 PM

JH

“ Hi, Betsy. 3 yrs now since you went to heaven, I miss our silly texts and long phone calls.

*I miss you, cousin.*

*Praying that you've found peace and please always know, I'll never forget you. 💔*

*No word from Jim about my request for our family memorabilia, family pictures, etc.*

*I guess I have to let those things go.*

*Love you, Boots!! Miss you! - Julie 1015/2025*

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**julie wilson howcroft** - October 15, 2025 at 10:38 PM

JH

“ It’s been a year now without you, Boots. The “date” was Sunday, 10/15/2023 NOT 10/16/2023, as claimed. I know the truth. Miss you cousin. You deserved more respect than you received. You’re in my thoughts & prayers always. Much has happened since then that I wish I could share with you... Rest and know you are loved & missed. 💔🙏



Julie Howcroft - October 15, 2024 at 10:06 PM

JH

“ Happy 66th (earth) BIRTHDAY, “Boots”! I miss you so much but glad you’re in heaven with the family and no longer in pain from this world. You deserved much better. Love you, cousin. J

Julie Howcroft - February 20, 2024 at 03:42 PM

SC

“ Susan Cook lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Olson



Susan Cook - October 26, 2023 at 09:19 PM

JH

“ I will miss our long conversations, texts and emails we've shared.  
I miss you already and my heart is breaking that you had to leave so soon. See you again in a better more loving place. I'll never forget you, cousin and I'll NEVER STOP being your voice.  
Rest now and thank you for all the joy you gave to my family (Anthony, Sydney & me) and many others. May God hold you close and heal your heart and body.  
Please know you were loved by many. Especially me.  
Until then, loving ya Boots! - Julie Wilson Howcroft



Julia Wilson Howcroft - October 25, 2023 at 06:18 PM

MK

“ I'm sorry for the loss of a beautiful person. She was a ray of Sunshine in the midst of a cloudy day. Wish I knew you better. Hugs and best wishes to all of her family and friends! RIP dear lady.

Miriam Wilson Kasper - October 25, 2023 at 11:16 AM

VW

“ Want to express our condolences to your family, the Wilson family from Canton Mo. What a special gal. Rest in peace cousin Betsy 🙏

Vicki Wilson - October 22, 2023 at 11:02 AM

TH

“ I loved you with my whole heart. You will be greatly missed. I know we will see your sweet face again when it's our time to go home and I know you will be with me on all my fishing and wild life rescue adventures. Rest Easy my beautiful friend, you were one of the best 💕



Tara Suzanne Harper - October 22, 2023 at 12:06 AM

PS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Pam Sonaco** - October 21, 2023 at 06:29 PM

EG

*I grew up with Betsy in Dream Hills, right across the street. Her family were such amazing people. Like her mother, she grew to be a loving and giving person. Taken far too soon.*

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**Elizabeth Schuetze Galliher** - October 26, 2023 at 01:15 PM

DR

*Robert and I love you. Thank you for the care and love you gave to others. You knew how to connect with others when life challenges dealt the hardest blows. You know our stories. You know your parents mentored Robert and I with good advice and how that advice has helped us weather the challenges and opportunities of living in this world. I will miss you calling me Diannie in your affectionate way. We sometimes like to be called by our childhood names but only those who go way back know. We will always hold you dear in our hearts. Thank you for loving us.*

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**Dianna Rees** - October 29, 2023 at 09:23 AM