



## James Denis Bartleson

May 10, 1939 - May 29, 2026

James Denis Bartleson, 87, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2026, with his loving wife by his side. He was born on May 10, 1939, in San Antonio to Charles Warren Bartleson III and Bernice Daugharty Bartleson.

Denis was a faithful follower of Jesus, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He will be remembered for his humor, directness, deep love for his family, and enduring passion for East Central High School sports. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army before beginning a career in sales. He later spent the remainder of his career building and operating a business alongside his beloved wife and father in law.

An avid bird hunter, Denis treasured many hunting seasons spent with his cherished Brittany Spaniels. He was also deeply committed to education and civic involvement, serving multiple terms as PTA president, directly working with the booster club and serving as a campaign manager for many school board members throughout the years. His dedication to the East Central community culminated in the development of the East Central Citizens Forum, where he served as president and helped lead numerous citizen-driven initiatives that benefited the entire community.

Denis was also a loyal supporter of all East Central High School Athletics. He

was well known for his familiar place in the bleachers and his “enthusiastic” presence. In recognition of his love for the game and his service to the community, East Central High School named its baseball field in his honor, now proudly known as Bartleson Field.

Denis is survived by his adoring wife of 60 years, Olive Ann Bartleson; his daughters, Erin Vivier & Husband Joe, Cori Smith & Husband Geoff; his grandchildren, Anthony Talamantez, Olivia Vivier, Shepherd Smith, and Westin Smith. As well as his honorary family Amanda Shaner, Sabrina, Derek, Avery & Brielle Mikes, Samantha and Wayne Fulmer, Mikey, Carly, and Cole Shaner.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him. His Humor, laughter, and unforgettable spirit will continue to bring smiles to our hearts forever.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 4, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mission South, 1700 SE Military Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78214. Funeral will be held on Friday, June 5, at 1:00 p.m. at the same location. Following the funeral service, family and friends are invited to attend Celebration of Life in his honor.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South  
1700 SE. Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214

## Funeral Service

JUN 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South  
1700 SE. Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214

## Interment

JUN 5 (CT)

Mission Burial Park South  
1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Denis Bartleson.*



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June 05 at 09:24 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Denis Bartleson.*



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June 03 at 08:37 PM



“ *Padalecki Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Denis Bartleson.*



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**Padalecki Family** - June 03 at 03:47 PM

DH

“ When my son (ECHS c/o 2019) played baseball in high school, the one thing we could always count on was Mr. Bartleson and his beautiful bride at every game. I will never forget (even though my boy was only a freshman), Mr. Bartleson would always tell me, "Warren is going to have a good game tonight." To know Mr. B was to love & adore him. My sincere condolences to his family, not only have they lost, but the entire EC community has lost a great man.

DeAnna Hall - June 03 at 03:27 PM

MO

“ Mary K & Michael O'Brien purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of James Denis Bartleson.



Mary K & Michael O'Brien - June 03 at 10:23 AM

TF

“ The Seymour & Metcalf Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Denis Bartleson.



The Seymour & Metcalf Family - June 03 at 09:28 AM

VA

“ Vickie & James Arriola purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James Denis Bartleson.



Vickie & James Arriola - June 02 at 10:54 PM

AD

“ *Andrea Clemmons, Tamera Dryzmalla purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James Denis Bartleson.*



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**Andrea Clemmons, Tamera Dryzmalla** - June 02 at 09:56 PM

PR

“ *Paula Ring and Krissie Radley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Denis Bartleson.*



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**Paula Ring and Krissie Radley** - June 02 at 05:43 PM

JW

“ *When I began the Campus Life Ministry at ECHS in 1984, the first “Burger Bash” was held at the Bartleson home and throughout the years, every time I would run into them at games or school events, he would proudly announce to whoever was standing there that fact. Loved this man and his beautiful family!*💔😭🙏🕊️💪🕊️🖤💛🐝

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**Jimmy Walther** - June 02 at 05:32 AM

TG

“ *The Salters,princess and the girls purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Denis Bartleson.*



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**The Salters,princess and the girls** - June 02 at 05:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Denis Bartleson.*



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June 01 at 06:48 PM