



## **Dr. Col. LeBaron (Lee) William Dennis, MD**

July 20, 1931 - December 24, 2021

Dr. Col. LeBaron (Lee) William Dennis, MD, Age 90, of Blue Skies of Texas West, San Antonio, TX died on Christmas Eve morning, December 24, 2021, from complications due to Parkinson's Disease.

Lee was outgoing and brilliant and loved being surrounded by friends and family.

He was Born July 20, 1931 in Los Angeles, California. He grew up in Beirut, Lebanon, with his parents and brother, where his father taught at the University during WWII. At the close of the war, the family returned to the US and settled in Albany, NY where Lee graduated from High School.

After High School, he graduated from Dartmouth and Harvard Medical Schools. Dr. Dennis completed two residencies, one, in plastic surgery and one in wound care. Dr. Dennis served in the United States Air Force Medical Corps as a plastic surgeon and flight surgeon, retiring as a Colonel. Dr. Dennis was recognized for his expertise by becoming Consultant to the USAF Surgeon General on Plastic Surgery and as a guest examiner for the American Board of Plastic Surgery. Dr. Dennis was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal for his service.

In private practice, Lee continued his love of reconstructive surgery and

wound care. Lee used his quick wit and keen intellect to tell stories and teach. He particularly loved his time as head of the plastic surgery residency program at Wilford Hall Medical Center. He was published in his specialty and was editor of the Weekly Update: Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He served in a variety of community organizations, including being President of the Dover AFB Elementary School PTA.

Lee continued to stay current in his chosen profession, sharing information he found in his research with all. He was active in the Parkinson's Support Group at UT Health Science Center and initiated another support group at Blue Skies.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Robert Dennis (Terry), and one step daughter, Wendy Buckley (Steve). He is survived by his wife Jean Roempke Willson Dennis, step-daughters Cathy Monkman (Jim) and Connie Tope, sons Ted Dennis (Deborah) and Kyle Dennis, and daughters Sally Amann, Robyn Brito, and Kate Dennis along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to help with awareness and research for Parkinson's Disease may be made at [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org) or [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org).

Family will hold a private gathering for remembrance.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I was one of his patients in the late '80s he was a very caring and knowledgeable surgeon he helped to save my life he will be missed

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**john meyer** - December 16, 2025 at 09:57 AM

BU

“ At the plastic surgery meeting in San Diego , and remembered way back in the USAF clinic days and working with Lee..helped me in my early years..

Good memories

B Barton MD

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**B Barton MD, USAF** - September 26, 2024 at 07:24 PM

KR

“ Sally, Ted, and Robyn:  
As I learn of your dad's passing, many memories of him flood my mind. I have fond memories of Dr. D from my Girl Scout days in Trenton, IL. He was a gentle, kind, and well-respected man. I'm thankful he shared his many talents and skills with the Girl Scouts. He helped provide new opportunities and experiences to many scouts. I remember how patient he was teaching me and other scouts how to folk dance.

I hope knowing that your dad touched many lives during his time in Trenton and was a positive influence, be a comfort to you.

With sympathy,

Karen Zurliene Rieger

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**Karen Rieger** - March 10, 2022 at 12:42 PM

PR

*Remember tying a square knot, identifying poison ivy, and tenting camping? Remember selling cookies door to door, picking up trash, and learning to make a hand-washing station? Yes, a flood of memories come to mind.*

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**Pat Ritzheimer** - March 16, 2022 at 07:53 AM

PR

“ *To the Family of Dr. Col. LeBaron (Lee) William Dennis, MD,  
On my walk with my beagles today, reflecting on life and those most important to me, I thought of Dr. D., not knowing of his passing. God works in mysterious ways.*

*Dear Sally, Ted, and Robyn,  
So sorry to learn of your father's passing. As a former Girl Scout and a friend, I am eternally grateful and a better person because of Dr. D.'s intelligence, leadership, strength, patience, and compassion.*

*I have a photograph of a him wearing conservative pajamas, folding laundry shortly before midnight. When he realized what I was up to, he promptly pulled his bottoms way up to just below his armpits and mischievously smiled for the camera.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
May God bless and keep you in His care,  
Love,  
Pat Lechner Ritzheimer*

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**Pat Ritzheimer** - March 09, 2022 at 12:06 PM

JE

“ *I miss you Lee! Rest well with Jesus!*

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**Jean** - January 23, 2022 at 11:37 AM

JD

“ I was privileged to be associated with Dr. Dennis in the practice of Plastic Surgery. He distinguished himself in his field with good decisions and good workmanship. Tammy and I offer our deepest condolences to Jean and his family. Our prayers are with you.  
*James M. Landeen, M. D.*

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**James M. Landeen, M. D.** - January 13, 2022 at 03:46 PM

SG

“ He has gone to a better place Jean and may he RIP. Think at one time I did anesthesia for his patient while at WHMC but actually got to know him better at the Dominion, where we discovered we had the same birthday. He was a sweet man as you a sweet lady, loved you both, blessings.

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**Susan Gronemeyer** - January 11, 2022 at 08:19 PM

MS

“ Jean and family,  
I had the pleasure of working for Dr. D under two separate entities; Burn Care Associates and in his Plastic Surgery practice. A caring, compassionate physician and an amazing boss. My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family but we know that he is a better place with Our Dear Lord. May you Rest in Peace Dr. D.

*Millie Smith*

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**millie smith** - January 11, 2022 at 04:41 PM

CR

*Having spent twenty-five years as Dr D's right hand administrator I never knew Millie to serve with us. What a delightful man that is missed by many.*

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**Carla Reeves** - March 20, 2024 at 04:59 PM

DR

“ Such an amazing man that I had the honor of knowing over many years. He was such a kind, loving doctor and gentleman. Savannah and I will miss you but know you are at peace.

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**Dianne Johnson, RN** - January 11, 2022 at 12:05 PM

RM

“ I did a lot of the anesthesia for Lee's surgery for many years. I always looked forward to seeing him as he was very friendly. I also appreciated the fact that he was willing to help patients that had problems in the very difficult to manage category. I got to see how dedicated he was to helping his patients and how they appreciated that someone who was so caring was watching over them. I learned a lot from Dr. Dennis on how to be a better doctor and how to give patients hope. It was my honor and pleasure to have worked with a doctor who was so compassionate and to know he helped so many patients over the years. I pray the knowledge of how he treated everyone with great respect will ease your loss and sorrow during this difficult time.

*Robert Luedecke, MD*

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**Robert Luedecke, MD** - January 10, 2022 at 08:59 AM

SK

“ I was a colleague of Dr. Dennis'. He was a dedicated and forward thinking Plastic Surgeon who did outstanding work. During this time of sorrow, please remember all the people he helped and the difference he made in this world. Rest in Peace Dr. Dennis.

*Suresh Koneru, MD*

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**Suresh Koneru** - January 09, 2022 at 07:14 PM

RS

“ *jean and family:*

*Lee and I were medical colleagues for years at methodist and he was my patient for years . I respected him as a great physician and a treasured friend and patient. We all will miss him and his warm friendly smile. He also was a great fighter who never gave up with his battle with parkinsonism. God bless you in your sorrow. randy singleton MD*

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**randy singleton** - January 09, 2022 at 02:39 PM